



## TOMAREE HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

Principal .....Sue Xenos

This term has started with a wonderful opportunity to recognise staff, students and community members associated with our school through Education Week Awards. The following people and programs were recognised this year at the formal awards night on the 9<sup>th</sup> August. I was really pleased with the large turnout and I know the recipients of the awards and their families feel proud of this recognition. The awards went to:

**Student Achievement-** Gypsy Donovan Madison Bennett, Carl Stewart, Timothy Anderson, Isaac Leonard, Thomas Boehm

**Staff Excellence** - Charnelle Crossingham, Alita Knaggs, Amanda Shiner

**Commitment by a Non-Teaching Member of staff-** Jennifer Jones, Traci Northey, Callum Baillie

**Commitment by a Community Member-** Joy Shotter

**School program** - VIVO Rewards- PBL Program

**Sporting Achievement** - Andi Law, Jack Kenney, Elle Clayton-Brown

The theme for Education Week was **Today's schools- Creating tomorrow's world'** and while it was great to recognise so many contributions, I would also like to thank all the dedicated staff (teaching and non-teaching) who daily put in the effort to support students of our school. We are working very hard to ensure what we do today, prepares students to take on roles and jobs that perhaps do not even yet exist.

This is final term of school for Year 12. It is time for them to knuckle down, study hard (the HSC is hard work- it doesn't come easy to anyone) and also take care of themselves. To support your Year 12 student it is important to consider the workload they are under and encourage them, if possible, to reduce their paid working hours (or at least take shifts that finish earlier, allowing them to get a good night's rest). Also, remember they need time off their studies to go out with friends and family and relax. This should be part of their scheduled timetable for each week.

We are currently trialling a new resource called HSC Hub. All Year 11 and 12 students have a log in, have been shown the site, and are encouraged to make use of it. Reports from the site shows it is being well utilised. We believe it will really give our students the additional support they need. The resource consists of short 5-7 minute clips that explain specific parts of courses through an informative video that links the syllabus content to how you can gain a better understanding and answer questions in the HSC. Teachers are also using it within class.

Year 12 this year will also be sitting their HSC off site. Wests Diggers have come on board and provided us with a discounted room hire for the entire length of the exams and have been most accommodating and supportive in meeting our very specific requests. I believe students will really benefit from the quiet, air-conditioned environment to allow them to do their best work in exams. All students will be attending an orientation session at the club with the exam supervisors to ensure everyone knows where to go.

**Save the Date-** Year 12 Formal Graduation Assembly will be held at school on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September. More details will be sent home shortly.

**Review** - We are commencing two reviews. The first is of the HSC process within the school. This includes a thorough examination of teaching methods, student's engagement and ways we can improve our results. The second is a review of the schools Anti-Bullying Plan. You can access a copy of this plan on our website under Caring For Students. Stage 1 has seen the current policy tabled at the P&C for discussion at the next meeting, then it will go to the Student Representative Council and we will be looking for additional parent/ carer input into the policy review. We will be looking for responses around suggestions about how we can improve our processes. At this stage, the method of that data collection has not been determined so keep an eye out on future newsletters, Skoolbag and Facebook if you are interested in responding.

**Uniform** - Part of our current strategic plan is to look at our school identity and how we are seen in the community. This will likely be a focus in 2019. One part of school identity is how we present ourselves to the wider community. Unfortunately, uniform for some students is not of the standard expected. I ask that you support us by ensuring your child is in correct uniform. The most common out of uniform issues are the wearing of hoodies and incorrect pants. Boys should be wearing grey pants and the girls, navy blue pants. Correct uniform is available at Lowes and student assistance is available to those in need.

Feedback from the school community is an important way to help us refine processes and ensure we are meeting needs. Letting us know of concerns before they become a major issue is important. We would also love to hear about great things staff are doing.

Yours in learning  
Sue Xenos  
Principal



## Deputy Principal .....Glenn Sproule

### Formal Assembly

We recently held a formal assembly to celebrate a range of student successes at Tomaree High School. Students were recognised for upholding our school values, contributing positively towards the school, sporting age champions and high level of attendance. In fact, over 500 students received a bulk payment of Vivos for having an attendance for Semester One greater than 90%. Our School Captains did a fantastic job of leading the assembly and our talented Star Struck students performed in front of an audience of 1150. Student behaviour in the audience was first rate. It was a real showcase of just how amazing our students are. This is, collectively, our school, the only public high school on the Tomaree peninsula. I firmly believe that we all share a responsibility to talk up our students and just how brilliant they are.

### Year 12 HSC Examinations Offsite

As previously communicated, we are very excited to announce that for the first time ever we have secured a venue to take our HSC Examinations offsite. The feedback from schools that have already tried this has been really positive. We have booked the auditorium at Wests for the entire month of the HSC. The benefits include no bells, no noise from other students, air conditioning and cushioned seats. All examinations, including special provisions, will be adequately catered for. In preparation, all students will be required to attend an induction at Wests on Wednesday 12 September at 9 am. This date has been specifically selected so we are not impacting on regular teaching and learning time. Attendance is mandatory.

