



YASS HIGH SCHOOL

We value respect, responsibility, safety and learning.

Principal: Linda Langton

Deputy Principals: Andrew Facer & Ruth Riach

Education Achievement AWARD

We are very proud to celebrate the fact that Emily Fuller has won a 2019 Aboriginal Education Achievement Award. Emily and her sisters travelled to Queanbeyan for the ceremony with Ms Vale this week, after it was postponed late last year due to bush fires.

The Inspire Succeed Excel Aboriginal Education Achievement Awards recognise students, staff and community members who have contributed to Aboriginal Education. They celebrate achievements, dedication and success across Public Schools in NSW.

Nominees for these awards are reviewed by a panel including the Regional Aboriginal Education Consultative Group and Department of Education representatives. Nominations are of a high caliber and more than 400 nominations were received in 2019.

Emily received her award for Creative and Performing Arts. Well done Emily!



13 February 2019

From the Principal

Welcome to the start of another year of exciting learning opportunities, friendship building and community activities. We are thankful that the challenging events over the past few months with fires and now floods have not impacted Yass High School. I extend a warm welcome to new students and families who have joined our Yass High School community. We are fortunate to have several new teachers join our staff Mr James Lokudu (Maths); Ms Irene Sha (Maths); Mr Damian McManus (English); Mr David Mace (TAS); Ms Lucy Laurent (PDHPE); Ms Marnie Pack (PDHPE); Ms Lorna Stevens (Learning Hub); Ms Melanie Meadley (Learning Hub); Mrs Katrina Flynn (Learning Hub, Science); and Mr Tim Egan (HSIE). We are also excited by the return of Mr Glenn Matthews (PDHPE); Mr James McDonald (Science, Agriculture); and Mrs Melinda Freebody (Learning Support). Yass High School is very fortunate to have started 2020 with a full staff of experienced and dedicated teachers committed to working alongside your children in their learning this year.

As always, Term 1 begins with a full calendar of events. The Swimming Carnival this week is our first whole school event and continues a tradition of competition and fun. We look forward to meeting with you at the Parent-Teacher Evening on Tuesday 18th February to discuss your child's learning strengths, areas for focus and educational goals. The School Photo Day is Tuesday 25th February and we encourage all students to have their full school summer uniform ready for this event.

Our first transition event for current Year 6 students is a 'Meet the Staff' BBQ scheduled for the 4th March from 5-7pm. This is an opportunity for parents of Year 7 2021 students to meet teachers in an informal setting and tour our school.

I encourage parents to be involved with the school through our active P&C that meets on the first Thursday of every month at 6pm in the staff common room. This group is committed to providing support to the school community through the operation of the canteen (under the management of Natalie Allen) and the uniform shop. Funds generated through these two areas are returned to the school to be used to purchase much needed resources. Parent volunteers are always welcome to serve an increasingly hungry student body!

2020 will be a year of new possibilities in learning spaces (Science/STEM building), learning structures (Learning Hub, visible learning processes) and learning celebrations (Science Fair). Please join us for any events that surround your child's time at Yass High School.

From the Deputy

We wish to welcome everyone back for the 2020 school year. We are looking forward to working with everyone to continue to build upon the outstanding successes of 2019. We will be setting high expectations to continue to support all school members to achieve their ongoing goals.

The standard of uniform being worn across the school is impressive with most students wearing all items of Yass High uniform. However, over the last week with the wet and cooler mornings a number of students have not had the correct outer layer on. Wearing uniform means that all clothing being worn are uniform items, and not just the Yass High shirt. The uniform shop is open on Tuesday Mornings (8:30 – 9:30am) and Thursday afternoons (3:00 – 4:00pm). Uniform can be ordered online and students can collect at the above times. It is an expectation that **ALL** students are in uniform each day. If you need financial assistance to achieve this please contact the school, if there is an individual day that this can't be achieved please send a note explaining this.

Once students arrive at school they are expected to remain here for the full day. If you need to collect your child early it is important that the school is informed with a note or phone call before 9am if possible, so that our records can be adjusted to reflect this early departure. This is especially important in the case of any emergency that occurs on the school site. We appreciate your help with this matter. If your child is absent please contact the school on 6226 1711 extension 6 before 9am. If no-one is there to take your call please leave a message on the machine and it will be attended to.

The school has a number of students, parents and visitors that require the use of the disabled parking spots. It is important that these are left vacant for those that require them. We are aware parking can often be difficult but it is illegal to park in these spots without appropriate documentation. Can we please ask this is considered when parking on the school grounds.

Over the last few weeks we have seen a spike in the consumption of energy drinks by students at school. These products have been shown to have many adverse side effects on the developing bodies of teenagers including insomnia, heart palpitations, seizures, abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea, headache and acute chest pain. These products also cause students to become irritable and lack focus in the classroom. We ask you to support teachers in educating your child by limiting the consumption of these drinks especially during school hours. Energy drinks may be confiscated by staff if students are seen with them on school grounds.

House Captains

Congratulations to all our new House Captains, Vice Captains, and Junior Captains. We look forward to lots of healthy, good-spirited competition over the year.





Canteen

The Canteen committee, as a sub-committee of the Yass High School P&C, would like to welcome all new students and their parents/carers to Yass High School.

The YHS canteen operates to provide a service for students, parents/carers and staff. The P&C distributes profits from the Canteen for the benefit of students. Using the Canteen helps to spread the fund-raising burden across the whole school. It is currently the major source of fund raising by P&C for our school.

