



YASS HIGH SCHOOL

We value respect, responsibility, safety and learning.

Principal: Linda Langton

Deputy Principals: Andrew Facer & Ruth Riach

From the Principal

Last term we farewelled our 2019 Captains and we thank them for their work in our school community over the last year. The Captains Corner videos at our assemblies have been a highlight every week, and the time and effort that went in to those, and their work with the SRC and in being the public face of the school, is both appreciated and valued by our school community.

We welcome our new leadership team for 2019 – 2020. School Captains Benjamin Thornely and Megan Kemp, and Vice Captains Emily Targett and Caitlin Witt. Our captains will be ably supported by our Prefects: Zeke Groom, Cate Wells, Lisa Johnson, Samantha Rattenbury and Talissa Polsen.

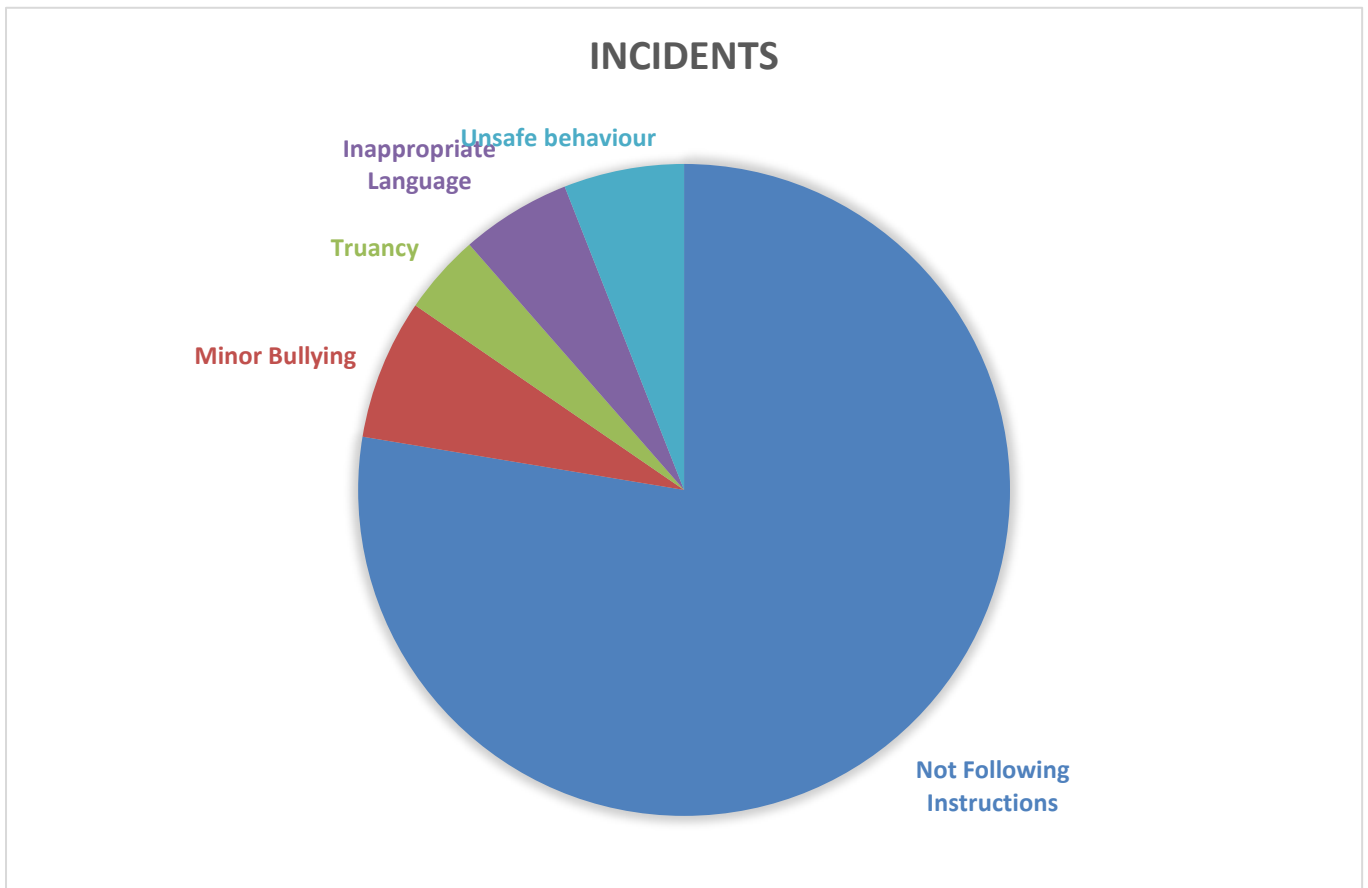
Yass High School is fortunate to have such a depth of student leadership. This term will continue the excellent work carried out by our 2018 – 2019 school leaders.



