



InTouch

From the



Principal

As we reach the last day of Term 2, I want to reflect on what has been a very busy and successful term for our school, encompassing academic, cultural, and sporting achievements. This week has been no exception, with several noteworthy accomplishments to celebrate.

Firstly, congratulations to our Titration team for winning the Southern Tablelands Titration competition. This victory highlights the hard work and dedication of our students and staff in the field of science. Additionally, our lawn bowlers have made us proud by representing various state regions, showcasing their skill and sportsmanship.

A special mention goes to our Year 11 students who participated in the U-Turn the Wheel program. They received outstanding feedback regarding their respect and engagement from a range of providers, reflecting the positive values we strive to instil in our students.

Our continued whole school attendance focus is making a difference, the below graph showing our general upward trend compared to previous years. Illness explains week 7 onwards. I hope we can continue this trend into Term 3, especially that seen in the first few weeks of the term. Well done Yass High!!



James Weeks and Tashi Phillips, winners of the Southern Tablelands Titration competition.

WHAT'S ON?

Last Day of Term 2

Friday 5th July

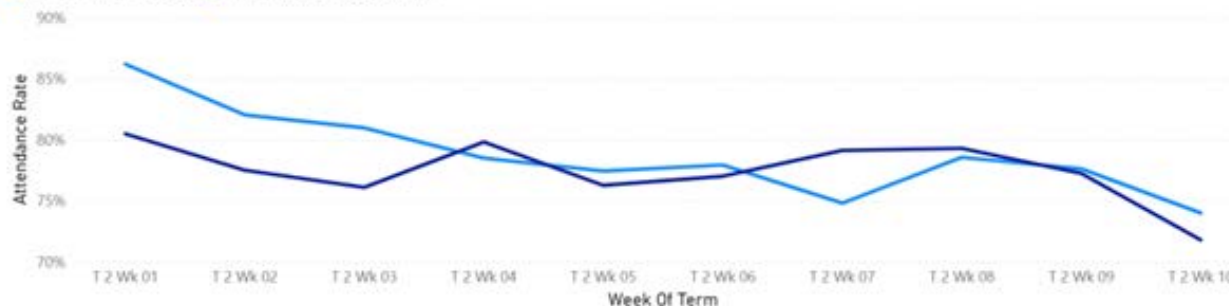
Students return for Term 3

Tuesday 23rd July

School Attendance Rate

Attendance Rate - Prior period, State average, Network and SSSG Comparison

● School Attendance Rate ● School Attendance Rate Prior



As we conclude this term, I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday. Please take care, and we look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday, 23rd July.

Andrew Facer

CAPTAINS CORNER



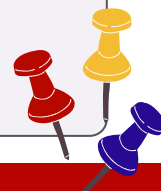
With such a wonderful term behind us we still have a full semester to finish off the year. As we finish off the term we feel that it is important to recollect the moments of this term and remind everyone to have a great holiday and rest up during such to come back to school ready for the challenges ahead.

On Wednesday, the school had the opportunity to hear from gold paralympic medalist Scott Reardon and his tremendous successes despite his life-altering circumstances. During the presentation, Scott spoke to students on the significance of resilience and courage and the importance of regularly checking in with those around you and looking after your mental health. We thank Scott Reardon for taking the time to come and speak with us! Following this, we would like to give a thank you to the students who were involved in this presentation for their tremendous respect displayed throughout the day.

As the end of the term approaches, so does Ms Langton's final day here at Yass High School. Once again, on behalf of the student body, we would like to give a huge thank you to Ms. Langton for her consistent dedication and commitment to the school and the Yass community over the past 6 years. Ms Langton has formed an integral part of our community over the years, and we will be sad to see her go. A farewell barbeque will take place this Friday at 4 pm, and we hope to see you all there. Lastly, we wish Ms Langton the very best in her new position. Thank you!

We wish everyone a very happy holiday and we look forward to seeing you again on the 22nd!

Malakai, Grace, Lachlan, Riley



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STUDENTS OF THE FORTNIGHT



Rehan Cooray

Year 9

For diligent work ethic and pleasing half yearly results.



Joshua Neuhaus

Year 8

For outstanding result in mid-year exam in Science.



Caitlin Bradley

Year 11

For consistent effort and application towards her studies of Ancient History





PBL MVP



Charlotte Dowrick

Year 9

For consistent work ethic and respectful behaviour towards everyone.



Felicity Shannon

Year 11

For assisting younger students and positively contributing to the school environment.



