



# NEWSLETTER

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## SENIOR EXECUTIVE REPORT

### Phone use policy

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support regarding the recent phone ban in all NSW government high schools. Your understanding of the importance of creating a focused and distraction-free learning environment at Tweed River High School is commendable. By championing this initiative, you are not only enhancing your child's academic experience but also fostering a culture of attentiveness and engagement. Your partnership in prioritising education over digital distractions is invaluable and sets a powerful example for our school community. Together, we can empower our students to thrive academically and develop essential life skills. Thank you for your collaborative spirit and commitment to the educational journey of our students.

We have seen a huge increase in meaningful conversations in class, increased physical activity at recess and lunch and a huge reduction in online bullying and harassment.

# OFF & AWAY ALL DAY



### Transition Days

Tweed River High School held several transition days this term for our Tweed Learning Community feeder Year 4 and Year 5 students. The transition days for our primary school students thinking about entering high school were a resounding success, fostering excitement and easing anxieties. The day commenced with warm welcomes from staff and students. A range of planned activities and taster lessons encouraged new connections, breaking the ice and forging friendships across different school groups. Students engaged in team-building exercises, helping them adapt to the larger, more diverse environment. Informative sessions provided insights into high school life, dispelling uncertainties. The positive experience was enjoyed by students exploring their new surroundings and classrooms.

We acknowledge the Nganduwal/Minjungbal people of the Bundjalung nation, who are the traditional custodians of this land.

We also pay our respect to the Elders, both past and present, for they hold the memories, the traditions and the culture for future Indigenous Australians.

We extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.





## SENIOR EXECUTIVE REPORT Cont...

### Attendance

Regular school attendance is the cornerstone of building strong social connections among students and staff. Daily interaction in the classroom creates a sense of belonging and familiarity, fostering friendships among students. Shared experiences, collaborative projects, and extracurricular activities further deepen these bonds. Consistent attendance also allows students to connect with teachers, creating a supportive learning environment. Students who attend regularly are more likely to engage in classroom discussions, build rapport with teachers, and seek guidance when needed. This consistent attendance cultivates a positive school culture where everyone feels connected, enhancing the overall educational experience, and promoting a sense of community.

### Building Works

We are fortunate to have moved into our three new buildings, which look brilliant. We have a new commercial kitchen, classrooms, music rooms and performance spaces, woodwork, metalwork and construction workshops.

Work is going full steam ahead in the Ag farm with new buildings, green house, and stock yards for working our farm animals and should be finished for the start of 2024. The Administration block is also on track and staff should be back in the normal building for the start of 2024.

**Mr T Simpson**

**Relieving Deputy Principal.**

**TWEED RIVER  
HIGH SCHOOL**



**Nominations close  
November 30th!**



## SPORT NEWS

### Beach Volleyball

Well done to all our Beach Volleyball students who participated at the FNC Beach Volleyball Gala Day. Our boys teams bowed out in very close first round games. Unfortunately the schools we played in both the U15 Boys and Open Boys teams were the schools that ended up winning their respective divisions. However, our boys were gallant in defeat and were so close to progressing.

Both our girls teams were magnificent on the day. Our Open Girls team progressed through to the semi final, however were beaten in a close 3 set match. A huge congratulations our U15 girls volleyball team who took out the FNC Beach Volleyball Gala day. The girls did not drop a set all day and were immense with their effort and teamwork throughout every game. We wish you luck as you represent FNC at the North Coast Championship in Port Macquarie.

### North Coast Volleyball Report

The girls were so close to winning the NC Beach Volleyball title. The girls won their first two games 2-0, not dropping a set against quality opposition. Their 3rd and final game against Wauchope High School was super close, however the girls went down in a nailbiter to lose 2-1. What an outstanding group of girls who played so well on the day and trained tirelessly in the lead up this event.

Big congratulations to Mr Doherty who accompanied the girls down to Port Macquarie for the Finals series.







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## SPORT NEWS Cont...

**SPORTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO APPLY**

**LIMITED PLACES**

**APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR 2024**

Five Sports will be offered in Semester One 2024 based off interest in each sport.

- Rugby League
- Soccer
- Netball
- Basketball
- Dance
- Touch
- Surfing
- Volleyball
- Tennis

# For hard copy of application form please see PDHPE or TRHS front office

4 Heffron Street  
Tweed Heads South NSW 2486  
07 5524 3007  
tweedriver-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

The 2024 SDP Camp is coming up. Students are looking forward to 3 days at the Gold Coast High Performance Centre where they will live and train like an athlete.