The Canteen is assisted by a team of parent/carer volunteers. More volunteers are needed, and will be welcomed, as we have days with no helpers.

Canteen helpers are typically rostered on for one day per month from approximately 10.30am to 2.15pm, but any help would be appreciated, even a single hour. The work is not hard and you will have experienced staff there every day for guidance. It may seem a little daunting to volunteer to help at YHS Canteen, however. It is an excellent way to get to know some of the other parents and staff at the school, as well as meeting the new friends your child will make at Yass High.

Volunteering is a very social and fun way to be involved in your child's school. For enquiries please ring Mrs Natalie Allen (Canteen Supervisor) on 6226 1711.

Please help by placing your name on the Canteen roster below and returning this slip to Yass High School as soon as possible.

My preferred day is.....

My second choice is.....

I am available (please indicate):

- Once, on date.....
- Weekly.....
- Monthly.....

Name.....

Phone.....

Email.....



Captain's Corner

Welcome back to 2020 everyone! We want to give a big welcome to Year 7 and all our new students, we hope you are enjoying life at Yass High. We are very excited to be back at school and on the road to completing our last year of high school ever. Over the holidays your captains have been brainstorming future projects for the school, so far, we've come up with a couple exciting things we hope to get up and running throughout the year. If you're interested in sharing your ideas within the school or just want some insider information on ours, come join us at SRC on Monday lunchtimes in D1!

Our first Teacher of the Week for 2020 is Miss Dunley! Since the start of term Miss Dunley has been filling in for Miss Bills in the PE staff. Over the past couple of weeks, she has taken on a full set of classes whilst also spending hours organizing our swimming carnival held earlier this week. Without her efforts the swimming carnival would not have been successful. Thankyou Miss Dunley, we appreciate your hard work!

Joke of the week: Why did the M&M go to school? Because it wanted to be a smartie!

Sadly we couldn't catch Miss Dunley for a photo, so instead here is Year 12 at the beach!



Stage 4 & 5 Problem of the Fortnight

Stage 4: How many four-digit numbers containing no zeros have the property that whenever any one of its four digits is removed, the resulting three-digit number is divisible by 3?

Stage 5: Ten points $Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y$ and Z are equally and consecutively spaced on a circle.

What is the size, in degrees, of the \angle angle QTW ?

Y Tally:

Congratulations to the following students receiving the most Y's for the fortnight

Year 7: McLean Young

Year 8: Ashley Howlett

Year 9: Charlie Hodges

Year 10: Chelsea Shannon

Year 11: Reece Bush

Year 12: Millicent Duncan

Headlice

There has been a reported case of headlice in the school. Please check your child's head for lice. If your child has lice please commence treatment.

Best Start Year 7 Assessment

Year 7 students will participate in the Best Start Year 7 Assessment in Week 4, Term 1, 2020. The tests have been organised for Wednesday (19th February) and Thursday (20th February).

Best Start Year 7 is an online literacy and numeracy assessment available to secondary schools that assesses key literacy and numeracy skills of Year 7 students. It is designed to assist teachers to identify students who may require additional support in developing their literacy and numeracy skills. The assessment is undertaken within the first five weeks of the school year.

The purpose of the Best Start Year 7 assessment is to provide feedback to teachers to help identify student needs. Feedback will be provided to teachers who may choose to share this with students, parents and carers during teacher interview processes.

Best Start Year 7 is just one of a range of assessments the school uses to assess students.

Please inform the school if your child has special needs requiring support to complete an online assessment.

Students are asked to bring headphones or earbuds that plug into a computer to enable them to hear audio during the assessment. Earbuds used for mobile phones or other portable devices may be suitable for use during the assessment, though air buds or blue tooth devices are not. The type of computer connection needed is a jack or USB.

Please contact Ruth Riach on 62261711 if you have any questions or concerns about Best start Year 7 Assessment.

2020 Aboriginal Program

We have lots planned, and will be celebrating culture and community throughout the year. Once again didgeridoo club will be running, along with Yass Public Mentoring, and our NAIDOC Day celebrations. We are also excited about dance workshops with Bangarra Dance Theatre, and a fun trip to Sydney to see Bangarra Dance Company perform in the Sydney Opera House. We also have lots of opportunities for sports, language and culture camps run in conjunction with the NSW AECG. Please keep an eye on the notice board in the front office for upcoming events, competitions and opportunities, or speak to Ms Vale.



PARENTS SHOWCASE

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SKILLS AND THRILLS

GET INFORMATION ON -

- Apprenticeships / Traineeships
- Industry Trends
- Jobs of the Future
- Funding options and more!

A SHOW NOT TO BE MISSED!

DATE: Monday 04th May 2020,
6:00-7:30PM
LOCATION: Yass High School (hall)
Grampian St, Yass NSW
COST: Free
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Coming Events

Date	Event
Friday 14 February	Year 7 and 10 Vaccinations
Tuesday 18 February	Parent Teacher Night
Tuesday 25 February	School Photo Day
Wednesday 26 February	Zone Swimming Carnival - Queanbeyan
Wednesday 26 February	Career Development Tour – YHS Hall Years 10, 11 and 12
Monday 2 March – Wednesday 4 March	Year 9 Camp – Broken Bay
Wednesday 4 March	Open Evening and BBQ 5 – 7pm
Thursday 5 March	P & C 6:30pm
<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>	