Imogen Bradley

Year 11

For assisting younger students and positively contributing to the school environment.



Tashi Phillips

Year 11

For demonstrating respect and empathy for others around them.



Chase Collins

Year 8

For looking after the school environment.





Luke Hewlett

Year 11

For demonstrating respect and empathy for others around them.



Meadow Hand

Year 10

For supporting student learning by helping to run the lunchtime movie club.



Arabella King

Year 10

For supporting student learning by helping to run the lunchtime movie club.



Liana Deery

Year 10

For supporting student learning by helping to run the lunchtime movie club.



Jenna Robins

Year 8

For consistently displaying school values and doing her best in all aspects of Science.



Owen Hopwood

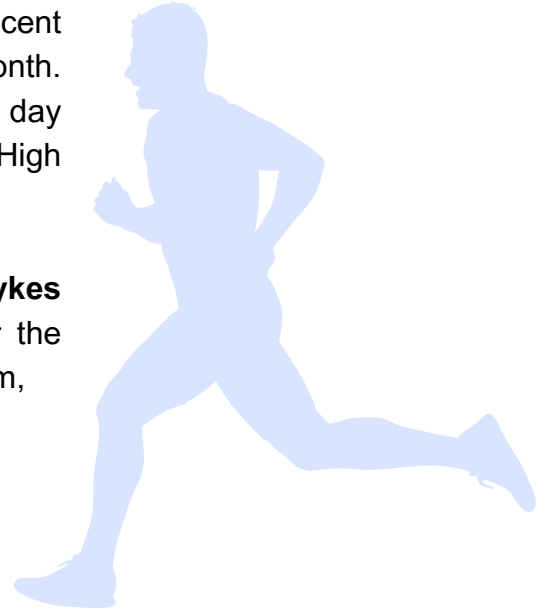
Year 11

For demonstrating respect and empathy for others around them.

REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

Yass High students have performed exceptionally well at the recent South Coast Cross Country carnival at Cambewarra earlier this month. Most athletes backed up after a huge day at the zone athletics the day before which makes their performances even more incredible. Yass High finished 13th overall in the school point score our best result to date.

Ella Hall 4th in 15G, Makayla Langfield 5th in 17G, Cooper Wykes 5th in 14B and Brodie Doyle 10th in 17B have all qualified for the NSWCHS Cross Country carnival to be held in Sydney early next term,



Other results:

- 13B Lachlan Griffiths 32nd
- 13G Milla Shelton 39th
- 14B Ryan Witham 34th
- 14G Lyla Kohonen 15th
- 15G Amelia Doherty 23rd
- 16B Will Milhaljevic 12th
- 16B Mitchell Blundell 28th
- 16B Benji Erickson 32nd
- 16G Lara McClelland 21st
- 16G Meadow Hand 22nd
- 16G Rylee Pye-Corby 24th
- 16G Lucy McClelland 33rd
- 17B Lachlan Harrington 14th
- 17G Addie Hinds 13th
- 18B Bradley Roche 23rd
- 18B Callum Robinson 24th
- 18G Charlotte Burke 13th

SOUTH COAST NETBALL FINALS REPORT

On a beautiful sunny winter's day our Zone Champions netball team took to the courts at Nowra in an attempt to progress further in the NSWCHS KO competition. The girls had a tough first round against eventual winner Bulli High. The girls played strongly but eventually went down 18-8.

Round 2 saw us face local hopes Nowra High, our girls played very strongly and adapted to positional changes very well to win the game 17-7.

Round 3 was against Illawarra Sports High and with a semi final spot up for grabs our girls turned their best game running out convincing winners 13-7.

The girls had earned their spot in the final four in our region and came up against a well drilled Eden Marine High School. The girls were extremely gallant in their effort, but Eden proved to good in this game with us going down 18-9.

The girls played very well throughout the day and the spirit in which they played the games was exemplary.

Yass finished 3rd in the region which is an outstanding effort. The only teams to beat the girls were the two teams that made the final. Well done girls!

A big thank you to all the parents who made the early morning journey or the night before journey to give our girls the opportunity to showcase their skills, very much appreciated. A special HUGE thank you to Trudy Polsen who travelled to Nowra to umpire for us, it takes a special human to continue to give back to sport and we really appreciate your assistance Trudy.

Thanks also to Mrs Dunley for all her coaching and organisation to make this day happen.



ZONE ATHLETICS REPORT

Yass High School's athletics team has completed the Zone carnivals trifecta by winning the Zone athletics carnival at Bruce stadium. A fantastic effort by all our athletes. We have 55 students who have qualified for the South Coast athletics championships to be held in Wollongong on the 9th August.