Applications for the 2024 SDP program have opened. Places will be limited so please get your application in. Sports that are available will be subject to numbers that are selected for each program.

Please scan the QR code to apply for the 2024 program.





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### Boys and Girls Touch

Our U15 (2024) Boys and Girls Touch teams have been selected and continue to train in line for the upcoming FNC Touch Football Gala Day on Friday 17th November. Students are reminded to meet at Dave Burns Field for 8.30am. We wish you luck!

### Open Volleyball

Our Open boys and girls volleyball teams play in the FNC Volleyball Gala Day on Tuesday 21st November at Ballina Indoor Sport Centre. Teams have been selected and students are working hard refining their skills for this event.

### Mr Williams

### HT PDHPE & Sports Coordinator

### Weekly Sport by Mr McGuire

Our Learn to Surf group continue to improve each week. A huge thankyou to the surf school 'Go Ride a Wave' @ Greenmount Beach who take the group through the fundamentals of surfing each week.



Our incredible Year 9 and 10 students have been hitting the gym, and we couldn't be more thrilled with their progress at Fitness Cartel Gym!

A huge shoutout to Fitness Cartel for generously opening their doors to our students, providing a dynamic space for them to cultivate their fitness goals. Your support means the world to us! Our students are not only breaking a sweat but also embracing the importance of a healthy lifestyle. Seeing them thrive in this environment is truly inspiring.







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## LIBRARY NEWS

The Reading Challenge is coming to an end, and we are organising prizes for our best readers. Thank you to all the students who participated this year. It is so wonderful to see that our students' enthusiasm for reading is still strong !

We will present students with prizes early December so watch this space (students will receive an invitation in their roll call).

Reading has a range of benefits. On top of strengthening our brains, building our vocabulary and empathy, it also calms us down.

In 2009, a group of researchers measured the effects of yoga, humour and reading on the stress levels of students in demanding health science programs in the United States. The study found that 30 minutes of reading lowered blood pressure, heart rate, and feelings of psychological distress just as effectively as yoga and humour did.

With the Christmas holidays upon us, we are looking for students to help decorate our beautiful library. If you feel crafty, please come and see us at breaks. We need lots of little hands.

**Lilas Monniot-Kerr - Teacher Librarian**



Students are taking part in our very first Magic the Gathering card competition in the library. Despite the intense competition between these players, everyone has participated with respect and in the spirit of the game.

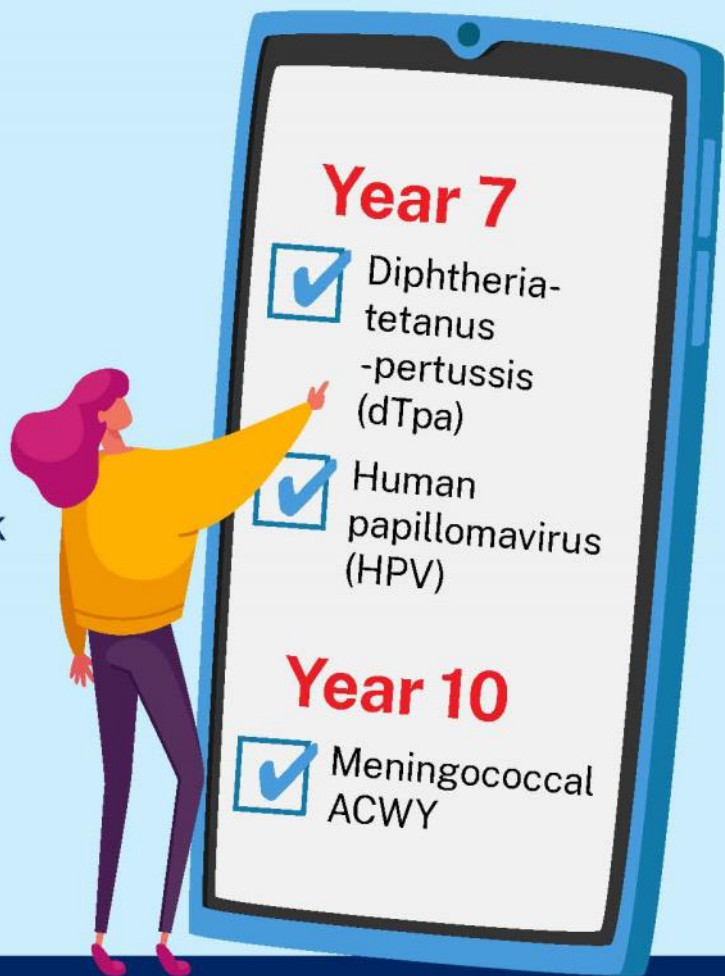
If students are interested in learning how to play Magic the Gathering, please feel free to come in to the library during recess and lunch. There's sure to be someone there who'll be happy to teach you how to play the game.



