

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The end of the term is quickly approaching and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, students, parents and carers for a wonderful term. The school has excelled in a range of academic, sporting and cultural pursuits and is working hard at continuous improvement in the years to come.

I'd like to take this opportunity to extend our best wishes to Year 12 students as they embark on their Higher School Certificate journey. This marks the culmination of 13 years of hard work and dedication, and we have every confidence in their success. Can I please stress that students continue to study hard right up to the start of their examinations. The teachers of Kincumber High School are incredibly dedicated, and most will provide holiday and after school tuition to ensure students achieve the best possible results. Furthermore, use your time wisely in the examinations and review your notes as a part of a study plan, including the Trial HSC to look at areas for future development. The HSC commences on October 11 and on behalf of the entire community we wish Year 12 the very best.

It is with great pleasure we also extend our heartfelt congratulations to Year 11 who are undertaking their Preliminary exams, prior to embarking on their High School Certificate next term. This marks a significant milestone in their academic lives, and we couldn't be more proud of your dedication and hard work to this point. This year is bound to be filled with challenges and growth opportunities, but it's important to recognise that every hurdle you face is a stepping stone toward your goals. The preliminary exams are a crucial part of this journey, providing you with valuable insights into the HSC.

On another note, I would like to also congratulate the large number of students who participated in the final series in the last few weeks. Large numbers of our students excelled in the recent rugby league, rugby union, soccer, netball, Australian rules and many other finals. This commitment, teamwork, and sportsmanship is truly admirable. Regardless of the outcome, their efforts on the field have made us proud, and we look forward to hearing of their future accomplishments.

Last week we welcomed our newest additions, the Year 7 class of 2024. They recently joined us for an orientation day organised by Mr Waters and Mrs McRae. We hope that your most recent glimpse of the school was a positive and exciting one. As you begin this new chapter of your educational journey, know that you have a supportive community here to guide and nurture your growth.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to our dedicated teachers, staff, and parents for their unwavering support throughout the term. Your commitment to our students' education and well-being is truly commendable, and we could not have had such a successful term without your involvement.

In closing, we wish everyone a restful and rejuvenating break. Thank you for a great term, and here's to an even more remarkable one ahead!

Brent walker

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - YEARS 8, 10, 12



Deputy Principal Report

Dear Kincumber High School community,

I'm thrilled to share some exciting updates and events from our school over the past month.

Successful Trivia Night Fundraiser

Our recent Trivia Night Fundraiser on Wednesday, September 6th, was a resounding success! With over 200 enthusiastic participants in attendance, it was a fantastic evening filled with general knowledge challenges, music, and pop culture trivia. The event not only tested our collective intelligence but also brought our school community together for a night of fun and friendly competition. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who joined in the festivities and contributed to making this event such a triumph. We raised over \$1600 for the Year 12 Formal.

Year 12 HSC Information Night

Also held on September 6 was the Year 12 HSC Information Night. This was a valuable occasion where our dedicated HSC Presiding Officer, Karen Nicol, provided parents with a comprehensive overview of the HSC Written Examination procedures. This insight will undoubtedly help parents support their children in feeling at ease as they approach the upcoming examinations. I had the privilege of sharing HSC Examination insights, coaching tips, and strategies for maximising mark earning opportunities. Additionally, Year 12 Year Advisor Mr. Bradshaw offered invaluable support and guidance to our Year 12 students and their parents. It was an evening focused on equipping our seniors and their parents with the knowledge and tools they need to succeed in their HSC journey.



Year 6>7 Building Connections Day

Another significant event in our school's transition program was the Year 6>7 Building Connections Day, held on 6 September. It was a remarkable day where our incoming Year 7 students had the opportunity to get acquainted with the school environment, staff, and importantly, peers from different schools. I'm pleased to report that our Year 10 Leaders played an instrumental role in making this event a memorable one. They demonstrated exceptional leadership, offering guidance and support to our 2024 Year 7 cohort. Their dedication and positive role modelling were truly commendable.

