

From the Principal's desk



Welcome to our last newsletter of the year. As we approach the holiday season I wanted to take a moment to extend my warmest wishes to each and every one of you.

Our students and staff are still busily ensuring the teaching and learning process is underway, with year 11 students moving on to Year 12 and the current Year 10's getting ready for their senior

years, either with us, or in another educational setting.

I would like to thank everyone for their efforts in the year we leave behind. On behalf of our school, we wish you all a merry, safe, and happy Christmas and look forward to working with our students next year. Please keep safe, look out for others, and keep in contact with your teachers upon your return.

Next year, live lessons, online learning, outreach services, mobile classrooms, kitchen, trailers, our hubs and projects will all be available giving you a variety of methods to engage in your learning.

Yours in Education

Danny Henman

Principal

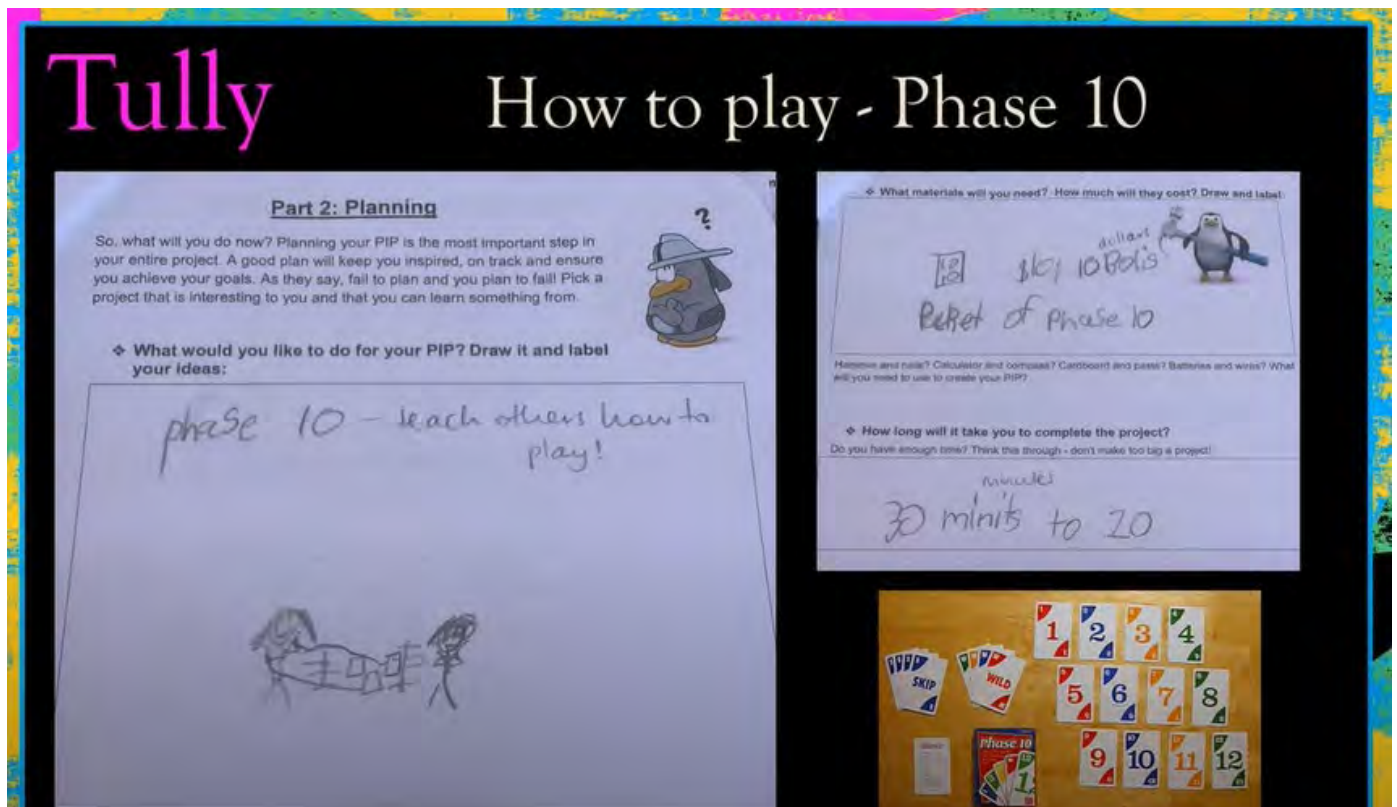
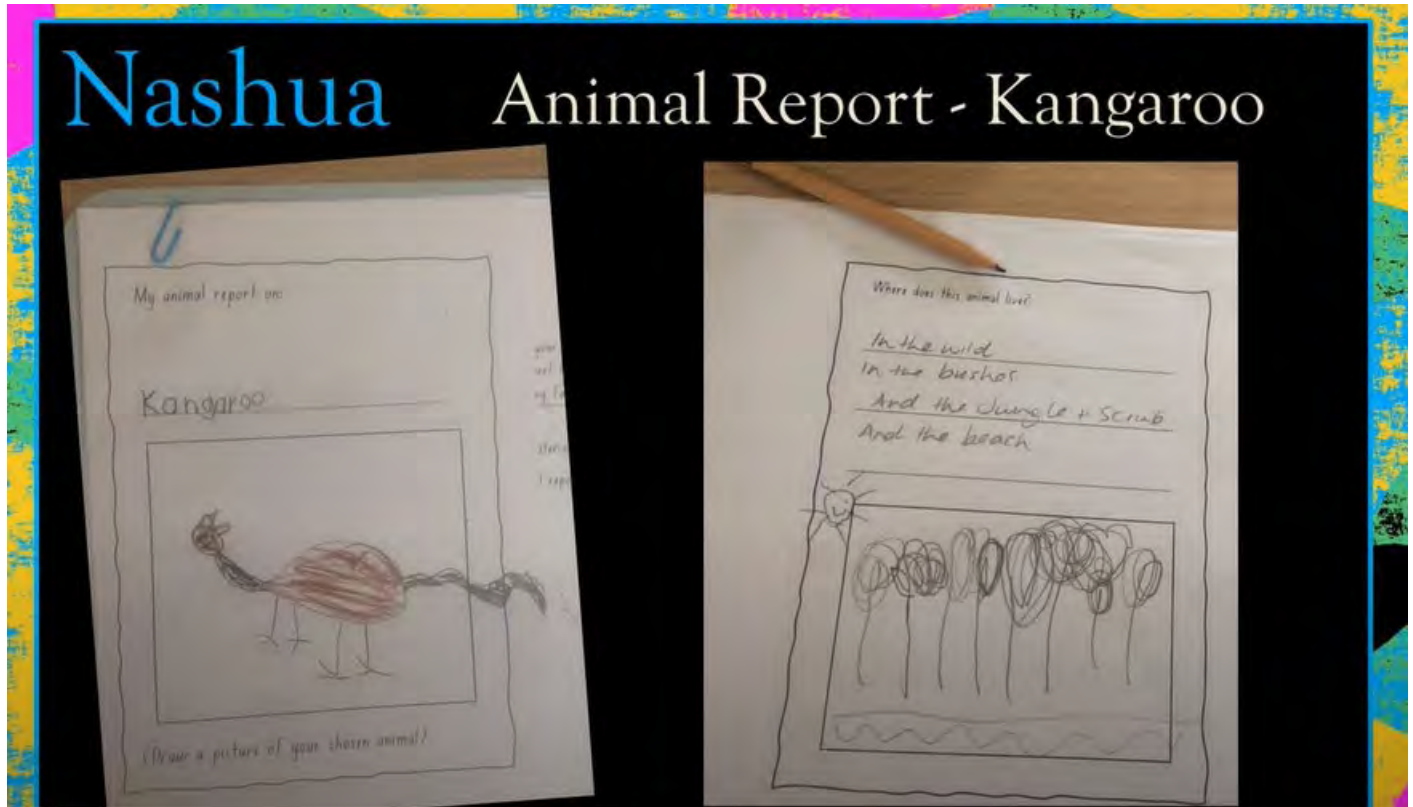


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Our school stands proudly on Bundjalung land

Primary News

The final project for the year in Primary is a Personal Interest Project. This allows students to show off what they have learned this year about organisation and time management and follow their own passions. There is always a huge diversity of projects – here are some of the plans and products so far.



Seth

Piano Song

Part 3: The Proposal

Your proposal is the formal submission that outlines your ideas and how they will be achieved and/or become reality. It builds on and ties together everything you have already written in your workbook. Your proposal will need to be approved by your supervisor and teacher before you begin.

Why did you choose this project area?

I chose this project topic because I like playing piano.