### Year 12 Formal

Organisation is well under way and this year's formal is set for November 14 at Fingal Bay Surf Club. All Year 12 students are eligible to purchase formal discounts using their Vivos. Three hundred Vivos will purchase a \$10 discount and there is no limit on how many vouchers can be purchased. Importantly, all vouchers must be purchased and presented to the office before purchasing a ticket in full. The office staff is unable to provide refunds if tickets are purchased in full. This has already been explained to students on numerous occasions.

### Managing Study and Student Wellbeing

We have a team of dedicated Support staff as well as caring, exceptional teachers currently delivering the HSC course content. However, none of these people are mind readers. If a student is experiencing stress and/or anxiety they need to talk to someone at school so we can develop agreed support measures. Finding a way to effectively manage a quality and systematic study plan is a vital part of not only working towards great results, but also easing the pressures of completing the HSC. If you are concerned about how your son/daughter/ward is travelling please do not hesitate to contact the school.

### Year 9

The majority of Year 9 students have settled into the term with ease. It's refreshing to see maturing attitudes and responsible choices. Some students will have changed Maths (and Science, PD/H/PE) classes due to their results in the half yearly assessments. Class changes are not taken lightly and it is expected that all students will embrace new opportunities. If you require more specific feedback please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Recently, student identification cards were distributed to all students in addition to report cards not collected at the end of last term. Students should see Ms Jarvis or myself if they have not received either.

### Have a great Term 3

#### Important dates

**16th August - Year 9 (2019) Subject Selection Information Evening 6pm MPC**

**22nd August - P&C meeting 6.15pm common room**

**26th September - Year 12 Formal Graduation Assembly**

**28th September - Last day of Term 3**

**15th October - First day of Term 4**



### Tomaree Education Centre

#### Twenty Years On and We Will Celebrate the Occasion in November

For the students, parents and staff of the time, the year 1998 may well seem like yesterday. It was the year when learning began at our very own Tomaree Education Centre.

Planning is well under way to celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Friday November 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup>, the chosen dates being very close to the official opening of our centre.

On the Friday, there will be special assemblies at both schools at different times, to allow parents, grandparents and students the opportunity to attend both. Morning teas will provide people with the chance to mingle. There will be a number of visual displays of interest to all.

On the Saturday evening an anniversary dinner will be held at Soldiers Point Bowling Club. There will be a four course meal, guest speaker and Ben Travis will entertain. Tickets/table bookings open on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Any person having a connection to our Centre over the 20 years is encouraged to make a reunion of the event and build upon our tradition.

### P & C NEWS

#### From our July Meeting Road and Car Park Repairs

In her report Ms Xenos mentioned that during the holidays Port Stephens Council had done considerable work to damaged areas our site's main road and in the car park. We will convey a formal thank you for the work which was done as a service to the school.

#### Additional KLA Awards for Annual Presentation Assemblies

This is yet to be reviewed. Donors for some current awards and those to be decided upon are most welcome.

#### Annual Combined Meeting of Both P&Cs with Member for Port Stephens

It is hoped that a date will be finalised before our August meeting.

#### Draft of New Anti-Bullying Document

It was presented by our Principal who talked the meeting through its key components. All present were most impressed with its content for dealing with bullying at our school.

#### Fees for 2019

The small increase in fees for the year ahead, requested by Ms Xenos, was unanimously supported.

#### School Mini Bus

The need has been identified and Port Stephens Coaches and Port Stephens Toyota were mentioned as possible providers on a sponsorship or an in kind basis.

#### Tomaree Learning Community Education Week Awards

The awards evening on the Thursday of Education Week was very well attended. Congratulations to our treasurer Mel Kilby who received an award in the Outstanding Contribution by a School Community Member category. The award went to Mel for her services to Tomaree Public School as treasurer.

#### Entertainment Sales

We have made 36 sales just 14 off our target of 50. Funds raised thus far total \$468. Thank you if you have given your support.

**NEXT MONTHLY MEETING** August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:15 p.m. in the staff common room.





## Careers News

Term 3 has students making many challenging decisions which can influence career paths. Students will be selecting subjects, applying to tertiary institutes or finding employment for 2019. Year 10 has selected senior subjects and Year 8 students are investigating Stage 5 elective choices. University applications opened on August 2nd for Year 12 students and TAFE and the private colleges are enrolling for 2019. Apprenticeship and Traineeship opportunities for 2019 are being advertised, so students will be updating resumes in order to apply for these positions. Careers provide events and support to help students make such critical decisions so they can successfully transition from School.

Subject selection for Year 10 culminated in Week 3 and the data is being analysed to determine which subject's students will be studying for Senior Schooling. Students who selected TVET courses will be given a paper application to be signed by parents and then they will complete an online application, this will need to be submitted by September 26th. Students will be informed about their subjects for senior schooling in the next few weeks.

