



YASS HIGH SCHOOL

We value respect, responsibility, safety and learning.

Principal: Linda Langton

Acting Deputy Principal: Brendan Roberts & Ruth Riach

From the Principal

We have had a busy and exciting start to the term.

Yass High School hosted schools from across the district to partake in a staff development day. Over 250 teachers, staff and support staff attended and took place in a wide variety of workshops. A huge thank-you to our guest speakers Murat Dizdar and Rosie Batty and the organisers and presenters who made the event such a success.

Our Year 12's are busily studying for their Trials, which begin on Monday 13th August. We would like to wish them the best of luck.

Some exciting changes are afoot for InTouch. This term, Year 9 Integrated Learning will be taking charge of producing content and formatting the newsletter. We look forward to incorporating a stronger student voice and are excited to see what they produce.



6 August 2018

Yass High Careers Expo Day

By Southerly Jones

It's a daunting yet exciting task to decide what you want to do and be in life, but it's that very task that brought a hive activity to Yass High School on Wednesday, as the Careers expo was set up and running for year nine, ten, eleven and twelve students.

Our generation (Gen Z, 1995-2009) is predicted to be employed by over seventeen different employers over the span of our working lives, starting from the age of eighteen. With this predicted growth in employment, our generation needs to be flexible and skilled, so what pathways do we need to pursue to be able to meet the expectations our futures hold?

Student ambassadors and other volunteers from universities, colleges and TAFEs based around Canberra and Yass came to our school armed with pamphlets, information, friendly faces, and advice for our future workforce.

I was one of the year ten students who looked at what the different tertiary educators had to offer. There was a wide variety of places to study and acquire skills, such as TAFE NSW Yass, a local study environment convenient for Yass students and beneficial for our community, especially in our rural situated town.

On the other side of the globe, and the other side of Room IL1, the Australian Catholic University not only has a campus in Canberra but also in Rome, Italy, a sister campus useful for students interested in travelling to study. Also, a big thanks to the ACU for free bags as there were armfuls of orientation pamphlets and course guides being carried around haphazardly.

The University of Wollongong was a popular table, not only because of their coastal location but because of their subject choices too! The heaviest course guide booklet I came across was sourced from UOW and the student ambassadors were very helpful to those wanting explanations about future studies.