How do you plan to develop your ideas into a project? (Draw and label the steps of how you will create your project):

1. think of a song I want to learn	2. ask dad for help	3. practice every day	4. remember to do it every day
5. play my song to dad if it's good	6. record it to remember I learnt	7. the song	8.

What do you want your end product to be?

My end product will be the song that I learnt

What would you like to do for your PIP? Draw it and label your ideas:

I want to learn to play a new song on the piano



Alex

Cassowaries PowerPoint

Project:

Cassowary Power Point Presentation

Cassowary diet
Cassowary appearance
Cassowary habitat
Cassowary photo
Video on Cassowary

What do you need to find out and who can help me?

Need to visit a website for ideas? Or the library for some plans? How about asking an expert in the area you are interested in? Research doesn't just have to be about books. You might have a relative or friend that could help you.

• Websites
• Library
• Information Centre at Maxton Beach



Threats

- Cassowaries are endangered. Their main threat is humans and clearing of their natural habitat.
- Other causes of danger to and death of cassowaries are dog attacks, vehicle strikes and disease.

Coco

Countries and Cities I've Visited

Part 2: Planning

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Research about the countries and cities visited.

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National Flag, Official Languages, Capital City, Geography, Population, Currency, Ethnicity.

What materials will you need? How much will they cost? Draw and label:

Drawing paper \$10 Colored pencils \$10



Alexis

My Museum

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my mum can always help me

look at old books and old photos

What materials will you need? How much will they cost? Draw and label:



Hammer and nails? Calculator and compass? Cardboard and paste? Batteries and wires? What will you need to use to create your PIP?

How long will it take you to complete the project?

Do you have enough time? Think this through - don't make too big a project!

3 weeks

Tom

Prepare a Three Course Meal

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I need the recipe for cookies my mum and dad can help me



Lewy

Dinosaur Research

Part 2: Planning

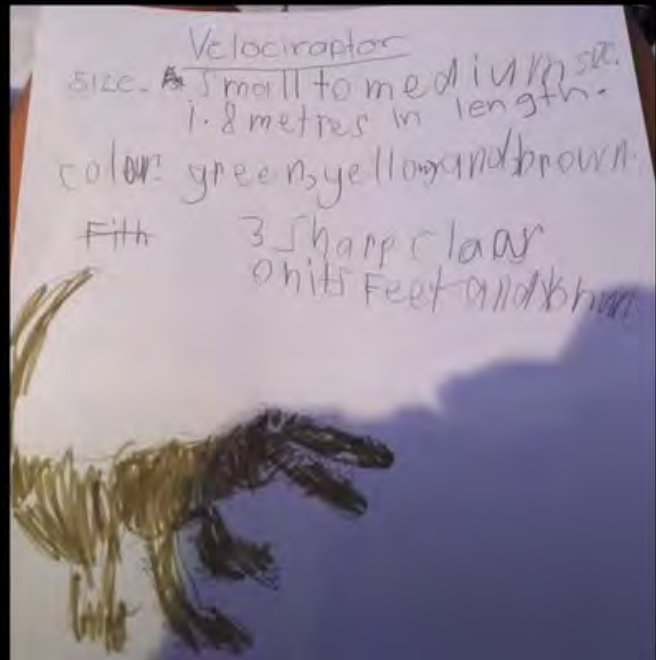
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All Carnivals Bones

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Congratulations

YEAR 12



You and your loved ones are invited to share
in the celebration of your achievements at a

Graduation Lunch

Date: Monday 11 December 2023

Time: 1pm (following Presentation Assembly)

Venue: Southern Cross School of Distance
Education, Chickiba Drive, East Ballina

Dress: Smart casual

RSVP: 27 November with numbers and
dietary requirements to
6681 0300, Year advisors or

southerncrossschoolofdistanceeducation@det.nsw.edu.au

Di Lewis
Sam Askew
Will Hawley
Lou Webster

Belinda Schaeffer
Jacinta Edwards
Cara Brisbane
Nicole McLaughlin


Class of 2023

YOU'RE INVITED TO

SOUTHERN CROSS SCHOOL OF DISTANCE EDUCATION PRESENTATION DAY

Time flies, and it's hard to believe it is the end of another school year at Southern Cross! Please join us to celebrate the successes of the year and and view some talented performances by our students at our Presentation Day followed by a BBQ lunch.

All Year 7-12 full time students and their loved ones are welcome.