Year 12 students who have intentions of studying at University are now required to select their preferred tertiary courses on the University Admissions Centre (UAC) site. Students can select up to five different courses, remembering the subject listed at number one will be regarded by UAC as being the course most desired by the applicant. The UAC site also offers applications for Early Entry schemes, Equity Scholarships and Education Access Schemes. UAC books, which list all the tertiary courses on offer are available from the Careers office and students who need assistance or advice can visit the Careers office at any time.

Students who intend leaving school for work or tertiary education should be applying for positions now. The TAFE website has hundreds of career course options and completing the course inquiry icon will keep students informed of any application or enrolment events. Local position vacancies, traineeships and apprenticeships are advertised on Tomaree High Careers Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Tomaree-High-Careers>, but students should also be signing up with employment search engines such as seek <https://www.seek.com.au/> or indeed <https://au.indeed.com> to be better informed about all positions available.

Career planning is an ongoing procedure where students are often realigning career goals or pathways. If students or parents need support through career counselling, please contact Kyle McElwain



Kyle McElwain  
Careers Adviser

## OUR STUDENT'S OUTSTANDING SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

### CHS U16 Touch

Tarsha Wellings played in the NSW CHS U16 Touch team at the NSW All Schools Championships in August. The team dominated the championships and were crowned the champions. Tarsha's excellent display of skills was rewarded by her being named in the NSW All Schools Team which is an amazing achievement. She will travel to Tasmania next term to compete at the Australian Championships.



### CHS Open Touch

Erin Clark, Alyssa Coggan, Kiara Dixon, Andi Law, Abbey Malsem, Maddi Mitchell, Tia Shiner and Tarsha Wellings played in the Hunter Open Girls Touch team at the NSW CHS Carnival. They all played extremely well and finished 2nd in the State. Additionally, Erin Clark, Alyssa Coggan and Andi Law were selected in the NSW CHS team which is a fantastic achievement. Congratulations to those girls.

### Regional Athletics

Congratulations to the following students who placed either 1st or 2nd at the Hunter Regional Athletics Carnival and qualified to compete at the NSW CHS Carnival: Lachlan Bartlett-Baldwin (100m, 200m), Ben Esquilant (100m, 200m), Ava Forster (Long Jump, Shot Put), Summah Harrison (100m), Jack Kenny (Javelin) and Rylee Moses-Kinkaid (Shot Put).



## NSW Surfing

At the beginning of the term, Elle and Mikey Clayton-Brown have both had success at the NSW High School Surfing State Titles. Both students placed an amazing second place in their age categories and now progress onto the Australian Titles. Additionally, at the NSW State Titles a few days prior, Mikey surfed his way to victory in the U16 division. Congratulations and good luck at the next



## U14 and U16 Girls Rugby League

Tomaree took two teams to play in the local rugby league gala day. It was great day out with all the girls improving their skills. Both teams were unlucky not to progress to the finals; the U16s finished second in their pool and the U14s finished third overall.

Charnelle  
Crossingham





## Wheelchair Roadshow

Tomaree High School students were recently able to develop their understanding and appreciation for disabled sports and athletes. Last term Year 9 and 10 PASS classes looked at disability sports through their Australian Sporting Identity unit and many students had a strong interest in actually participating in a disabled sport. Fortunately we were able to create an opportunity for the students to play in the form of wheelchair basketball. Through the help and assistance of Rick Engles and the Wheelchair Roadshow this made it a very enjoyable day for the students.



Kurt Hartman



## Snow Sports

Ethan from Year 9 and Taj from Year 7 recently competed in the Northern NSW Interschools Snowsports Championships in Division 2 (Years 9 & 10) and Division 3 (Years 7 & 8). They competed in Alpine, Skiercross, Snowboard Giant Slalom and Snowboard Cross. Taj skied brilliantly in the Alpine making it into the top 10 which will see him through to the State titles in late August. Ethan performed well in the Alpine and Skiercross but narrowly missed out on the top 10. In the snowboarding he had two great results placing 6th in both which will see him through to the State titles as well.



## MATHS MATTERS

Upcoming junior assessments:

YEAR 9	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> August week 4
YEAR 10	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> August week 4
YEAR 7	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> August week 5
YEAR 8	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August week 5

All students require a calculator and a reference sheet.

What is the reference sheet?

The reference sheet is a one-sided handwritten A4 sheet with formulas and examples completed at home by the student before the test and can be used in the test.

The HSC exams have Formula sheets and Universities also use a reference sheet model for exams. The benefit for the student is to prepare **before** the test and have the availability of routine formulas to access questions rather than having to remember.

Rod Lyon  
Head Teacher - Mathematics





## YEAR 12

This is the final term of schooling for Year 12 and is a very busy and exciting time. They will start their trial exams on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of August and their exam period will go through until Friday 31<sup>st</sup> of August. Year 12 students were given a copy of the exam timetable during the Year meeting and it is extremely important that they are present for their exams and on time.

To all the parents/caregivers of year 12 students please ensure that you are being supportive during this time.

Formal tickets are now available to purchase at the school office. The formal is on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of November and tickets need to be presented at the function. Year 12's end of year assembly will be on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of September. Parents/caregivers are encouraged to come along and celebrate this milestone event and I hope to see you there.