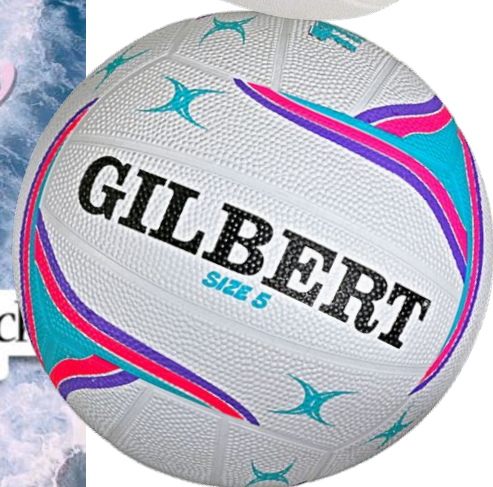
Culmination of Winter Sports Seasons

As we bid farewell to the winter months, we celebrate the culmination of the winter sports seasons for many of our students. It was heartening to hear about the remarkable successes our students achieved on the rugby league field, netball court, soccer fields, and in other sporting arenas like equestrian. We take pride in the dedication and sportsmanship displayed by our athletes. Looking ahead to the summer months, we eagerly anticipate hearing about the sports and recreation activities our students will embark on, including surf lifesaving and cricket. It's a testament to our students' diverse talents and the vibrant sporting culture at Kincumber High School.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best regards,

Brent Waters
Deputy Principal Years 8, 10, 12
Kincumber High School



HSIE REPORT

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Ben Nicol

Head Teacher HSIE

Well done on another successful term at KHS to all our students. Term 3 has been another jam packed one for staff and students.

Congratulations to Year 12 students who have successfully completed HSIE courses this year. Ensure that you make the most of the time remaining before your examinations, and access the support of your teachers as you complete your final preparations.

I would also like to congratulate Year 11 students who have recently been completing their Preliminary HSC Examinations and will be starting their Year 12 courses at the beginning of Term 4.

Well done to all our junior students who have each completed their various assessment tasks in Geography and History in recent weeks.

The HSIE faculty has also been fortunate to have with us an amazing pre-service teacher, Miss Mia Gillard who has been doing an amazing job on her internship at KHS this term. Miss Gillard has worked incredibly hard and has done an amazing job with a series of classes throughout the term working alongside Miss Robertson and Mrs Sadler. We would all like to thank Miss Gillard for her dedication and wish her all the best for a rewarding and successful career. She has completed her practical requirements and has been offered a teaching position Quirindi High School for 2024.



YEAR 11 MODERN HISTORY - SOCRATIC SEMINARS

Year 11 Modern history have been busy studying the shaping of the modern world through the study of World War I. Students recently created mini lessons to teach their peers and participated in a Socratic seminar to extend their knowledge of the reasons for allied victory at the conclusion of the war well done to the students for their participation in leadership.

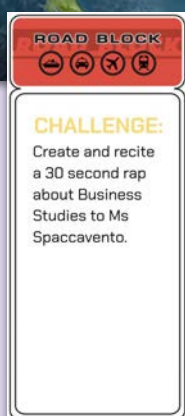
- Mr Barron



YEAR 12 BUSINESS STUDIES - AMAZING RACE

In preparation for their HSC Examination, the Year 12 Business Studies class participated in an 'Amazing Race: Business Studies Edition' during their double in Week 9. There were two legs of the race and students were split into pairs.

- Ms Spaccavento



YEAR 12 LEGAL STUDIES STUDIES - INDIGENOUS PEOPLES CASES & EXAMPLES SPEED DATING

Year 12 Legal Studies are currently completing their unit on Indigenous Peoples. So far we have examined the effectiveness of legal and non-legal strategies to achieve justice for various indigenous groups all over the globe. Students have investigated peoples such as the Maasai, Sami, Native Americans, Tha Maori, The Uighur, West Papuans and of course First Nations Australians.

To investigate some of the many other contemporary cases and examples each student researched a different group or event and developed this information into a 'dating profile'. After which they had 5 minutes to learn all about the cases investigated by other students and communicate their own response.

The students were deeply engaged in the activity and had a great time 'dating their classmates' to integrate their understanding of this complex geopolitical issue.