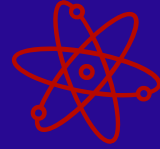
Brodie Doyle was named Age Champion in the open boys age division, Lachlan Griffiths and Tai Olah were runners up age champions in 13 and 12 boys respectively. Liam Barlow and Noah Collins finished 3rd in their age division.

We have 7 relay teams going through which is a testament to our depth in athletics and the pride our students have in representing their school.

A huge thank you to the wonderful students who assisted with timekeeping, track recording and high jump throughout the day. Without their assistance the carnival could not go ahead. Thanks to Arabella King, Sophie Mossop, Lucy and Lara McClelland, Emma Barlow, Taya Shepherd, Cooper Hodges, Janika Vea, Liam Barlow, Riley Gibbs, Grace Foran, Rachael Barlow and Taylah Isbister for your outstanding help throughout the day.

Thank you to Ms Pack and Jess Dunn for their work as well.





BIG SCIENCE COMPETITION ***2024***

Earlier this term, 61 students participated in the Big Science Competition. We are proud of these students for joining in and doing their best. These sorts of competitions give all our students the opportunity to develop their problem-solving skills.

Students who received a participation award have received their Certificate (and Freddo Frog!) in their Science class.

At Assembly last week we acknowledged the great work of those students who performed at a high level in this Australia wide competition.

The following students received a Credit Award for being in the top 30%

Year 7
Duncan Mead

Year 8
Emma Phillips; Oscar Robinson; Emily Senior

Year 9
Declan Gourlay; Lochie Howlett

Year 10
Josephine Burke; Seth McDermott

The following students received a Distinction Award for being in the top 15%

Year 7
Benjamin Warner

Year 8
Connor Young

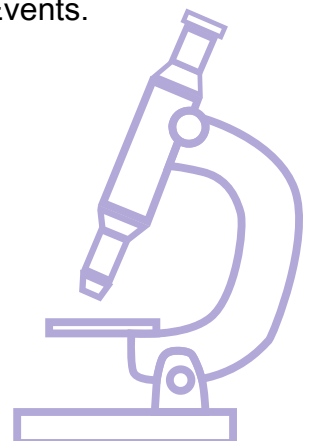
Year 9
Oran Bradley; Reehan Cooray

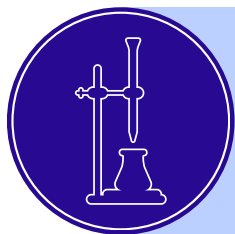
Year 10
Thomas Senior

And, receiving the very top award, a high distinction, for being in the top 5% of Australia

Year 9
Ellie Hope

The next opportunity like this is the ICAS Science Competition which is currently open in your Compass Events.





SOUTHERN TABLELANDS TITRATION COMPETITION



On Tuesday 2nd of July, the inaugural Southern Tableland Titration Competition was held at Yass High School.

Titration is a chemical analysis procedure that is used extensively in many industries such as chemical manufacturing, food processing, pharmaceutical manufacturing and water treatment. So if you eat it, use it on your skin or hair, give it to your pets or farm animals or buy it from the pharmacy, it was probably tested using titration to make sure it was safe and contained the correct amount of chemicals.

Chemistry students and teachers from Young, Boorowa, Crookwell, Goulburn and Mulwarree High Schools all came to Yass to compete and test their skills against each other. Students were mostly in year 11 and 12, but there were a couple of year 10 students to help make up one of the teams. Yass High entered three teams of students – Tahlia Smith, Charlotte Burke and Ben Duncan, Tashi Phillips and James Weeks, and Ali Kazimi and Mclean Young.



Judging the competition was Dr Lachlan Schwarz from Charles Stuart University. He spoke to the students about the importance of titration in industry today and congratulated them all on the skills demonstrated both practical and calculation.

All students were awarded participation certificates and three awards were handed out with the team from **Boorowa Central School receiving the**

Encouragement Award, the team from Goulburn High School receiving the award for Best Practical Skills and the overall Award for First Place going to Tashi Phillips and James Weeks of Yass High School.



Congratulations James and Tashi!



Thanks needs to go to Mrs Rachael Weeks and Mrs Annette Scorgie for the organisation that went into this event. All of the schools present expressed a strong interest in attending again next year.



PLATE TECTONICS EXCURSION

On Monday 1st July, 49 year 9 students made the trip to Geoscience Australia to learn about plate tectonics, earthquakes and Australia's role in the Earthquake and Tsunami Warning system.