Steevee Gillett  
Year 12 Adviser



### Parents and Carers Year 8 (2018) into Year 9 (2019)



We are holding an information evening on Thursday 16th August commencing at 6pm in the MPC (Main Hall) of Tomaree High School. All are welcome.

The purpose of this evening is to inform parents/caregivers of the procedures for the Record of School Achievement (RoSA) and to provide information regarding elective subject choices for 2018/19. Stage 5 Elective Subject Selection sheets will be distributed on this evening.

Head Teachers from faculty areas will be in attendance to answer any questions about specific subjects.

Kind regards,

Jim Papworth

Gary Stuart

Leila Courts

Deputy Principal

Year Advisor

Head Teacher Secondary Studies

## ENGLISH UPDATE

The English Department would like to warmly welcome Luke Clewett who began his position at the start of this Term and is settling in well to the school.

I would also like to congratulate members of the Stage 4 Debating Teams who have competed in two of their three rounds for the Premier's Debating Challenge this year. Team A, represented by Zach Genders, Luke Donovan, Kai Buchanan and Cameron Bailey were successful against Kotara High School on August 1<sup>st</sup>, debating that parents should not be allowed to ban TV during the week. Team B, represented by Aleya Hall, Ash Melville, Anika Smith and Rudi Jablonski debated against Merewether on the topic that there should be more Australian content on commercial TV. Both teams have now won a debate, with our Team B winning against our Team A at the end of last term. The next debate will be held before the end of the term. A special thank you to Dillon Power for assisting in the coordination and coaching of debating.

A writing competition, with Write4Fun, is now open to all students in all grades who wish to compose a short story of 500 words or less, or a poem of 16 lines or less. Prizes included cash and gaming consoles. Entries close Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> of August, and more information can be found at the English staffroom or through your student's English teacher.

We would all like to wish our Year 12 students the best of luck this trial period. Currently they are preparing to submit final assessment tasks and are reviewing their notes for trials which begin on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August. Keep submitting draft responses Year 12 – we love giving you feedback. On the topic of assessment tasks, our Year 7 to Year 10 students will **all** have assessment tasks due in Week 6 this term (27-31/8). Notifications with specific dates will be handed out in Week 4 by classroom teachers.

Onika Jablonski



# WRITERS WANTED

## \$1000 cash & your choice of...

**Over \$3000 in Cash & Prizes to be WON**  
Write4Fun is proud to announce the 2018 Poetry & Short Story School Writing Competition is NOW OPEN!! Students from ALL AROUND Australia are invited to enter their ORIGINAL poems or short stories to be in the running for the fabulous CASH and prizes on offer.  
*There is no them!!*  
Entrants are encouraged to let their imaginations run wild and get their creative juices flowing to write on ANY TOPIC and in ANY STYLE.

### WHAT to Enter?

<b>POEM</b> 16 lines or less	OR	<b>SHORT STORY</b> 500 words or less
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You can use ANY writing style and you can write on ANY topic.  
\*Hint: Write something that YOU love to read.

### WHO Can Enter?

Australian school students from ALL GRADES are welcome to enter - Kindergarten to Grade 12. This includes ALL primary and high school, public, private, catholic, special and home school students!

### WHY Enter?

Entry is FREE and there are fantastic prizes! Including \$1000 CASH (\$500 to you and \$500 to your school) and your choice of an Apple iPad or a \$500 Rebel Sport gift voucher or an Xbox One X or Playstation 4.  
There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd and 15 finalists in each division (poetry division and short story division).  
Your poem or short story will also be considered for inclusion into a Write4Fun Hardcover Book! 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners will receive a complimentary copy of the book. Those selected will have the opportunity to purchase the edition at a discounted rate.  
"We are very excited to be sponsoring this competition," stated Julia Woods, Managing Editor for Write4Fun. "Our hope is that competitions such as these inspire students, in a fun way, to be creative with words!"

### HOW to Enter?

Enter online [www.write4fun.net](http://www.write4fun.net)  
Email to [enter@write4fun.net](mailto:enter@write4fun.net)  
Mail to Write4Fun, PO Box 2734, Nerang DC, QLD 4211  
Fax to (07) 5574 3644

### Other Important Stuff

Please make sure you include an EMAIL ADDRESS with your entry. Only one entry per student – either a Poem OR a Short Story. Be sure to read the full Rules online OR on the Official Entry Form before entering.  
ENTRIES CLOSE Friday 31st August 2018 at 5pm.  
Happy Writing!!