Mr Nicol



YEAR 10 COMMERCE - CANBERRA EXCURSION

From the 14th August to the 16th August, a group of Commerce students attended an excursion to Canberra. Leaving bright and early on Monday morning with their Ugg boots and Oodles, they made their way to the nation's capital.

The Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House had students re-enacting the famous dismissal of Gough Whitlam within the very rooms that the sessions of parliament and private meetings took place. The next tour at the Royal Australian Mint allowed students to explore the various stages of economic development in the country, including viewing original coins that were used in the 18th Century.

For Tuesday, students engaged with the National Electoral Education Centre to explore the nature of the preferential voting system, explored artwork at Reconciliation Place, and then headed into the High Court of Australia for a tour. Students finished the day at the Australian War Memorial where the emotional experiences of loss and sacrifice of our soldiers were felt by all.

Our final day in Canberra included a surprise tour by Colin, the beloved bus driver, of the embassies around town. Students finished with a tour of Parliament House where they completed a mock sitting in parliament and then viewed both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

The level of engagement of every single student was outstanding and the school was incredibly proud of the politeness and enthusiasm that was exhibited throughout the excursion.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program. The rebate has been paid directly to the school after students successfully took part in many of the learning opportunities in Canberra.

See the following pages for some image collages of the trip.

Ms Sadler & Ms Spaccavento





YEAR 10
CANBERRA TRIP
*High Court
of Australia*

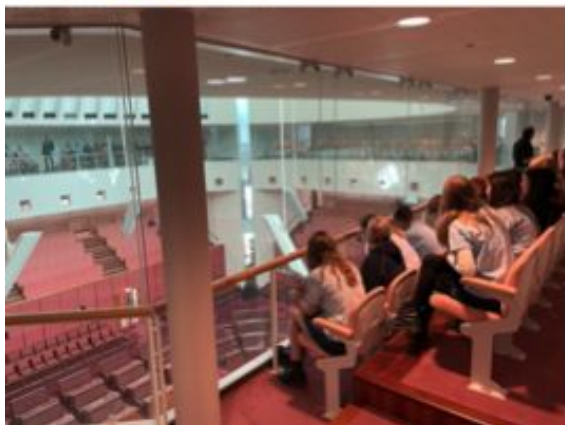
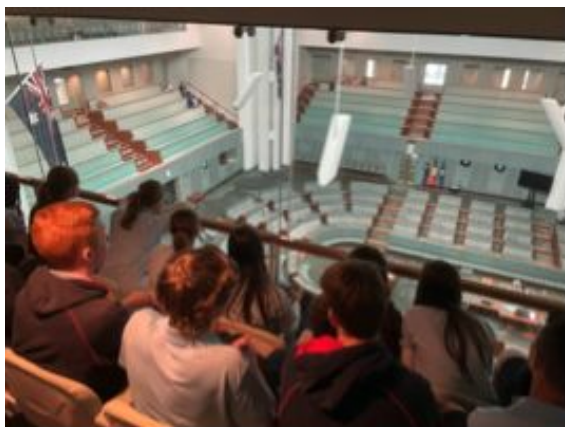


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CANBERRA TRIP
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YEAR 11 (YEAR 12 2024) GEOGRAPHY - CAIRNS TRIP

This term Year 11 Geography students kicked off their fundraising program to assist with their Cairns Fieldwork Trip scheduled for May of 2024.

The first initiative was a Thompson's Bakery fundraiser in which students took orders from the school community for pies, sausage rolls, quiches, tarts and lamingtons. In late August students took delivery of the orders and distributed them to our happy customers.

The fundraiser was a huge success, raising over \$400 for the Cairns trip. This event kicks off the first of three planned fundraisers so far and should assist us to purchase the stock for our upcoming BBQ initiatives.