A highlight of the trip was the 3D room where students gained insight into the patterns of where volcanoes and earthquakes occur. The free time to explore the hands-on activities (how heavy is a gold nugget, microscopes, UV glowing rocks) and to talk with real geoscientists was great.

Geoscience Australia has a working seismometer that was able to detect the students jumping in unison – see our picture. We weren't on the scale of an earthquake but it just proves that Yass High Students really do make the earth shake.

Next term, the students will be putting their new found knowledge to work as they explain the evidence behind the theory of Plate Tectonics.





Australian Government

GSG STEM Expo

Great Hall, Australian Parliament House
15 August 2024 | 10am – 4pm

This event is hosted by the

Government Scientists Group

On 15 August 2024, the Great Hall of Parliament House will be transformed into the GSG STEM Expo, showcasing the diversity of careers available within the departments, agencies, and regulators that make up the Government Scientists Group (GSG).

The Expo is an opportunity to interact with the scientists, engineers, technologists, mathematicians, and researchers working within government to solve some of Australia's biggest challenges.

Exhibitors of the Government Scientists Group

Australian Antarctic Division Australian Bureau of Statistics Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Australian Federal Police
Australian Institute of Marine Science Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency Australian Space Agency Australian Institute of Sport Bureau of Meteorology
Climate Change Authority Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation Defence Science and Technology Group
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water Geoscience Australia
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority IP Australia National Measurement Institute National Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority
Office of National Intelligence Office of the Chief Scientist Questacon Sport Integrity Australia Therapeutic Goods Administration



To find out more about the GSG STEM Expo,
visit chiefscientist.gov.au/GSGstemexpo

national science week 2024



FIRST NATIONS NEWS

Term 2 has been another busy one at Yass High School for our Indigenous students.

We celebrated Reconciliation Week with a film festival in the library and a colouring competition, along with a wonderful book display of texts available to borrow that celebrate First Nations culture and history. We also had guests from the Onerwal Land Council come along for our Reconciliation Week assembly to speak to us, which was very special.

We travelled to Sydney to see Bangarra Dance Theatre perform 'Horizon' at the Opera House - amazing! We then shopped, walked, ate and explored our way around Sydney on light rail, ferry and foot. The next morning we visited Eora campus of TAFE NSW, to learn about further study opportunities for mob.



Student's visiting EORA campus

A particular mention must go to Year 11 student Ben Duncan.

During the 2023/24 Summer holidays Ben attended a summer school program at Macquarie University where he learnt about Macquarie University's Walanga Muru, which is designed to assist indigenous students, aspiring to receive and undergo a university education through Macquarie University. Through Ben's participation in the summer school he earned the opportunity to participate in the Critical Thinking university subject. Ben achieved a distinction average through the completion of assignments and essays which means that on completion of his Higher School Certificate he will be offered early entry to a Macquarie University's degree of his choosing.

Ben is currently thinking of a double undergraduate degree in engineering and science, and postgraduate degrees in whatever area that will best help him in his pursuit of joining Australia's burgeoning Space Program.

Girls Group has started up, run by Aunty Audrey and a cast of special guests on Wednesdays, as a place for our First Nations girls to yarn and share knowledge.

Gugan Gulwan continue to come monthly to the school and support our students to achieve their academic goals. We are very grateful for their support and involvement in our school.



NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

Yass High students were also instrumental in helping out Yass Public School with their NAIDOC Celebrations, running indigenous sport and weaving workshops. We were particularly proud of Alex Bell providing a Welcome for the event.



Alex Bell providing the Welcome to Country



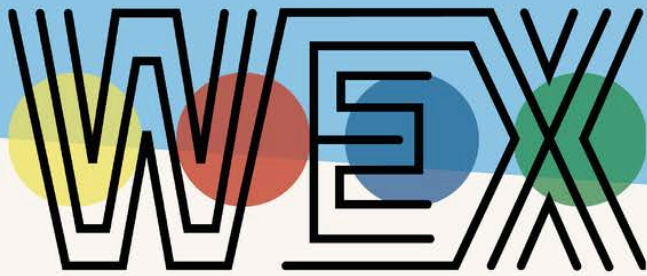


Yass High students assisting Yass Public School's NAIDOC celebrations



Yass High students visiting Sydney

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CANBERRA

6-11 OCTOBER 2024

WHAT IS WEX?

If you're an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student in Year 10, 11 and 12, then WEX is for you!