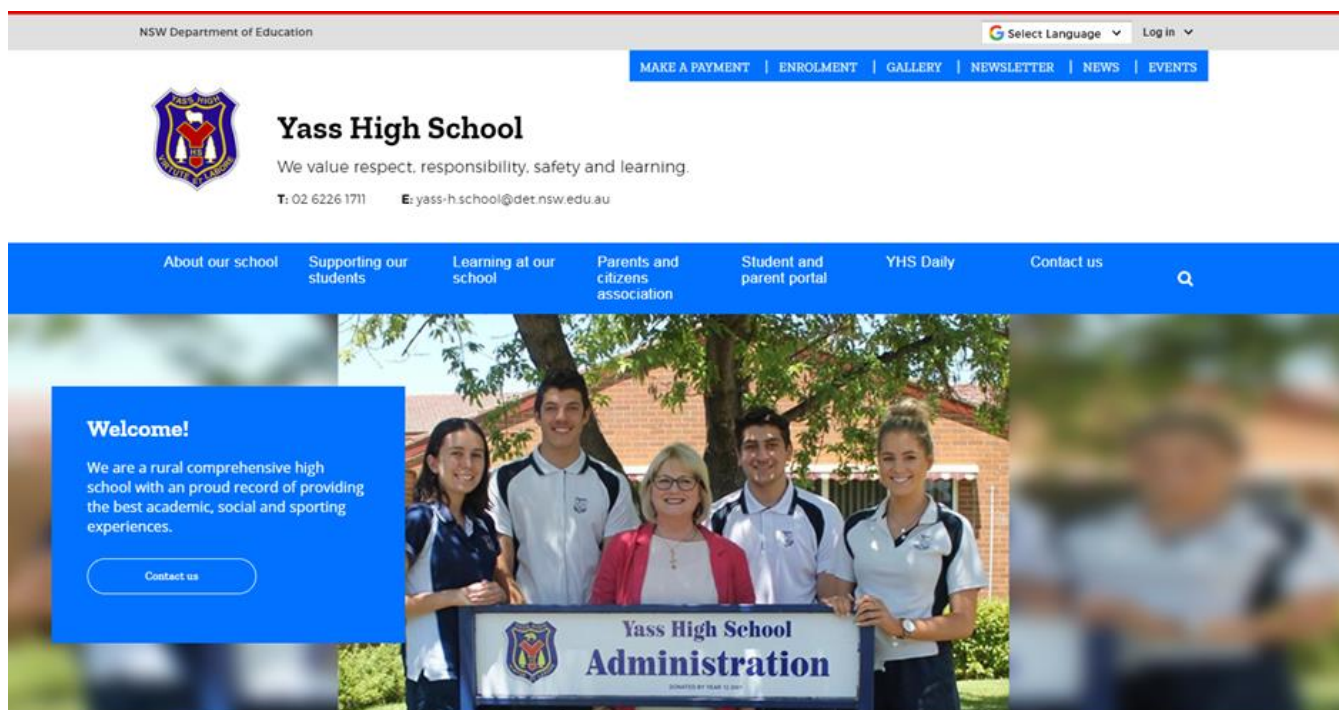


Canberra Institution of Technology, advertising themselves proudly as ‘The region’s premier vocational education and training provider’ drew us in with their extensive range of creative courses. Courses in design, fashion, and virtual reality were hits with many of the artists and computer pros among us.

When each table had been visited, and each course guide had been flipped through, perhaps the most useful advice of the day, which was given to me by the people representing the University of New South Wales, was to have a plan. Choose what subjects you study in senior high school years for what you want to be doing in later years, and make sure it’s something you enjoy.

To year ten students and parents/carers: Don’t forget about the HSC Information Evening at 6:00 pm on Tuesday the 14th of August. A bunch of kids from Yass Valley are going to help shape the future of Australia, let’s do it well.

Our new website is on its way



Our new Yass High School Website is due to go live this week! During the changeover period, the old website will not be able to be updated. Once the new website has been launched, we will endeavour to have it fully functioning as quickly as possible. We are looking forward to the great new look and increased functionality and accessibility that the new platform will provide us! Above is a sneak peek of our new landing page that is under construction.

What's Happening in Textiles?

Year 9 Fabric Journal and iPad Covers

Students received a brief to use their own hand dyed fabric and use embellishment techniques to design and create an iPad /laptop or a journal cover. The resulting covers were as individual as their makers and of a high quality. Well done Year 9.

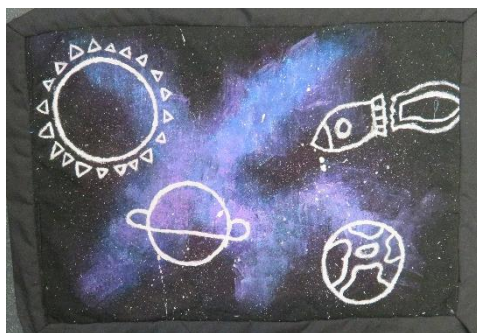


Covers made by (from left hand top): Emily Fuller, Mauve Hughes, Darcy O'Sullivan, Zoe Wright, Torri Wilson.

Year 10 Textile Art Wall Hanging

The throwaway culture that has been adopted by consumers has created an avalanche of cheap clothing being discarded at an alarming rate. To create a more sustainable way of living, we need to reduce, reuse and recycle valuable textile resources. Year 10 students had a brief to 'upcycle' these items to make a wall hanging.

Unwanted jeans, tops, dresses, sheets and jumpers all went under the knife and were remade again into creative and attractive mini quilts.



Year 7 & 8 Problem of the Fortnight.

The first student to show Mr. Duncan their complete solution to this problem before school will be awarded a prize.

“Five boys ran a 100-metre race. Albert came first, Bill came in last. If Doug was ahead of Charley, and Ed was just behind him, who came in second?”

Congratulations to our 17+ Girls who won their 100m Relay at Regionals last week.



Year 9 & 10 Problem of the Fortnight.

The first year 9 or 10 student who presents a complete solution to this problem to Mr. Duncan before school will win a prize.