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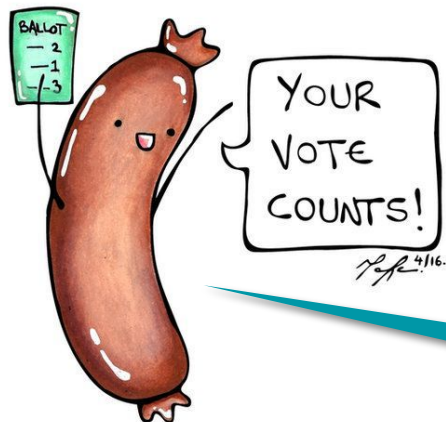


\$400

We have been successful in securing a fundraising BBQ at Kincumber High School which has been identified as a polling place for the upcoming referendum on October 14. If you choose to vote at the the KHS polling location on election day we certainly would appreciate the support to this valuable fundraising opportunity.

We have also been able to lock in a fundraising BBQ at West Gosford bunnings to be held on Saturday 4th November thanks to the support of one of our amazing parents.

Ms Crick



REFERENDUM DAY BBQ @ KHS - SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER. COME DOWN AND GET YOUR DEMOCRACY SAUSAGE AND SUPPORT THE Y11 GEOGRAPHY CAIRNS TRIP!

Mathematics

We have welcomed Mr Bernard Pols as a temporary placement on the Maths staff this term, and he has been busy helping out with after school maths and working hard with his classes. A reminder that we offer free help after school every Wednesday between 2:30 and 3:15. If you have something specific you would like help with, drop into maths and let one of the teachers know so they can organise resources to assist you.

Due to a rise in supplier costs, we now need to charge \$33 for calculators bought through the school. As officeworks is currently charging \$44 for the same model, this is still a fairly good deal...pay at the office and bring your receipt to the maths staffroom.

Currently year 9 students are being issued with their next assessment task; this one is an assignment to be done at home, and student are reminded not to leave it until the last minute!

Year 11 have been working hard on the lead up to their final examinations for the Year 11 course before moving into Year 12 next term. A reminder that for a number of students, Standard 1 is a good option if you are finding your current course difficult, even if you are looking at an ATAR. Talk to Mrs Woodley or Mrs Barber if you are uncertain about your options. Extension 2 lessons will also start next term; Mr Kelly can't wait to get started the new cohort.

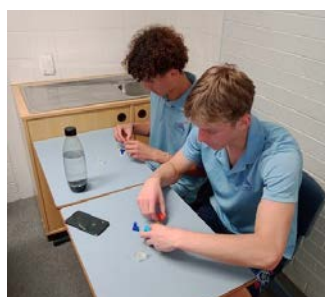


This term Enrichment maths (Year 9 and 10 elective) have been doing some hands-on activities. Year 9 completed a unit on construction, with a focus on origami and following scaffolds. Their work was displayed on a poster as their assessment task, with some excellent examples completed.

The most difficult design we managed was the lotus show below, which took two periods (and a number of false starts!) to get right.



Year 10 worked on the Soma cube puzzle, Mr Nicol kindly assisted by printing a copy of the 3D puzzle for each student using the 3D printer.



Both classes have also been working on some use of technology this term, with year 9 working on Hour of Code and Tinkercad, and year 10 using a program called Shelly to learn some intricate coding.

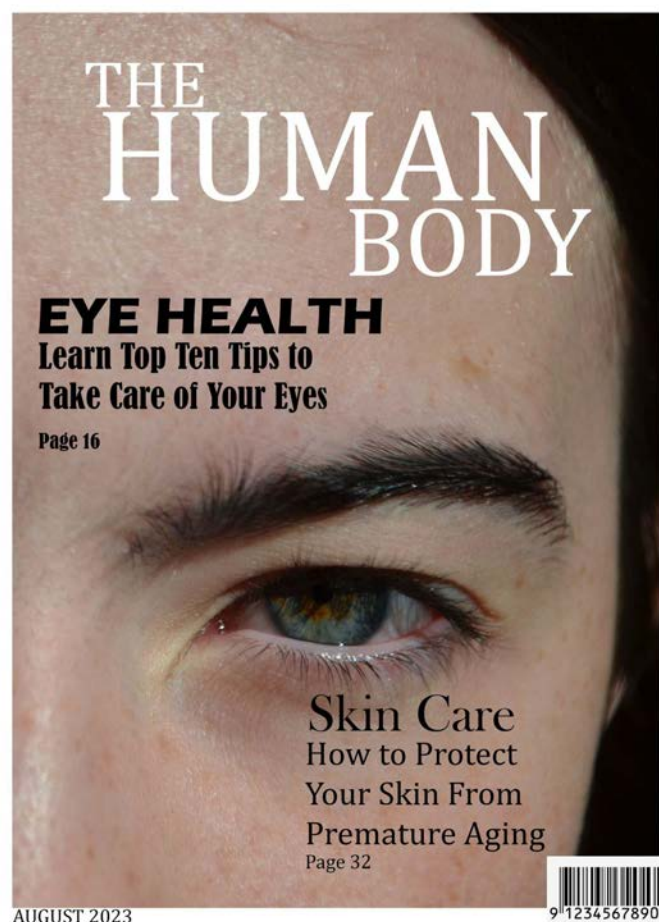
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Focus on Year 9 Photography