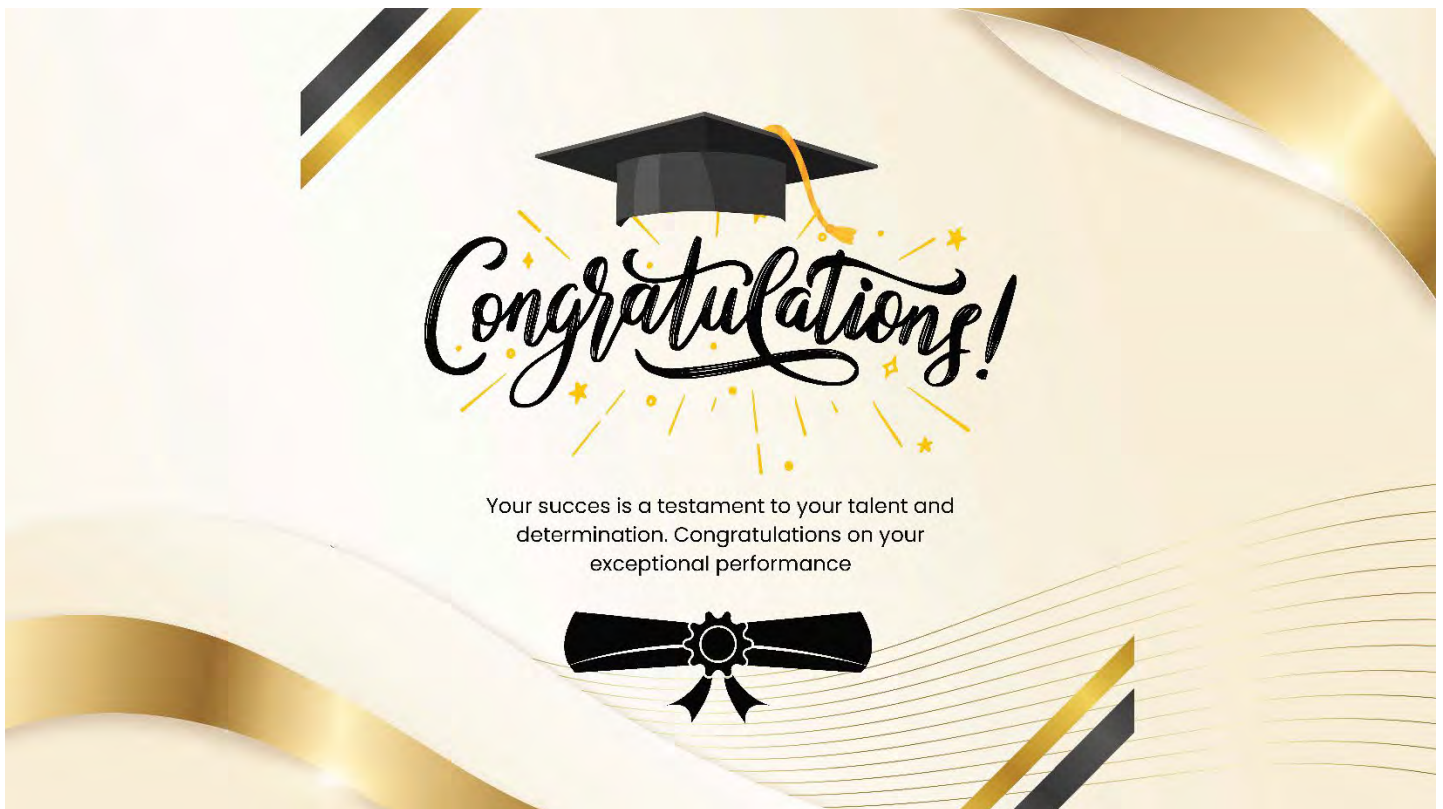
 **MONDAY 11 DECEMBER 2023**

 **SOUTHERN CROSS SODE, CHICKIBA DR, EAST BALLINA**

 **ARRIVE AT 11AM FOR AN 11:30AM START**



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Congratulations to the following students who received early entry offers to university:

- Emma Page Bachelor of Arts, University of New England
Bachelor of Arts, Southern Cross University
- Lilly-Ana Hiscock Bachelor of Animal Science, University of New England
- Starla Weber Bachelor of Creative Writing, Griffith University
- Amy Kirk Dennis Bachelor Arts Creative Writing, Southern Cross University
- Robbie Logan Bachelor of Science, Southern Cross University
- Jack Logan Bachelor of Science, Southern Cross University
- Natalie Delanty Diploma of Health, Southern Cross University
- Seth Bryce Preparing for Success, Southern Cross University
- Xanthe Schultze Bachelor of Design (Animation & Interactive Media) for RMIT Melbourne

Charge your engines event at Wollongbar TAFE

In this hands on excursion students completed practical activities such as electric vehicle battery testing and electrical assessment using specific cutting-edge instrumentation. This also included onboard vehicle diagnostics and scoping equipment.