# Will your child be in year 7 or 10 next year?

**Provide consent for your child's routine school vaccinations online in 2024.**

At the beginning of the school year, your child's school will share the link to complete the online consent form.



**More information on the school vaccination program:**  
**[health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination](https://health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination)**



## Aboriginal Education District awards

Our Aboriginal Studies H.S.I.E. teacher, Jan Ryan, received two awards, one as an educator and contributor to furthering Aboriginal Education and outcomes for our Aboriginal students in schools at a local and state level, the with the Tweed Coast and Wollumbin Networks running this event.

Jan received an award for Outstanding Leadership in Aboriginal Education, and the Aboriginal Education Community Award for her outstanding contribution to the Tweed Wollumbin AECG Community, as an associate member of the A.E.C.G.

Two of our Aboriginal students, Charlie Togo, Year 12 and Kayla Maher, Year 10 received awards for their outstanding efforts in artworks.

It was a great night at the Civic Centre which was run by the Tweed Coast and Wollumbin Networks Aboriginal Education.

These are some of Jan Ryan's achievements and contributions:

- In 1991, Jan initiated and taught HSC Aboriginal Studies at Tweed River High School, and actively supported the AEO, Aunty Chris Morgan at the school, A.S.S.P., A.E.C.G.
- Employed to write Junior and Senior Aboriginal Studies syllabi and support materials for schools. Jan has always championed Aboriginal Education. By lecturing at Sydney University conferences, being an Executive member of A.S.A. and sharing teaching resources, she has extended ties between school and the local A.T.S.I. community.
- She was Head Teacher for Aboriginal Student Engagement.
- Jan instigated and supported N.S.W. Far North Coast A.S.A. meetings and the Culturally Nourishing Program at TRHS, linked to N.S.W., Sydney and Griffith universities, educating teachers in including Aboriginal perspectives across all K.L.As, improving outcomes, sense of identity and belonging for Aboriginal students.
- She instigated the A.I.M.E. Program at T.R.H.S. facilitating and collaboratively developing Personal Learning Plans for A.T.S.I. students, improving academic and social wellbeing outcomes.
- Jan coordinated staff for "Titans beyond tomorrow" ensuring A.T.S.I. students completed their H.S.C., continuing into "Beyond Broncos".
- She has instigated and run the Year 8 "Pathways to Booning" and Year10 Geography excursions on country, as well as the Staff introduction to Country, Cherbourg excursions, using her links with A.T.S.I. community members.





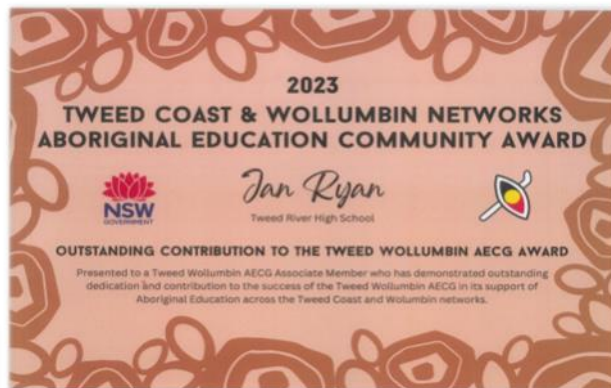


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Aboriginal  
Education District  
Awards night  
held at the Civic  
Centre, Tweed  
Heads  
26th October  
2023.







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## TWEED RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

# 2023 HALL OF FAME

Innovative Learning Pathways

**Expressions of interest are called for  
nominations for Tweed River High School's  
'Hall of Fame'**

*The criteria for nominations are as follows:  
The candidate must:*

- 1. Be a past student of Tweed River High School.*
- 2. Have achieved in their chosen field and/or made an outstanding contribution to the wider community.*

*All previous nominations will be considered and are invited to update existing submissions.*

*Scan QR code for Hall of Fame Nomination form.*

**Closing date: Thursday 30 November 2023**

*Ms Kim Taylor, Relieving Principal  
Enquiries: (07) 5524 3007  
tweedriver-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au*