Year 9 Photography students are completing their Magazine Cover Assessment Task.

Students have taken photographs at school and elsewhere. These images are then edited in Adobe Photoshop using multi layers, adjustments to colour and tone and, resizing. Students add text layers in a variety of colours and fonts to create a magazine cover on a subject of their choice.

Clockwise from bottom: Isabelle Morley, Ellie Jury and Maisy Howland-Gilroy

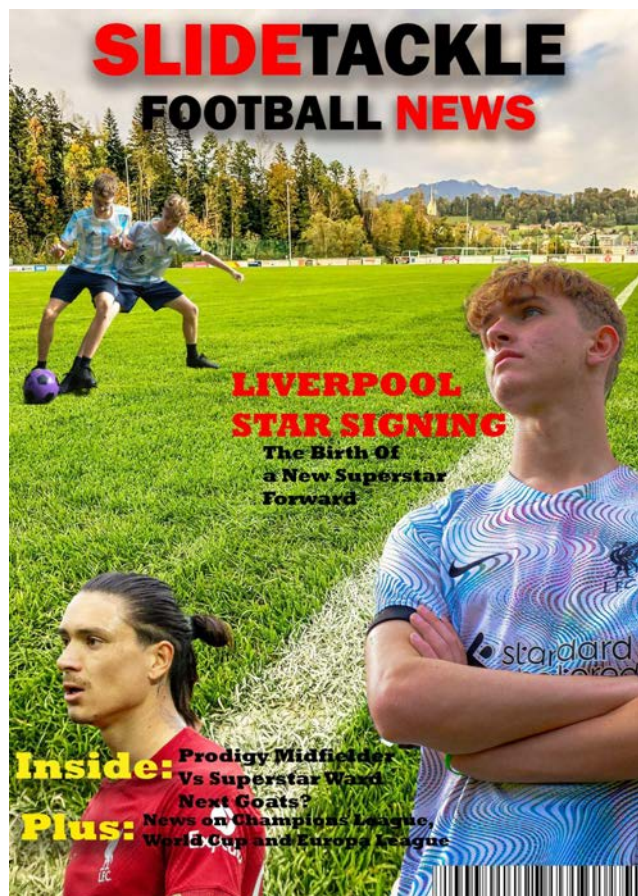


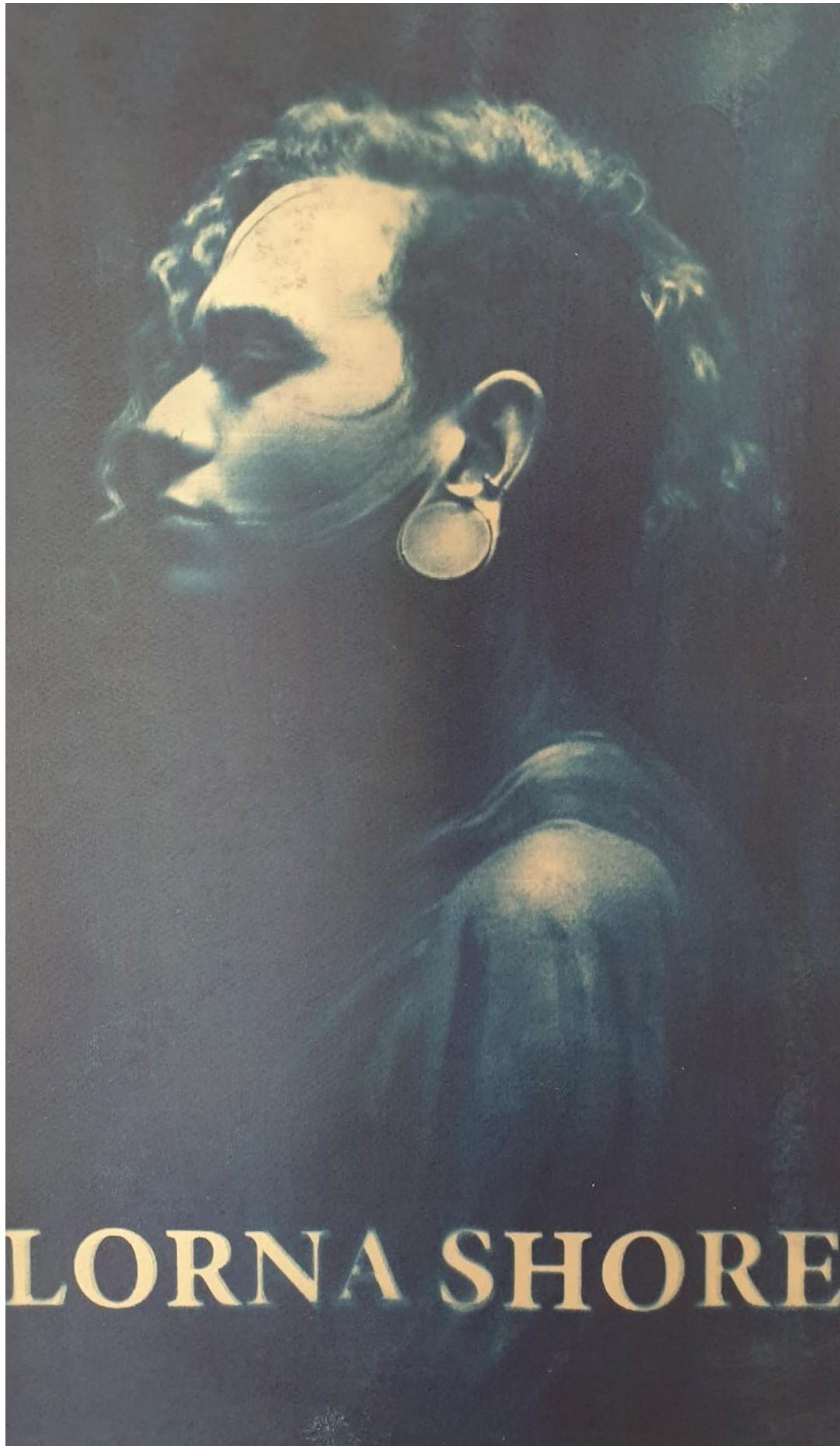
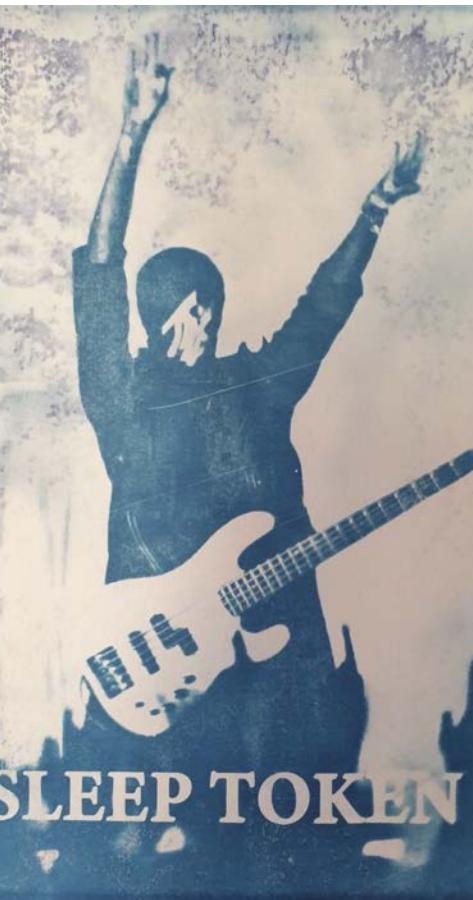
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Below: the work of Lara Robinson & Edan Bailey