They learnt about driverless vehicles and were given advice on apprenticeships and how to get into the mechanical trade by a local mechanic. One of the student highlights was revving the engine on a Holden V8 Commodore.

Overall it was a great day had by all students who attended.

If you are interested in the automotive industry or wanting to get a trade as a mechanic please call: 6681 0300 and talk to your Student Adviser.





ParentsNext



Assistance discovering community supports that can help you reach
your educational and employment goals.

If you receive a parenting payment, and have a child between
9months and 5.5 years;

Contact OCTEC ParentsNext to seek supports.

02 6622 8785

Moments with the New Choices Team

December 2023



New Choices

Alternative pathways to positive learning

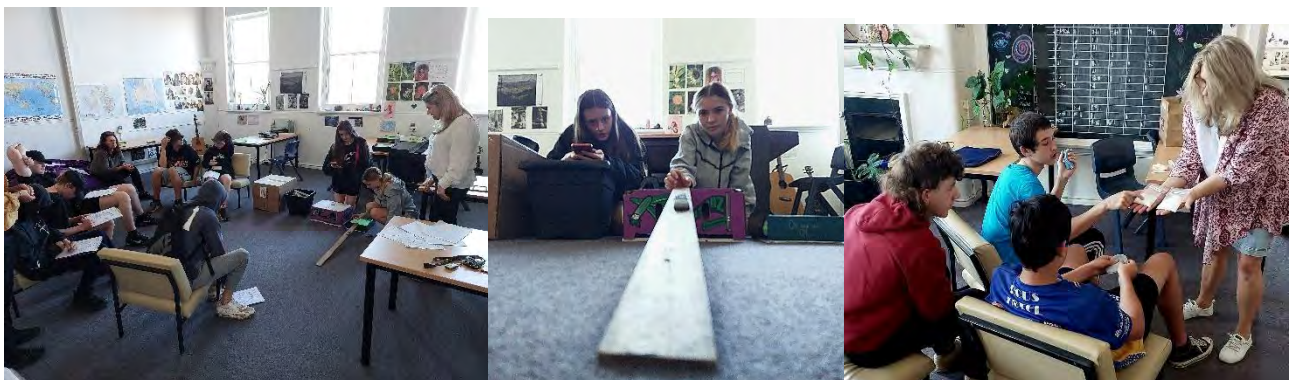


The year is all but done. It is a good time to reflect on what a great year 2023 has been at New Choices!

Our students have thrived in our flexible learning environment and have stepped up to engage with a variety of learning experiences and opportunities.

Practical Science

Southern Cross School of Distance Education science teacher Melinda Ingram has continued to go the extra mile to provide interesting educational experiences for our students.



Canoeing at Chickiba Creek

A particularly fun activity with Melinda was canoeing around Prospect Lake and Chickiba Creek in East Ballina.



More TAFE Taster Days

Continuing from Semester One, our Year 10 students have benefited from the chance to try out various career options at the local TAFE campuses. Welding, Electrotechnology, Drone Piloting, Construction, Lab Skills and Maritime were among the vocational possibilities explored.



Ballina Maritime Museum

As part of the Maritime TAFE taster day our students visited the Ballina Maritime Museum and enjoyed the range of interesting exhibits.



Exploring creativity

We have been fortunate to have Kiki visit us to facilitate art projects for our students.



Guitar Design Project

One of the projects facilitated by Kiki was to sand and paint a brand-new guitar (kindly donated by the Lismore Conservatorium of Music).



Artistic Creations

Our students have produced some wonderful works during our afternoon creative sessions.