Deputy Report

Over the holidays I spent quite a bit of time analysing both our NAPLAN results and the behaviour in our school. I will share my findings around NAPLAN and Bump It Up next newsletter, this time I will focus on the analysis of the behaviours that prevent students from learning to their potential.

As you can see from the chart below, most of our poor behaviour stems from not following teachers' instructions. This covers both small incidents and larger ones that may eventually result in suspensions.



Following instructions are in two categories: those that are expected behaviours and those that are specific and timely instructions given in the class or playground. Examples of expected behaviours are: having phones off and away; wearing uniform; having equipment out; hats off inside.

Specific behaviours might include being directed to: sit in a specific place; move away from another student; exit an area; pay attention to a particular person.

In all situations students are expected to follow the teachers' instructions, and if they need to question the reasons behind the direction, they should do that at the end of class.

Captains Corner

NEW CAPTAINS IN THE HOUSE!!!

Our final term of the year is already here, and we would like to wish the year 12's the very best as they smash through the HSC exams. We are extremely lucky to have formed friendships and learnt from our former captains, we are definitely going to miss having them around. However, we are looking forward to taking on our new roles and becoming the new leaders of our school for the next year.

Our teacher of the week this week is Miss Moss. She has been working tirelessly behind the scenes to help us settle into our new roles. In the past week she has voluntarily become our personal photographer and was more than happy to spend her spare time assisting us in kick starting our roles as 2020 School Captains. Thank you Miss Moss!

Joke of The Week: "Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love, and got married. The ceremony wasn't much but the reception was excellent".



Jacob Garner – Celtics Football Trial

Last term Jacob Garner (Year 10) was invited to trial for the Scottish football (soccer) team, Celtics F.C. This opportunity came about when the Celtics talent scout spotted Jacob playing in a match for Belconnen United during the winter football season.

Jacob spent three weeks in Glasgow training with the Celtics Under 18 squad, and played some games as well. He experienced the life of a professional footballer, including high level training, sports medical support, sports psychology and individualised fitness and football training programs.

Experiencing football at this high level has solidified Jacob's desire to play at a professional level in the future.



Art and About Program

These were the results of the student and visitor voting for all of the student artwork in Art and About. Congratulations to those students and schools who won a best in category and a special congratulations to Yass High and Nimue Ford who won the best overall artwork. Winners will receive a certificate and gift voucher within the next few days. Thank you to Michelle and Wendy at Wee Jasper Public School for providing the gift voucher prizes.

Ceramics - Jylelee Bogan - "The Big Mac", Berinba

Printmaking - Jobnpreet Sran - Spiders and the hand, Jugiong

Photography/Nicole Godding - Marnie Houis - Different Perspectives, Boorowa Central

Landscape Art - Tom Lyall - Thunderbolt, Yass Public School

Soapstone Sculpture - Jericho - Stone Dragon, Berinba

Indigenous Painting - Annhmaie Eastham-Ward - The Rainbow Snake, Boorowa Central

Cyanotypes - Ellie Vivas - Skater Girl - Yass High School

Mixed Media - Nimue Ford - Woman of the Arts -Yass High School

Overall winner - Nimue Ford of Yass High School.



