



YASS HIGH SCHOOL

We value respect, responsibility, safety and learning.

Principal: Linda Langton

Deputy Principals: Andrew Facer & Ruth Riach

Onerwal Visitors

We are always excited to have visitors at Yass High School and Friday 29th May was no exception! We were delighted to welcome Aunty Lillian, Brad Bell from Onerwal Local Aboriginal Lands Council, Bob Buffington from Aboriginal Education Consultative Group, Rhianna Connors-Johnston and Thaddeus Connors from Willyama Services, Ryan Cassidy from Commonwealth Bank and Simon O'Toole and Stuart Meadley from DXC Technology.



The team from DXC Technology came with not 10, not 15, not 20...but THIRTY LAPTOPS for our school to help support our Aboriginal and Indigenous students with their learning. We could not be more grateful for this incredible gift. Emily, Anthony and Tom were on hand to show our appreciation and represent the students of our school. A sneak peak through the new STEM building was also a thrill.



Captains Corner

Hey everyone, we hope you're all enjoying being back at school full time!

The SRC have not wasted anytime since being back and are currently in the planning stages of a new initiative - Jumpers for July, where we will be collecting second-hand jumpers to donate to those in need for the cold winter ahead. Its early days however so keep an eye out in the notices and the school's social media over the coming weeks for more information. If you'd like to be involved, come along to SRC Monday lunchtimes in D1.

Now that school is back, we will be again nominating the 'teacher of the week', however this week we simply could not decide. Every single teacher has been incredibly patient and working hard to ensure the transition back to school has been as easy as possible. As a thank you to our wonderful teachers, we organised a surprise morning tea for each faculty in their staffrooms – hopefully they all enjoyed a little treat as a token of our appreciation!

Due to social distancing, we are still not taking photos together – so in celebration of interstate travel restrictions being relaxed, here is a throwback picture of year 12 at the beach earlier this year!



English Poetry Challenge

Inspired by the Year 7 History unit on Ancient Egypt a Year 7 student recently came up with the following limerick:

*There once was a lad named Tutankhamun
Who ruled all the land and all the farmin'
He had a lot of gold
Which is now very old
And none of it stolen - that's alarmin'!*

This edition's English challenge is to write your own limerick inspired by a topic you are currently studying.

Remember: a limerick has 5 lines; the first, second and fifth lines rhyme, and the third and fourth lines have a different rhyme. The first second and fifth usually contain close to 10 syllables and the third and fourth lines contain less syllables - around 6. Try to make the rhyming lines have as close to the same number of syllables as possible. And if you can the last line should be the punch line. Good luck and get composing.

PRIZES will be awarded to the best submissions in Stage 4, 5 and 6
Submit your entries to Mr Grose before Friday Week 7.

Don't forget the following writing competitions:

**The Dorothea MacKellar Poetry Competition—entries close 30 June.
Open to all students.**

The theme is “We Used to Live There” although students can write a poem about any theme they choose. Submit your entries to your English teacher.
First Prize in each category is \$500

**The My Place Writing Competition – entries close 26 June.
Open to students in years 7 – 10.**

In 2020, we are asking children: tell us about *your place*.

All writing forms will be accepted – narratives, poetry, diary entries, letters, news reports, and more. Submit your entries to your English teacher.

First Prize in each category is \$100

What's Happening in Hospitality?

Year 11 hospitality students have been cooking up some delicious dishes this semester. They have been learning to cook menu dishes from entrees to desserts. minestrone soup, bruschetta, macaroni cheese, spring rolls and mini quiche have been on the menu.

Handling food hygienically and safely has been of utmost importance and in these times the relevance of these has been stressed.

They are all proving to be excellent cooks and once our restaurants in town return to business they will be able to go out on work placement and prove their skills in the industry. These placements often result in jobs as well. I know if I were a boss I would hire a lot of them.

Congratulations on a good job Year 11's.
Mrs Barberis.



Congratulations Yass Show Team



18 May 2020

Yass High School
Show Team
Gramplan St Yass NSW 2582

To the Yass High School Show Team,

My congratulations to the students from Yass High School involved in the South Coast Beef School Steer Spectacular and their wonderful achievement on being awarded the overall Grand and Reserve Champion Steer award.

The school and students can be justifiably proud of their commitment to Agricultural and animal science, husbandry and production economics. Please pass on my congratulations to the students and staff involved.