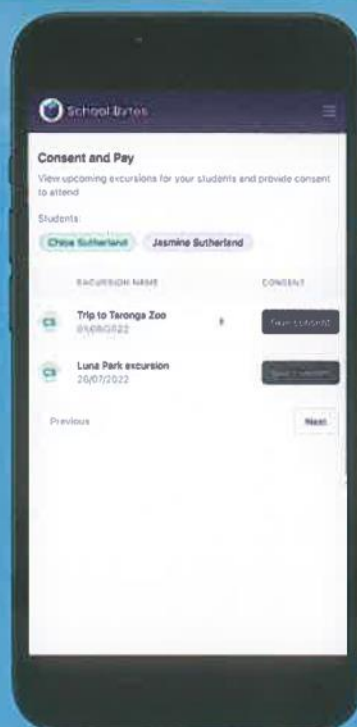
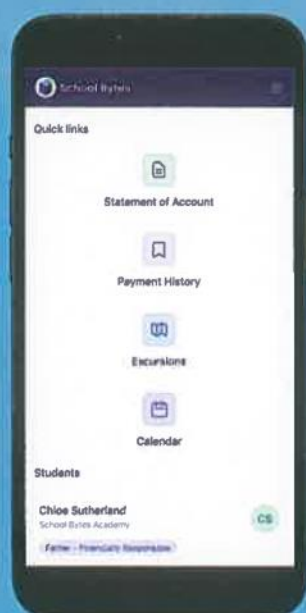


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## AVAILABLE NOW!

We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to a more flexible and simplified way parent/carers can make payments



### The Parent Portal

- Easily make a payment online
- Download your receipt
- Sign and return permission notes digitally
- Use any credits on your account to make payment
- View your complete payment history
- Request a refund

AVAILABLE DURING

# TERM 4



School Bytes

Register for the Parent Portal via the QR Code or visit

<https://portal.schoolbytes.education>





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## Year 11 Mini End of Year Camp Wrap Up

In Week 4 our Year 11 Tweed River Academy boys ventured off to the Gold Coast for their mini-End of Year Trip.

First, we hit up the Robina Shopping Centre where we experienced the all new CinemaX screen and watch the new release movie "The Creator". The chairs were in full recline mode as we settled in for the movie and the lads loved it. From here it was off to the Gold Coast Performance Centre to check in. Once we arrived and had a tour of the facility, we played mini touch footy & basketball games before showering up and starting dinner. On the menu for night 1 was Coconut curry chicken & rice, all the boys jumped in and got their hands dirty to help pull the dinner together. After dinner we



moved to our Year 11 Employment plans & some goal setting before calling it a night. The next morning we were all up nice & early to enjoy breakfast together before hitting the road for the Mudgeerabah Skirmish Centre & Museum. The lads had about half an hour to check out the museum before skirmish....which they absolutely loved. After a couple of hours we then headed into the mountain to go for a quick freshwater swim before heading back to the accommodation for a gym session. DIY burgers followed for dinner then we played some Mafia cards, did some Clontarf Trivia & enjoyed an ice cream.

Friday morning the boys were up bright & early for some morning training of volleyball then it was a hot breakfast then off to Surfers Paradise for a swim & healthy lunch! What a trip!! Our boys can't wait to see what 2024 has in store!

## Year 7 & 8 Leadership Camp & Regional Beach Cricket Carnival Wrap Up

Last week our Tweed River Year 7 & 8 boys were on their way to the Sunshine Coast for their last camp of the year to compete in the Southeast Queensland Beach Cricket Carnival. We left school on Wednesday afternoon and heading off on the M1, the boys were stoked to be heading away for a couple of days and this excitement was evident on the bus trip down. We were up bright & early on Thursday morning before getting dressed up for the carnival. The boys had a great day competing against the Harristown, Warwick and Murgon Academies as well as finishing off with a game against local partners. The cricket was played with great spirit by all Academies with some great cricketing talent on show. Congratulations to Murgon Academy who were the eventual winners of the Carnival. After a big afternoon feed we headed down to Dickie Beach for a swim before heading back to accommodation for the night. Friday morning, we were up nice & early for some morning training on the sand, the boys enjoyed a couple of ball games, some "king of the Ring" wrestling games and a quick dip in the pool to finish. After the swags were rolled up and the camp site cleaned, we had a big cooked breakfast before ending our camp with a trip to Ninja Jungle on the way home which was an awesome way to finish off camp.







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## **Academy Awards Night – Nominees Lunch**

On Tuesday 7th November we invited all of our 2023 Academy Awards student nominees into the room for a cooked lunch & speech practice. Over 25 boys made the effort to come in for the lunch and a number of them tried their hand at doing a thank you speech. It was another small opportunity to get some practice in for our boys before the highly anticipated awards night on Thursday night.