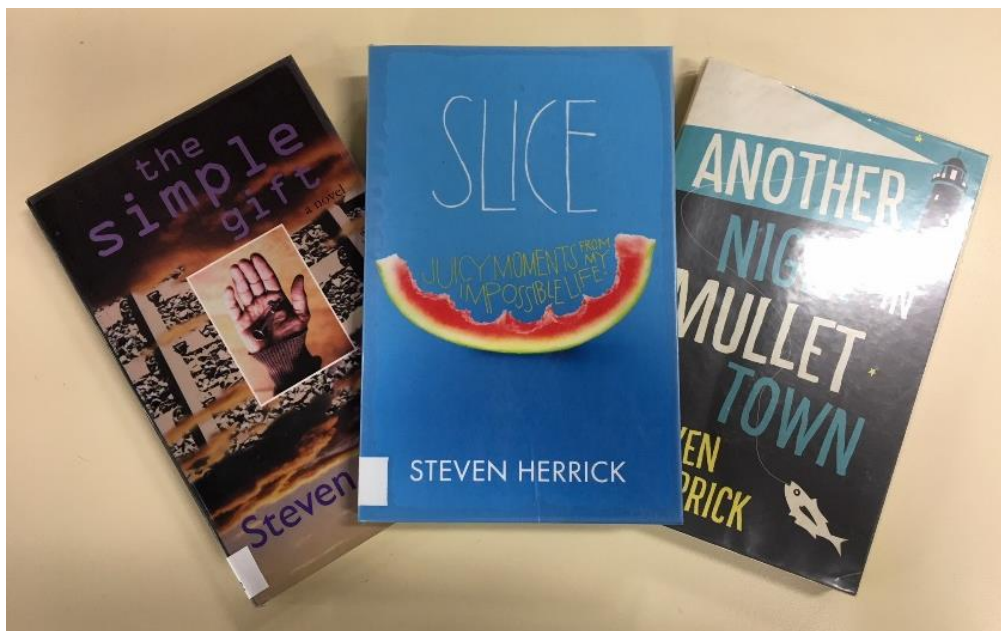
“A courier company has motorbikes which can travel 300km starting with a full tank. Two couriers, Anna and Brian, set off from the depot together to deliver a letter to Connor’s house. The only refuelling is when they stop for Anna to transfer some fuel from her tank to Brian’s tank. She then returns to the depot while Brian keeps going, delivers the letter and returns to the depot. What is the greatest distance that Connor’s house could be from the depot?”

In the Library – Year 7 Poetry

Year 7 are studying poetry in English and students are already writing their own poems. Here's an example:

Poetry is a box
Secrets kept in a secret box
A secret box, hidden in the light
Poetry is helpful through life's ups and downs
Poetry is rhythm
It is laughter and facts
Scary and fiction
It gets your heart pumping
Poetry is Banjo Paterson
It is famous stories passed down by each generation
by Angus Mackay 7F

The library has a number of poetry books, including several by Steven Herrick, which are written partly or entirely in free verse. We also have several Manga Shakespeare books which make his poetry more accessible. Come and check them out.



Y Awards

Well done to the following students for securing the most Ys in the last fortnight. Remember to pick up your canteen vouchers before the next edition of InTouch is distributed.

Year 7 Jack Farley (11)

Year 8 Anthony Henderson (8)

Year 9 Chrissie Davis (5)

Year 10 Amy Halley, Shelley Loney (3)

Year 11 Bailey Foster, Thomas Rampton (3)

Year 12 Ashleigh Butler, Anna Lynne (2)

15s Basketball



15s Boy's Basketball had a great day out at Queanbeyan last week, playing several very competitive games. Thank you Mr Matthews for coaching and driving the boys to the competition.

Semester Two Organisation

Now that Semester Two has begun, it is a good time to check that you are organised for the work and activities coming your way.

Is your pencil case fully stocked with pens that work, glue sticks, scissors, erasers, pencils and sharpeners? Do you know where your calculator is? Do you need a new exercise book for any of your subjects?

Take your time now to make sure you have all the supplies and tools you need so that you can help yourself to be successful for the remainder of the academic year!

World Vision Leadership Workshop and 40 Hour Famine Backpack Challenge

On Friday, Ben White from World Vision came to Yass High School to run a leadership workshop with some of our passionate young people. We learned that we all have the power to make a positive impact in our communities and the world.

Ben also spoke to us about the global refugee crisis. He spoke about the Rohingya people who have been violently chased out of Myanmar into Bangladesh, and are now living in the world's biggest refugee camp, called Cox's Bazaar.

Ben then helped us to plan our 40 Hour Famine Backpack Challenge fundraising campaign. Last year we raised \$2353, and this year we are aiming to beat that, with our school sleep over, sausage sizzle and online fundraising.

The 40 Hour Famine Backpack Challenge will take place on Friday 17th August.