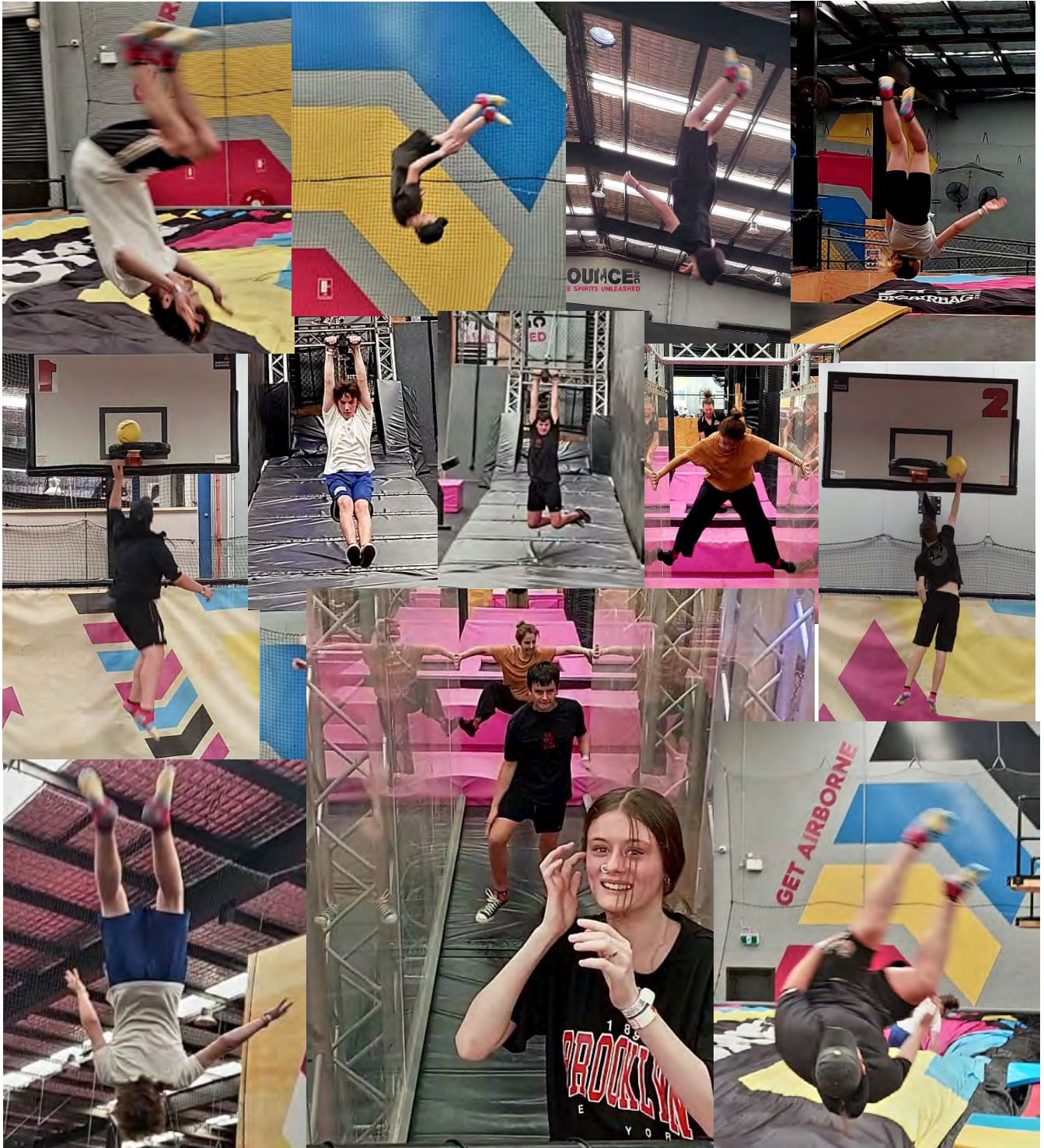
Music with Nick

Term 4 saw the return of Nick to run the music program for New Choices. Our students were given the opportunity to try their hand at a range of musical instruments in a small ensemble setting.



Trip to Bounce

Our Term 4 excursion to Bounce at Burleigh Waters saw our students literally bouncing off the walls!



Out & About

Our students benefitted from accessing some of the most beautiful places in the Northern Rivers including Protestors Falls, Goanna Headland and Cape Byron



Byron Bay Lighthouse Tour

While visiting Byron Bay we had the opportunity to explore the history of the iconic Lighthouse with a guided tour.



Keeping Fit

During the course of the year students have engaged with regular opportunities for physical exercise, both through our weekly visits to the GSAC and our more informal afternoon activity sessions



Okay, that's a wrap!