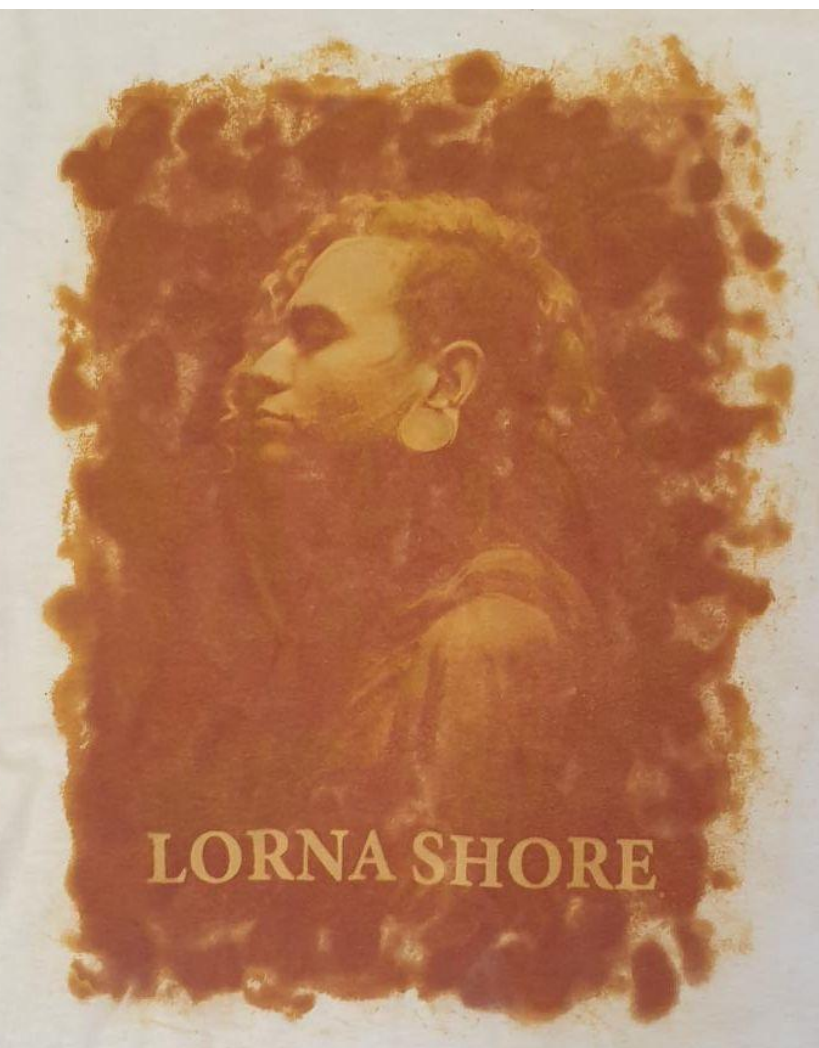


Below: the work of Mia Jury & Zack McKay





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For her Major Project, Matilda Russell created a series of promotions for a coffee shop, including coffee cup labels. These works were hand drawn and mediated on Procreate.