**Prizes:**  
Apple iPad 32GB  
OR  
Xbox One X  
OR  
\$500 Rebel Sport Gift Card  
OR  
Playstation 4  
Rebel Sport gift card

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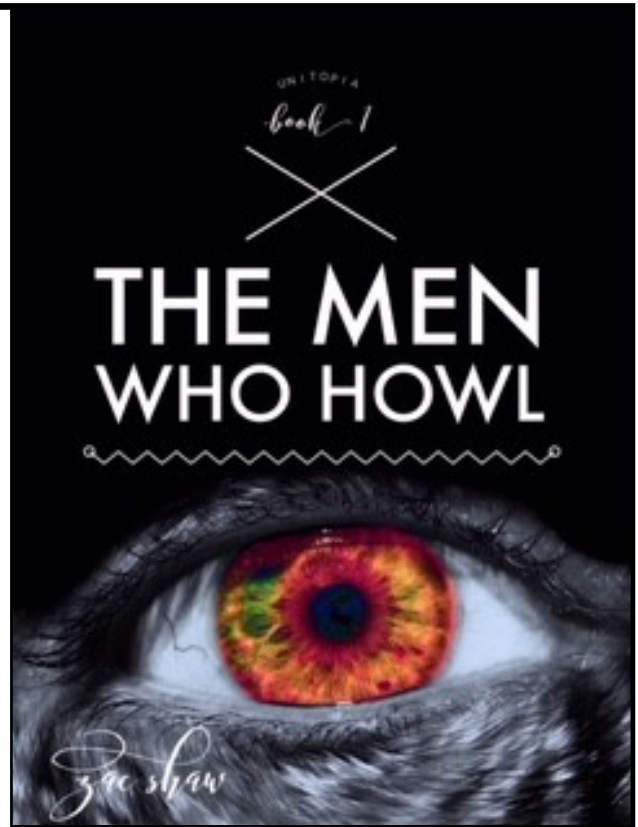
## Our Artistic Author

Meet our talented author, Year 11 student Zacariah Shaw. Zac has always loved reading and in recent years he has developed a passion for creative writing. Zac has recently had his first novel, **"THE MEN WHO HOWL"** published. It is the first book of four in the series Unitopia.



Zac has also turned his talents to writing scripts, making movies and creating animated short films.

Congratulations on your achievements Zac. We will be watching your career closely and wish you every success in the future.



## Real Futures Foundation Workshop for Year 10 Ambassadors

Our 13 Year 10 ambassadors were very fortunate to participate in a fantastic workshop, facilitated by Heidi Pollard for UQ Power on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July at Horizons Golf Resort.

The focus of the workshop was on improving their communication, leadership, advocacy and engagement skills. The students were tasked with identifying their natural coaching and communication style by selecting personal qualities and characteristics which matched their personality.

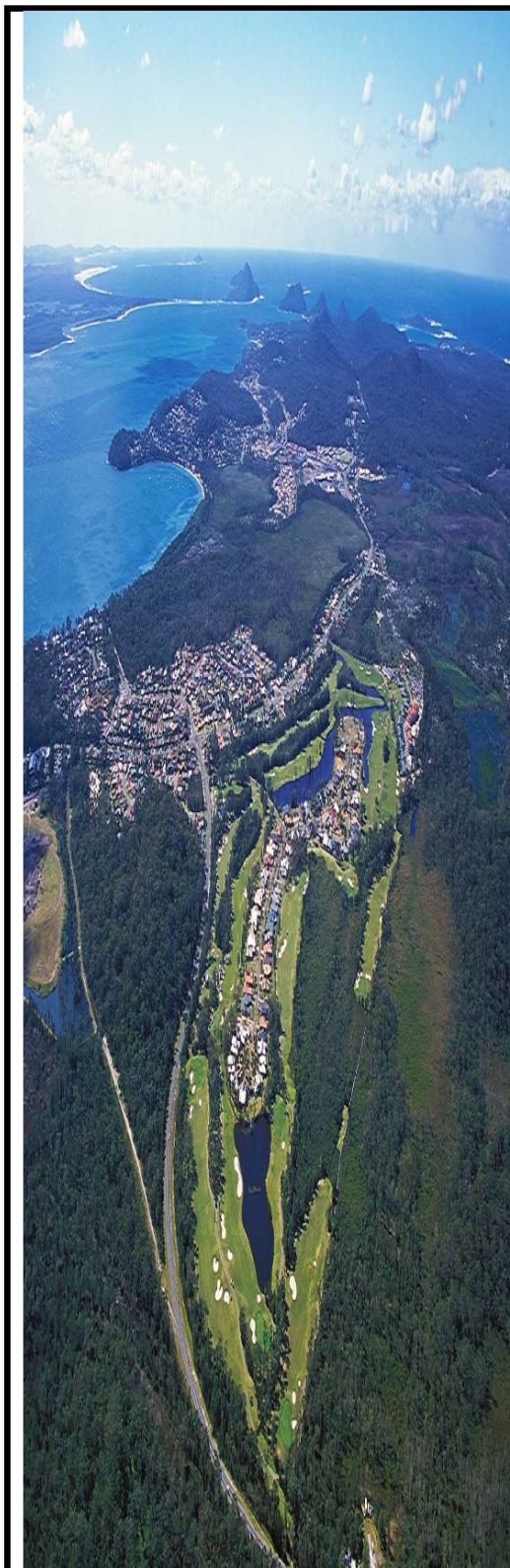
The students found this workshop to be enjoyable, interesting, and had lots of fun learning about themselves and each other.

The ambassadors will utilize and practise this knowledge and these skills at our weekly meeting each Wednesday.