Wishing all our participants and their families a restful and joyful holiday season.

All the best to our graduating Year 10 students with their future endeavours.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2024!



**Be the future.
See the future.**



Leaving School and not sure what's next?

Create your future.

Training provided by Byron College
and delivered at the YAC



Certificate II – Skills for Work & Vocational Pathways (FSK20119)

- 10 week program
- Starting February 2024
- 3 days per week



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*This training is subsidised by the NSW Government.

Units of competency

FSKLRG011 - Use routine strategies for work-related learning

FNSFLT201 - Develop and use a personal budget

SITXFSA005 - Use hygienic practices for food safety

FSKLRG010 - Use routine strategies for career planning

SITXCCS011 - Interact with customers

FSKDIG003 - Use digital technology for non-routine workplace tasks

SITHFAB025 - Prepare and serve espresso coffee

FSKRDG008 - Read and respond to information in routine visual and graphic texts

AHCLSC318 - Erect timber structures and features

FSKOCM005 - Use oral communication skills for effective workplace presentations

CPCWHS1001 - Prepare to work safely in the construction industry

FSKOCM006 - Use oral communication skills to participate in workplace teams

HLTAID009 - Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation

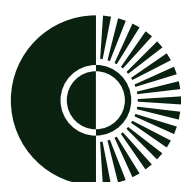
HLTAID011 - Provide First Aid

Hands-on activities, guest speakers. Plus come and learn about other career opportunities such as Horticulture, Permaculture, Massage, Visual Arts and Business.

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Byron Youth Centre, YAC



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Get ready to unlock your potential, have fun while learning, and pave the way for a successful and fulfilling future!

Learn in a dynamic, supportive and hands-on environment:

Real-World Skills: You'll dive into practical activities in a real working environment, giving you hands-on experience that makes learning tangible and exciting.

Diverse Learning: From mastering the art of preparing espresso coffee to constructing timber structures, this course covers a wide range of skills that are not only valuable but also fun.

Safety First: Learning about safety in construction or food handling doesn't have to be dry. You'll learn essential safety practices in an interactive and engaging manner to ensure you're well-prepared for your chosen field.

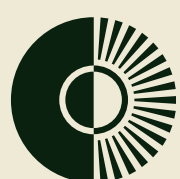
Life-Saving Skills: Courses in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and First Aid are not only valuable for your professional development but also incredibly important for your personal life. Learning how to save lives can be empowering and inspiring.

Customer Interaction: The art of customer service can be fun! You'll discover how to interact effectively with customers, turning everyday interactions into enjoyable and positive experiences.

Financial Know-How: Developing and using a personal budget might sound intimidating, but it's a life skill that can be empowering. You'll learn how to manage your finances in a way that aligns with your goals and aspirations.

Communication Mastery: Whether it's oral communication for workplace presentations or participating in teams, you'll develop communication skills that not only boost your professional growth but also make your interactions more engaging and effective.

Career Planning: With a focus on routine strategies for career planning, you'll be equipped to set goals, make informed decisions, and pursue a path that aligns with your interests and ambitions.



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NSW Department of Education

Calendar 2023



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Key dates

* Check with your school as starting and finishing dates may change.

Term start and end dates*

Term 1 (Eastern): 27 January to 6 April

Term 1 (Western): 3 February to 6 April

Term 2: 24 April to 30 June

Term 3: 17 July to 22 September

Term 4: 9 October to 19 December

School development days

Term 1 (Eastern): 27 January and 30 January

Term 1 (Western): 3 February and 6 February

Term 2, 3 and 4: 24 April, 17 July, 18 December and 19 December

School vacation dates

Summer (Eastern): 21 December 2022 to 26 January 2023

Summer (Western): 21 December 2022 to 2 February 2023

Autumn: 10 April to 21 April

Winter: 3 July to 14 July

Spring: 25 September to 6 October

Summer (Eastern): 20 December 2023 to 29 January 2024

Summer (Western): 20 December 2023 to 5 February 2024

Exam dates

Selective high school placement test: 4 May

NAPLAN online test window: 15 March to 27 March

Opportunity class placement test: 27 July

Public holidays



Scan me for practical school tips!

To help your child get the most out of their school year and to explore our resources, check out our going to school hub at education.nsw.gov.au/going-to-school

School zone speed limits apply on all school days, including school development days.



Happy
Holidays