Naidoc Celebration Day

We celebrated NAIDOC at school last term with a day of fun activities and a whole school assembly.

Year 7 participated in a series of workshops – Buroinjin, a traditional sport was led by Marnie Pack from the PDHPE faculty, ably assisted by Tom Bell, Heath Buffington, Christine Simms, Cecelia Chambers and Sam Richards.

Bush tucker cooking was delicious! Chef Adam Shipp led us through working with local bush foods to create a kangaroo salad, johnnie cakes, and a refreshing native tea. Chef Shipp was aided in the kitchen by Michael Williams, Shannah Seddon, Emily Fuller, Liana Brown, Mary-Lara Oakey and Tony Miller.



Aunty Pam and Aunty Lorraine came in to teach art and talk about culture – students did beading and painted boomerangs, and were assisted by Taysha Bell, Dakota Williams, Anthony Chambers and Kitty Duncan. Duncan Smith and family from Wiradjuri Echoes came to teach us dance, and we all had fun learning and moving! Christopher Campbell was a great help in this workshop, playing his didgeridoo.



Students from the Community classes also helped out with the running of the day, and are always willing helpers when there is work to be done around the school.

We finished the day with a whole school assembly. We started with a smoking ceremony and dance performance, followed by a didgeridoo performance by some of our boys, and the handing out of this year's Deadly Awards. We heard from Ms Ward about the theme for this year's NAIDOC which is Truth, Treaty, Voice.

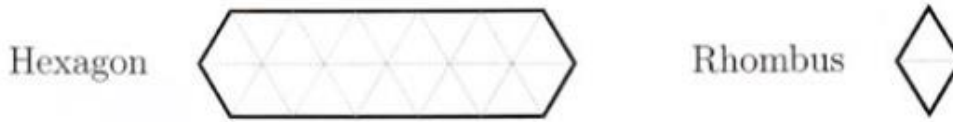
One of the highlights was Zahrah Bell in Year 7 doing Welcome to Country for us in Ngunnawal Language. We are so honoured to have the next generation of indigenous leaders coming up through the school and sharing their culture with us.



Stage 4 & 5 Problem of the Fortnight

Stage 4:

A long narrow hexagon is composed of 22 equilateral triangles of unit side length. In how many ways can this hexagon be tiled by 11 rhombuses of unit side length?

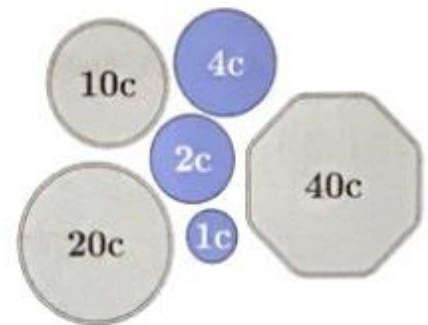


Stage 5:

The country of Numismatica has six coins of the following denominations. 1 cent, 2 cents, 4 cents, 10 cents, 20 cents and 40 cents.

Using the coins in my pocket, I can pay exactly for any amount up to and including 200 cents.

What is the smallest number of coins I could have?



Y Tally

Congratulations to the following students who have received the most Ys in the last fortnight. You can pick up your canteen voucher from the front office – but make sure you do it before the next InTouch is published!

Year 7: Charlotte Burke

Year 8: Yvette Lapworth

Year 9: Hayden Smith

Year 10: Selina Smith

Year 11: Tristan Cupit

UC Hosting of YHS Indigenous Students

Last Term the University of Canberra hosted our Indigenous students, their families and teachers for a dinner at the Ngunnawal Centre to celebrate Year 12 students completing their schooling. Leanne Cargill was presented with her certificate along with other students from the ACT and surrounding area.