Christina Noble  
Program Manager  
Real Futures Foundation



Proudly present the 2018 Charity Golf Day Friday October 19, 2018 at



## The Real Futures Foundation of Port Stephens

invites you to join us to help make a difference in the lives of local youth.  
Over \$60,000 in prizes up for grabs!

### Details:

- \$100 per person (minimum donation) which includes golf, hat, breakfast & lunch. Non Players can join us for lunch for a minimum donation \$50 per person.
- Registration from 7.30am followed by bacon and egg rolls with a tea and coffee station for breakfast.
- Players briefing at 8.00am.
- Collect your pre-ordered shirts.
- Shot Gun start at 8.30am sharp.
- Play is four person Ambrose
- Buffet lunch will be provided at the conclusion of play
- ***You don't need an official handicap to play – just a willingness to give it a shot – maximum handicap women 36, 27 men.***
- Raffles, auction items, guest presenters plus nearest the pin and other golf competitions and more on the day – **over \$60,000 IN PRIZES ARE UP FOR GRABS ON THE DAY!!!**
- Hole in one sponsorships are also available.
- Gold Golf Day Sponsorship Opportunities from \$750 (Or \$1000 including four event shirts and four golf balls). Sponsors enjoy privileges including entry for one team of four players, advertising at a hole, player information and goodie bags, press and general media advertising once sponsorship is confirmed.

**Enquiries:** To Marian Sampson Real Futures Foundation Marketing Manager: [info@realfutures.com.au](mailto:info@realfutures.com.au) or call 0459 333 851

**Please RSVP by October 15, 2018 to secure your place - numbers are strictly limited.**



## Inspiring Girls to be STEM Women

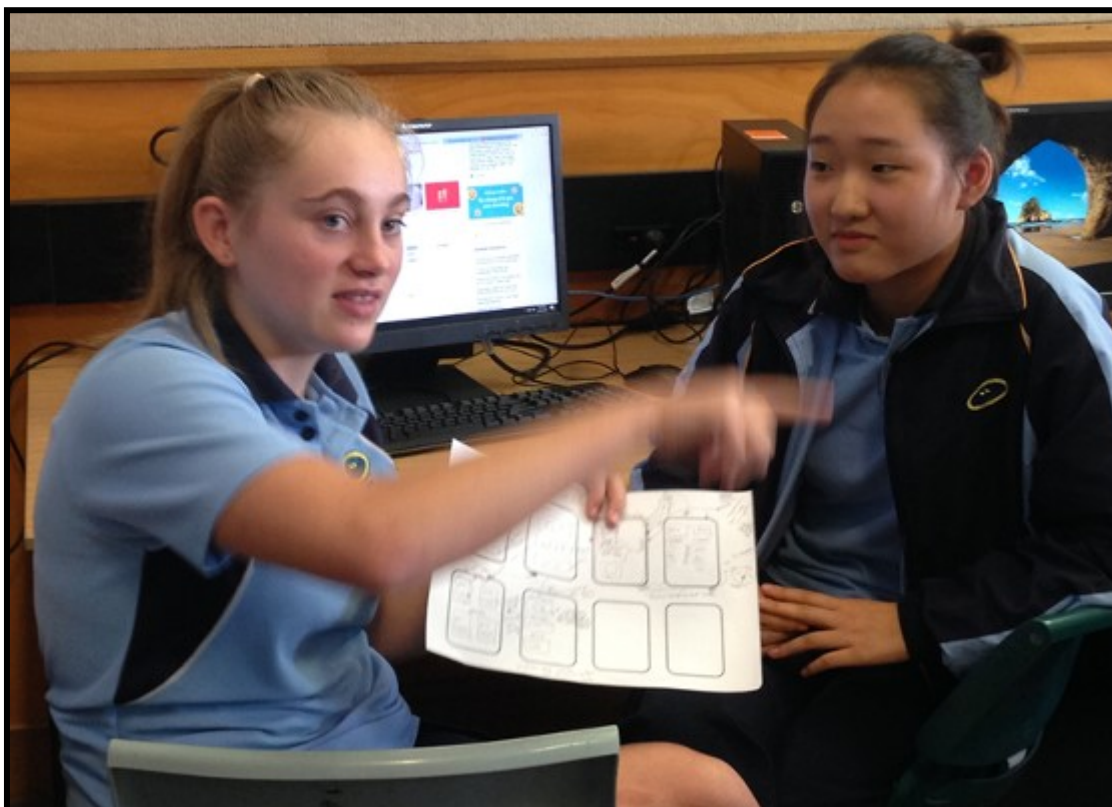
[RDA Hunter's ME Program](#), backed by the [Department of Defence](#) and created in the Hunter region to expand and diversify the Hunter's defence industry workforce as well as the cohort studying science, technology engineering and maths (STEM) in preparation for defence careers, has been quietly making inroads.

"We have seen a marked increase in the participation of girls in STEM subjects at our partner high schools. Of note is the number of girls that have enrolled in Engineering Studies in 2018." said RDA Hunter's STEM Workforce Manager, Rick Evans.