Warmest wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wendy Tuckerman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

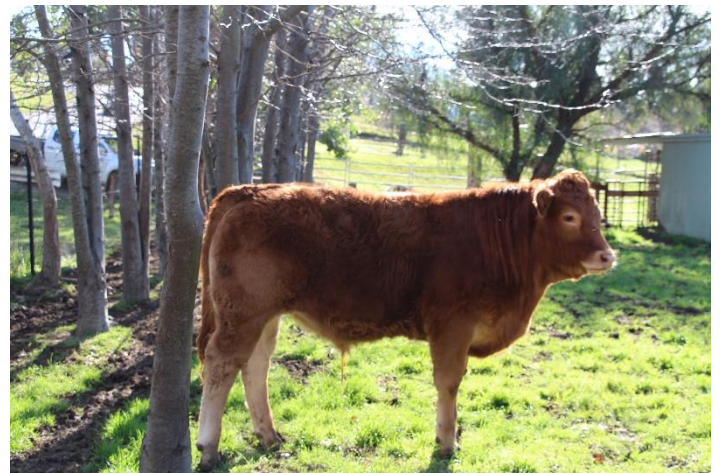
WENDY TUCKERMAN MP
Member for Goulburn

Show Team

After our success at the last steer show, preparations have started for the next shows later in the year. For this we have already got new animals that have so far come from Sarana Limousins and New Day Limousins who are both based near Crookwell as well as a steer bred by the Targett family from Blakney Creek.

We are still waiting on the arrival of our final steers from Su McClusky of Cluskers Murray Greys and Square Meaters at Hall and from Glyn and Ann Williams of Newton Wood from Yass as well as one bred by Yass High School.

Work has started on these steers with some simple tie up lessons and yard work to get them accustomed to being around the students.



Farm Update

We have been very busy over the last fortnight. The young lambs have been growing fast and were recently marked and vaccinated by the Year 11 Primary Industries class. The ongoing rain has allowed the oats planted at the Flat Rock Farm site to continue growing well allowing us to keep the whole ewe flock here at school longer which has also allowed the Primary Industries class to look at rotational grazing.

Year 11 Agriculture has been looking at decision making processes and as a practical activity planning market gardens to be planted by the 9/10 Agriculture class and then develop marketing programs to sell the produce.



Year 9/10 Agriculture have been looking at the White Suffolk stud and the aspects of sheep assessment. This has included classing the ewes to identify what ewes will be retained after our recent acquisitions of new ewes from Yanco Agricultural College.

The new rotation in years 7 and 8 have been touring the farm and we have finally been able to secure a new batch of baby chickens for them to organise as a part of their course.

Happy in gumboots,
Agriculture Department.



YHS Year Advisor Profiles

In each InTouch a small insight will be given into a particular Year Advisor, what they do, and how they help our students at YHS.

Scott Anderson - Year Eight Year Advisor

I moved to Yass in 2014 and I am currently the Year 8 Year Advisor. I am a Science Teacher and am happy to say we have now moved into our new Science and STEM building.

My previous teaching position was at Belmont Boys High School.



My sidekick is Athena the Wellbeing Wonder Dog. She gets way more 'hellos' and attention than I do but that's OK .

I look forward to staying in Yass and seeing my Advisors role through until 2024.

Y Tally:

Congratulations to the following students receiving the most Y's for the fortnight – collect your canteen voucher from the font office!

Year 7: Tashi Phillips

Year 8: Malakai Vae

Year 9: Jake McDonald

Year 10: Jasmine Smylie

Year 11: Max Hansson

Year 12 Hannah Maciazyk

Stage 4 & 5 Problem of the Fortnight

Stage 4:

How many two-digit numbers are equal to three times the product of their digits?

Stage 5:

Standard six-sided dice have their dots arranged so that the opposite faces add up to 7. If 27 standard dice are arranged in a $3 \times 3 \times 3$ cube on a solid table what is the maximum number of dots that can be seen for one position?

Elevate Education

For the last few years, YHS has engaged Elevate Education to present seminars to our students aimed at giving them tools and strategies to help them get the most they can out of school. Due to nation-wide travel and visitor restrictions, our usual seminars had to be cancelled, and Elevate developed an on-line version of these presentations for Years 11 & 12.

Topics included study tips, goal setting, how to prioritise and getting to the end! Stage 6 students are reminded that they can access these seminars for the next 12 months if they would like a refresher seminar!



Indigenous Language Art Competition

Create an artwork featuring the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander language of your local area! Find out what your local Indigenous language is, and then create an artwork inspired by the landscape, flora or fauna of the land where the language is spoken. Include the name of the language in the artwork.

See Ms Vale for details.