Learning Labs **JANUARY 2020**



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**AN ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAM FOR HIGH ACHIEVING
STUDENTS FROM YEAR 7 TO YEAR 10**

More information about the workshops on offer and the application process can be found online at
uow.info/learninglabs

APPLICATIONS CLOSE TUESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2019

WOLLONGONG LEARNING LABS (FOR YEARS 7 TO 10 DURING 2019)

DATE: 9 and 10 January, 2020
LOCATION: University of Wollongong
TIME: 9:00am - 3:30pm
FEE: \$180

WOLLONGONG LEARNING MINI- LABS (FOR YEARS 7 TO 10 DURING 2019)

DATE: 8 January, 2020
LOCATION: University of Wollongong
TIME: 9:00am - 3:30pm
FEE: \$95



PROGRAM INFORMATION

Learning Labs is an enrichment program designed for students who are excelling in their area of interest within their year group, and are seeking a challenging and fun experience during the school holidays.

All workshops are held over one (mini-labs) or two days, and are presented by teachers with specialist training or a specific interest in gifted education. There will be sponsorship places available for some participants- please see more details on how to apply for these places on the website.

WORKSHOPS ON OFFER- FULL LIST & DESCRIPTIONS ONLINE

Learning Labs workshops cover a range of diverse and innovative disciplines that are designed to challenge and stimulate the interest of self-motivated and curious learners. Here are **some examples of what's coming up** in January:



Ocean Engineering

Do you like designing and building? Do like being around water or the ocean? Well this workshop is for you. In this workshop you'll be working in small groups to designing and build from scratch a remote controlled sailing vessel to carry cargo in a simulated ocean generated by the Universities wave maker.

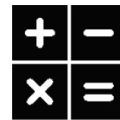
This is an important mission, seeing as 90% of all container goods are moved by ship. But don't worry, we will give you the engineering skills needed to design a sturdy vessel.



Mythbusting Physics

Are you interested in what physics is and how it influences our everyday life? Have you seen things in movies that you suspect are impossible?

This workshop will look at common misconceptions and physical impossibilities, before getting to grips with the real physics. You will carry out experiments and take part in demonstrations, learn fundamental physics concepts, and work out what the movies ought to have shown.



Momentum Mathematics

Learn the secrets of SPEED MATHEMATICS. You will amaze yourself, family and friends when you discover the world of mentally multiplying very large numbers faster than you could tap the digits into a calculator. You will learn to recognise patterns and increase your speed and accuracy. Mental mathematics not only enhances the precision of thought but it improves your memory. This workshop will promote your confidence, offer you a real understanding of numbers, increase your mental agility & intelligence and most importantly, sharpen your mind!

A full list of the available workshops to choose from will be posted on the website in October 2019 when applications open. Please note that the program books up quite quickly, so ensure you submit your application as early as possible.

APPLICATION & CONTACT DETAILS

For more detailed workshop descriptions, how to apply, FAQ's, and the online application form, please go to: uow.info/learninglabs

For all other enquiries, please contact the Learning Labs team via:

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APPLICATIONS CLOSE TUESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2019

Coming Events

| Date | Event |
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| Monday 28 th October – Friday 8 th November | Year 8 VALID |
| Wednesday 30 th October | Junior Boys Cricket - Goulburn |
| Thursday 31 st October – Friday 1 st November | Albury Show |
| Friday 1 st November | She Leads Leadership Conference |
| Monday 4 th November | HSC Texts and Human Experience Study Day - Sydney |
| Monday 4 th November – Friday 8 th November | Driver Safety Training – Year 10 |
| Tuesday 5 th November | Pink Day |
| Wednesday 6 th November | Year 11 Celebration Assembly 12:45pm |
| Thursday 7 th November | P & C Meeting 6pm – All Welcome |
| Monday 11 th November | Remembrance Day Assembly |
| Tuesday 12 th November | Links 2 Learning Girls Laser Tag – Rewards Excursion |
| Thursday 14 th November | GRIP Leadership – School Leaders |
| Friday 15 th November | Year 12 Formal |
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| <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> | |