And this is the area RDA Hunter's ME Program has recently engaged with the Tech Girls Movement, implementing its Entrepreneurship in a Day Program with four Hunter high schools in 2018. Tomaree High School year 10 students Bethany Phillips and Doeun Kim participated in the session.

"The Tech Girls are Superheroes program was a great experience. The independence to work in small groups without step-by-step instruction was awesome. The all-girls format was something different for us but we loved it – we felt comfortable sharing our ideas and speaking freely. In our science and tech projects, it's normally the boys who take the lead – we use their ideas and they project-manage but this activity was really different. It was a challenge because we weren't used to backing our own ideas but we felt more invested and really wanted it to succeed because it was our work."

"Seeing women like Dr Beekhuyzen who are really smart and who have taken their interest in science subjects and turned it into a job is inspiring. It's opened our eyes, a bit, to what's possible." Bethany and Doeun continued.





## INTERNATIONAL STUDY TOURS: A KEY TO 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY ACADEMIC. SHANGHAI MINHANG HIGH SCHOOL, CHINA VISITS TOMAREE HIGH SCHOOL.

I am pleased to announce that we welcomed 13 Chinese students and three teachers from **Shanghai Minhang High School, China** to our school on international study tours. They are with us from August 6 - 16. During this period, our hosting enables our students to build their personal and social competence and intercultural understanding, including language skills. Our teachers benefit from increased knowledge and understanding of other cultures, appreciation of the



challenges faced by second-language learners of English and opportunities to develop rapport with colleagues and students outside the everyday school environment. Our school communities benefit from enhanced connectedness between participants, their host families and the school, and also a school culture that promote and prepare all students for success in an increasing globalised and connected world.

During this study tour, the entire visiting group was able to attend our classes and had the opportunity to go round Tomaree peninsula and its surrounding areas. On Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> of August, we hosted a family get together at Shoal Bay and the visiting group, host families, and some students' buddies hiked up Tomaree Mountain.

On Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> of August, the visiting group, the host families and school buddies had an excursion to Australian Reptile Park with stopovers and walked around ANZAC Memorial in Newcastle.

On Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> August, we are having the visiting group farewell and issuance of certificates to the participants.

Many thanks to everyone that makes the hosting possible, especially to our supportive principal and wonderful host families.

Mr. Adewale Kareem  
Tomaree High School  
Mathematics Teacher / Host School  
Coordinator









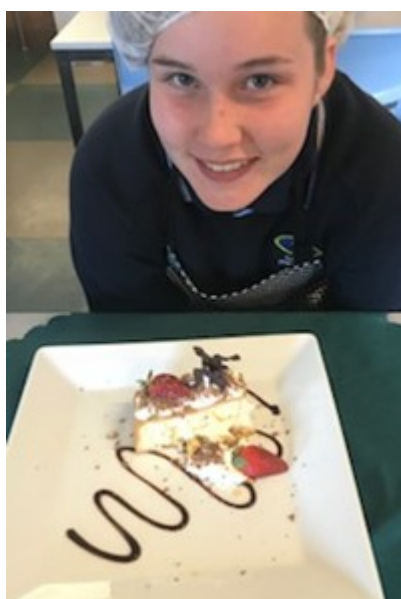
## Year 9 Food Tech... Aspiring MasterChef's

Year 9 food Technology classes have recently begun working on the 'Food for Special Occasions' unit. The unit began with students researching some of the social, religious and cultural celebrations around the world... everything from Easter to Ramadan to Chinese New Year and even the Mexican Day of the Dead. The students quickly came to realise that FOOD is often an integral part of these celebrations.

Later in the term the students will be expected to design and decorate a nominated special occasion cake.

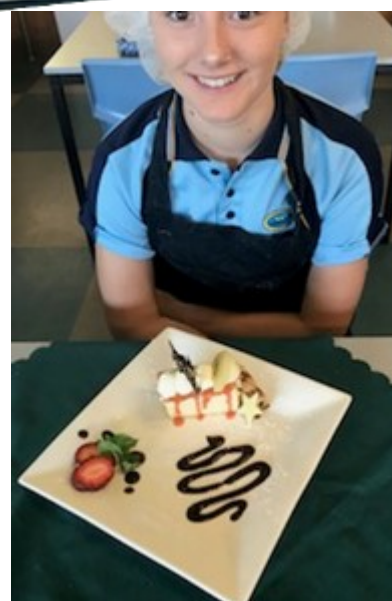
In the lead up to this, the class recently had to consider the aesthetics behind presenting food. They were given a plain piece of sponge cake and were asked to decorate and to present it.

As you can see from these photos, the results were rather impressive....





## Year 9 Food Tech... Dessert Delights



"Food presentation is just as essential to the success of a dish as its taste and flavour. The way the food looks on the plate is what tempts our eyes and makes you want to taste it."

Ms L Garling  
Home Economics





## Year 11 Hospitality

It has been a busy couple of weeks for our Tomaree aspiring Chefs, firstly catering for the MADD Night and then the Education Awards Night. They can be really proud of their efforts as it's not an easy task to walk around serving the food you've spent hours on your feet preparing and be able to interact with the customers to describe what they are eating. I received many compliments on both nights in regards to our wonderful Hospitality students.