## **Year 10/11's – Friday 1st Break every week**

In the past few weeks we have been providing a space for our year 10s & 11s every Friday to have the Clontarf room just to themselves and providing lunch and having Table tennis or connect four competitions.

This is a way to interact and engage in some yarn time with staff, to build their leadership skills by practicing public speaking or making sure the Clontarf room is clean. Every Friday at 1st break, we intend on closing the room for Year 10 & 11 students only, so make sure you come in, see what's on for lunch & enjoy the room to yourselves!

### **Morning Training – 4 to go for 2023!**

So far this term we have held over 8 morning training session, our core group of morning training students have been pretty solid this term however it is getting late in the term but keep pushing yourself, make the effort and get to training. There are four more morning training sessions left for this year, please remember training is on Tuesday morning from 7:00am till 8:15am with pick ups starting from 6:00am, and on Friday morning from 8:00am till 9:15am with pick ups starting from 7:00am. Check the board for more details.

### **Remaining sessions:**

- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November (Being held at Tweed River High School in the SEC)
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November (Being held at Palm Beach Currumbin-surfing)
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December (Being held at Tweed River High School in the SEC)
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December (Being held at South Tweed Primary School)

Students who have attended a morning training session are also invited to our "Top Trainers Buffet Breakfast", which is being held at Twin Towns Restaurant on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7:00am. The boys have really encouraged each other to attend training and have now set a higher target to attend morning & afternoon trainings for the rest of the term 4.

### **Afternoon Activity – Driving Range is a Hit!**

On Monday 13th of November we had 8 of our Tweed River Academy boys attend our afternoon training at the Golf Driving Range at the beautiful Chinderah Golf course. This was a super effort shown by our boys as it's been a massive increase in training attendance last few weeks as we have been down in number due to camps and school commitments. Watching the golf balls get smashed around the driving range is always a good laugh for both students & staff. Remember every Monday & Wednesday afternoons we hold afternoon activities so be sure to put your name down to attend,

**Cameron Campbell | Director –  
Tweed River Academy CLONTARF FOUNDATION**



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clontarf  
foundation







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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, 21 Nov**

School Spectacular 21st - 25th Nov

**Wednesday, 22 Nov**

EOI SDP Camp 22-24 Nov

**Tuesday, 28 Nov**

Year 7 2024 Orientation Day

**Thursday, 30 Nov**

Balunjahli Day 4

**Tuesday, 5 Dec**

Annual Presentation Day

LET THERE  
BE PEACE  
ON EARTH



AND  
LET IT BEGIN  
WITH ME

## P&C NEXT MEETING

2024 TBA

In Common Room  
All welcome!



## TRHS Canteen

Breakfast - Recess - Lunch

Check out the daily menu on the canteen window for some great meal deals.

EFTPOS available



Click here to find out more

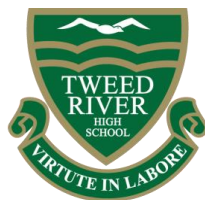


## Uniform Shop

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## Indigenous APPRENTICESHIPS PROGRAM

APPLY FOR AN APPRENTICESHIP WITH A GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND SET YOURSELF UP FOR A GREAT CAREER IN THE AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC SERVICE.

- It's full-time work with a competitive salary, great benefits and on-the-job training.
- The apprenticeship runs for 12 months.
- You get to complete a nationally recognised certificate or diploma.
- There are jobs in capital cities and most regional areas across Australia.
- You'll be supported by an Indigenous mentor.

Apply to make a difference in the lives of everyday Australians.

You don't need a degree or any work experience to apply.

*What will your story be?*



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Christmas

CAROLS

MINJUNGBAL MUSEUM

17 KIRKWOOD ROAD, TWEED HEADS SOUTH

Wednesday 6th December

5:00PM - 8:00PM

BRING A PLATE OF DESSERT TO SHARE

**FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

**BYO SMILE, JOY, CHAIR, RUG,  
CHRISTMAS GEAR & SINGING VOICE!**

If you would like your child to receive a gift from  
Santa, please drop the gift at the museum  
CLEARLY LABELLED (under \$10)



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## COMMUNITY NOTICES



### FOLLOW THESE 3 EASY STEPS

1

Choose an individual or family you would like to adopt

2

Let us know which individual or family you are adopting

3

Drop your gift voucher or donation to one of our offices or by direct deposit to The Family Centre



Donating vouchers or money allows the parent/carers to be a part of choosing a special gift for their children.

**ADOPT A FAMILY HERE**