To help us out please go to <https://www.40hourfamine.com.au/supporters/2556822>

HSC Information Evening

Year 10 into 11, 2019

6:00pm Tuesday 14th August 2018

Integrated Learning Area

Dear Parents/Carers and Year 10 Students

You are invited to an information evening where HSC/ATAR and HSC Vocational Pathways and procedures for selecting subjects for Year 11 2019 will be explained. Faculty Head Teachers will outline subject offerings and subject teachers will also be available to discuss individual courses.

It is particularly important that students choose their subjects wisely to keep ongoing educational and career options open and to ensure that their personal interests and aptitudes are catered for. Students are encouraged to consult as widely as possible, especially with family, in making these key decisions and this information evening will be a significant part of that process. We look forward to seeing you there.



Congratulations on your 4th place at the Science and Engineering Challenge, Yass High STEM team!

See Ms Vale if you are interested in competitive chess.



The ACT Junior Chess League presents the 2018 ACT Junior Allegro



This event is suitable for all eligible players who can confidently move the chess pieces around the board. Chess Clocks will be used. Participants in the event will range from potential grandmasters to (almost) complete novices. All players compete for all rounds (unless byes occur). Nobody is "eliminated" during the day.

A minimum of seven rounds will be played with each player having 15 minutes to complete their moves (maximum game time 30 minutes). Players can expect to be playing against others of a similar level from the third or fourth round onwards. With trophies for the top players, and other prizes this will be a fun day. All children will receive a participation ribbon.

When: Sunday, 19th August 2018, 10am until 3pm (registration from 9.45am)

Where: ACT Junior Chess Centre, Campbell High School, Treloar Crescent. We recommend players dress warmly.

Who: Open to all boys and girls born on or after 1 January 1998.

Cost: \$20-00 per child (\$25-00 if not a current ACTJCL member). Third and subsequent children from one family are free. Payment will be taken on the day, but please bring the correct amount. This way we can be more certain about starting on time.

Entries: Email to Tournament Director and Arbiter Emma Guo emma.guo@actjcl.org.au or text/phone 0423 284 501 (a/h) as soon as possible but by Friday 17th August, including child's name, date of birth, school attended, current school year and a telephone number where a parent can be contacted on the day.

Please help us to run the best event possible by entering in advance. Late entries will be accepted on the day if space permits.

Lunch: Pizza and a drink will be available for \$7 per child and a limited range of snack foods & drinks will be available for purchase on the day. **Parents please be aware ACTJCL event is a nut free environment so please ensure your child doesn't bring anything with nuts to our events.**

Note: Parents, please provide details to the organiser of any medical or custodial issues for your child. This should include any known allergies, chronic medical conditions and behavioural issues that may have an impact on your child's participation in, and enjoyment of our activities. Please make us aware of any medication that your child carries – we will require them to self-administer any medication. Children are expected to behave as they would at school. Please note that children are to remain in the playing hall and are not allowed to play outside at Campbell High unless there is adult supervision outside. If in doubt, please stay and enjoy the weekend with your child.

You'll never, never know if you don't have a go!

Further information about junior chess in the ACT is at our website:

www.actjcl.org.au/actjcl/ or <http://groups.google.com/group/ACT-JCL>

To join our ACTJCL Googlegroups mailing list – please send your details by email to emma.guo@actjcl.org.au



Chess – The Clever Sport

Coming Events

Date	Event
Mon 6 – Fri 10 Aug	Education Week
Fri 10 Aug	Education Week Binit-Binit Concert 6:30pm
Mon 13 Aug – Fri 24 Aug	Year 12 Trial Exams
Tues 14 Aug	Year 10 into Year 11 Subject Selection Evening 6pm
Thur 16 Aug	NSW Netball Cup – South Coast Finals in Goulburn
Fri 17 Aug	40 Hour Famine Backpack Challenge and Sleepover
Mon 20 Aug	Footnotes Career Aspirations
Mon 27 Aug	Elevate Education Study Skills
Mon 27 Aug – Wed 29 Aug	Dubbo Sheep Show
<u>Click on the school website for the online calendar</u>	
<u>Remember assessment tasks dates due are available on school website assessment calendars</u>	

Absent from School

If your student is absent from school for any reason, please make sure you let the school know. This can be with a phone call, responding to a text from the school, or with a note prior to the absence. Yass High School will no longer be sending out absence letters, so if you have not contacted the school, and you do not get a text, please make sure you let us know the reason for the absence as soon as possible.