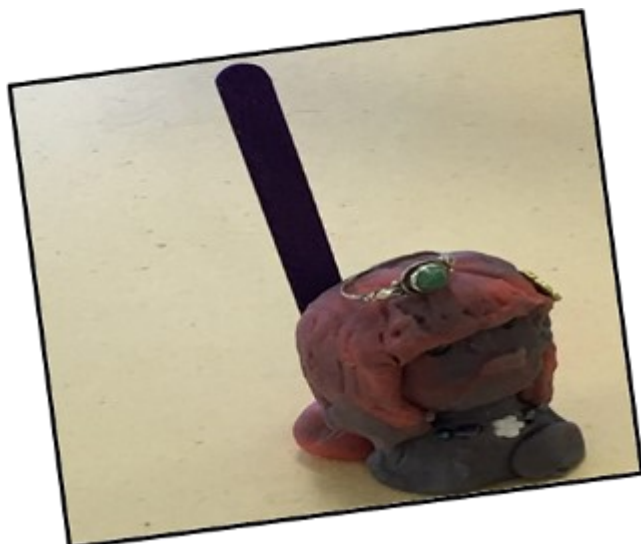
## Technology Mandatory

Not quite sure they enjoyed the cleaning and organising of cupboards, but they certainly enjoyed the best part, eating their creations. The quietest time in the kitchen when their mouths are full of food!



## Child Studies Year 10

What a nice way to spend your lesson, looking at how children learn to play and then getting to have a go yourself, a relaxing way to spend your last period on a Friday.





### From the Labs and Farm

Our Agriculture teachers and students are currently conducting a charity drive to collect non-perishable food and funds to assist drought-affected farmers. Mr Gary Stuart has co-ordinated the drive, publicised their actions, directed students and managed the donated goods. Congratulations to all involved for their amazing efforts in this valuable community service and support for our farmers. Pictures included with this article show students from the Support Unit visiting with the farm animals when delivering their donations to the cause.

At the time of writing this article, it is Education Week in NSW schools (August 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>). I would like to formally congratulate our Laboratory Assistant, Traci Northey, on receiving an award at the Education Week awards ceremony for her fantastic service to the Science Faculty and the entire school. Well done Traci. This is a thoroughly deserved accolade.

National Science Week is also coming up next week (August 11<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>). The theme for this year is "Game changers and Change makers". This refers to the shift to Future-focused learning and in particular to the use of technology in STEM subjects, which includes Science, Agriculture and the STEM elective. Students at Tomaree are offered a variety of experiences to illustrate current and future directions and how technology is becoming increasingly involved in these subject areas. We are fortunate to have obtained a number of grants of equipment such as Lego Mindstorms kits, a 3-D printer, robotics kits, rocket and model plane launching and testing equipment, biotechnology equipment and more which greatly enhances the learning experiences for our students.



Traci Northey







## YEAR 10 NEWS

Welcome back to school for another term. Term three, where the weather starts to become warmer, the days longer and our Year 10 students begin preparing themselves for senior school. I had the pleasure of mentoring and assisting many of our students in their subject selections for Year 11. It was pleasing to see how organised, informed and mature they were during the process. We have a range of subjects to suit the learning needs and pathways of students and from what I could see, students chose subjects based on their academic level, skills, interests and what they wish to do after school. Thank you to parents and caregivers who also assisted during this time and we look forward to working with you to gain the best outcomes for your children.

### Year 10 Camp!







We are now on the countdown to the Gold Coast camp and the next four months will fly by! We are currently working out final costing for the camp and it appears it will fall into the range of \$600-\$605. It is important that regular payments are being made to ensure finances are tracked and monitored. By the end of Term 3, it is expected that \$410 is paid off as per the payment plan. \$70 is due on Friday of Week 5 (24<sup>th</sup> August) and another \$100 due on Wednesday of Week 10 (26<sup>th</sup> September).

If your circumstances have changed or there is problem paying money off, please call myself at school to discuss the matter. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Joel Ross

Year 10 Advisor

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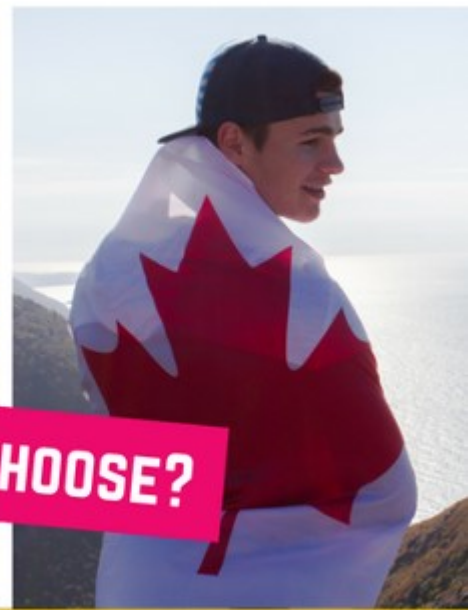
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