Above: Jade Hackshall's series of images as part of her Visual Design Major Project. These images were transferred onto the surfaces through Solarfast and Cyanotype methods. Jade is also one of our HSC music students who has just completed her HSC performance exams. Her interest in music is evident through her Visual Design work. Jade's Visual Arts Body of Work was similarly inventive and expressive

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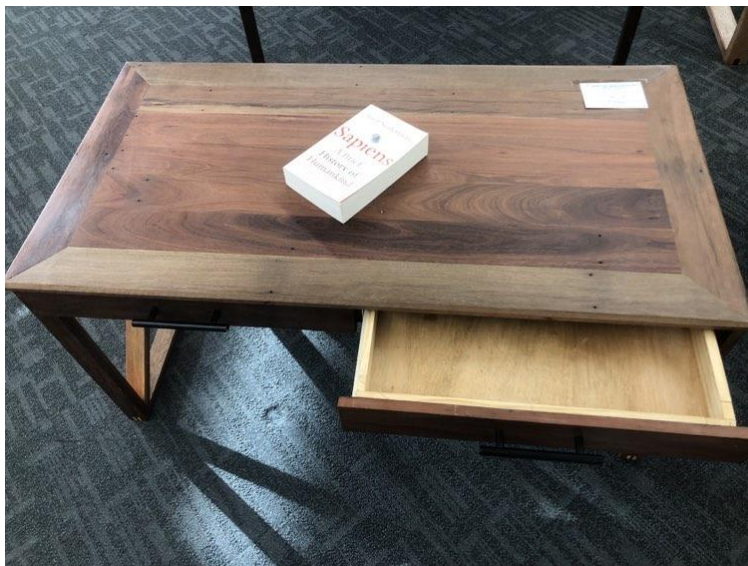
MAJOR WORKS COMPLETED

Year 12 Industrial Technology Timber students completed and submitted their Major Design Projects for HSC marking this term. HSC external markers travel all across the state, visiting schools and marking a wide range of projects. This year Kincumber High School had 12 students complete and submit a Major Design Project. Students began designing their MDPs in Term 4 2022, and are required to plan, manufacture and document the entire process. The final submissions pictured are the end product of a lot of time and effort put in by the students. Feedback from staff, students and parents has been overwhelmingly positive, and the students should be very proud of their efforts and achievement. Well done to:

- Dylan Jackson
- Lachlan Holmes
- Zach King
- Alex Lidster
- Tyran Moore
- Jayden Morgan
- Poppy Morgan
- Attikus Ouradnik
- Liam Schwensen
- Max Turner
- Jarrah Van Dorst
- Noah Watts



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Careers

For Years 10, 11 and 12 Students please also see the Careers Newsletter which is emailed every fortnight.

White card Course - Induction to Workplace safety

All courses held at Kincumber High School. See Ms Barber for more information and a permission note. 13th September

Central Coast Group Training are thrilled to extend an invitation to the parents/carers of your students for our upcoming Webinar 'Empowering Futures: Apprenticeships & Traineeships Information Session'.

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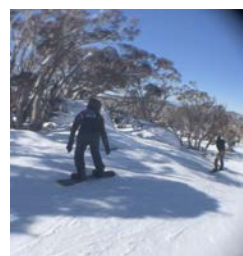
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The Annual PDHPE Snow Trip

In Week 6, our Year 11 and Year 9 PDHPE and PASS students embarked on a four-day snow trip to Perisher. Arriving at the lodge in Berridale on Sunday afternoon, they were fitted for snow gear, moved into their rooms and got pumped for Monday morning.

Three days were spent mastering turns, carving down slopes, the odd 360, and cheering one other on. Morning lessons were a success, and everyone remained determined to improve for the duration of the trip. We experienced sun, snow, wind, rain, no injuries, and some breathtaking views.

Our students' exemplary behavior and responsibility set a positive tone for the trip. Safety instructions were followed diligently, rules of the slopes were adhered to, respect was shown for fellow skiers and snowboarders, and endless laughs were had. This attitude made the trip smooth and enjoyable for everyone involved. Well done to our students!



NSW All Schools Oztag Champion of Champions Tournament

After a Grand final performance in the Central Coast Oztag Gala Day, our Open Boys Oztag Team moved onto the State Championship. With 2 successful days at the NSW All Schools Oztag Champion of Champions Tournament, our Open Boys Oztag team had 4 wins and 3 loses to be placed second in their pool and play in the Quarter finals. Congratulations to the boys for coming 7th in the state, which is an amazing achievement for a comprehensive High School. I was very proud to stand on their sideline and be part of this exceptional Achievement. Ms Barber





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