WEX provides hands-on experience and information about job opportunities in the Australian Government.

WEX is funded by the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) under its Children and Schooling Program.

The WEX program is delivered by the Australian Government in partnership with ETM Perspectives (ETMP).



ELIGIBILITY

- To participate in WEX you need to identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
- Be enrolled in Year 10, Year 11, or Year 12 in 2024.
- Be located and go to school in either Tasmania, Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia, Western Australia, Queensland, Northern Territory or Australian Capital Territory.
- Be interested in a career in the Australian Public Service.
- Have your school's support to attend.
- Be emotionally resilient and able to be away from home for up to five days.
- Be confident travelling to and from Canberra without supervision.



APPLY NOW



Contact Us:
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wex@niaa.gov.au



Applications open on 14 June and close 2 August 2024

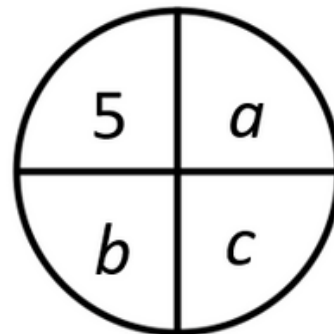
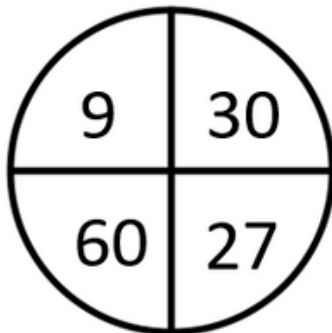
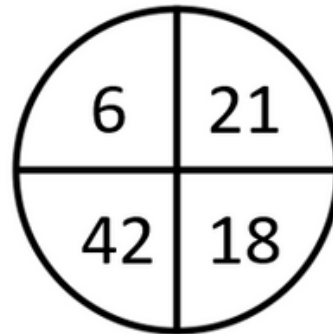
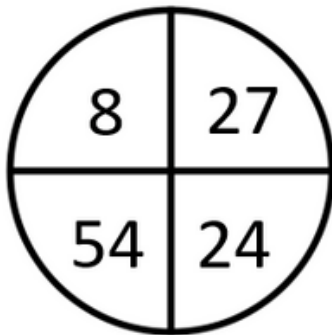
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Mathematics Challenge

#8:

What are the missing values a , b and c ?



Solution slips are in the mathematics foyer area. Submit your slip with your name, working out, and **solution to one of the fabulous Maths teachers before the end of the fortnight** for your chance to win a delicious prize!



CAREERS



All Yr10 and other interested students are invited to attend the Canberra Careers Expo on Wednesday 7th August 9am - 1.30pm.

This will be a fully funded event with travel by bus to and from school. Students will be back to attend regular Wednesday afternoon Sport. Please look out for an invitation to this event on Compass and get parent permission, to develop your career aspirations by engaging with many employer and tertiary education providers from all over the ACT and NSW.

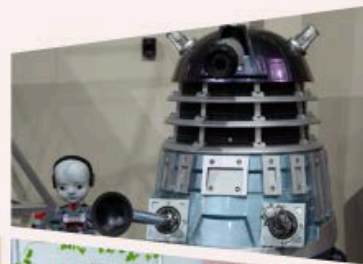


Student & Visitor Program

OPENING TIMES

Wednesday 7th August
9am to 2.30pm and 4pm to 7pm

Thursday 8th August
9am to 2.30pm



LOCATION

Exhibition Park in Canberra in the Budawang and Coorong Pavilions on the Corner of Flemington Road and Northbourne Avenue, Mitchell ACT 2911.

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LUNCH CLUBS

Chess | Soccer | Minecraft | Crochet | Lego



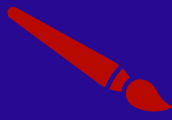
CHESS COMPETITION

Yass High students Seth McDermott, Thomas Senior, Rehan Cooray and Angus Nelson competed in the round 4 Country Secondary Schools Chess Teams Competition in Temora.

Yass High School won 3-1
Congratulations boys.



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ART NEWS



YEAR 11 PHOTOGRAPHY: NARRATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY

The amazing Year 11 Photography class have been exploring narrative photography in a range of ways this term. Students in the class have been developing different ideas and constructing sets and scenes that showcase story and character. We have developed a range of experimental approaches to lighting and composition. I have been impressed with how much the students have developed their visual language and how resourceful they have been. Please enjoy these images!





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Wee Jasper Public School *125 Year Anniversary*

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

CATEGORIES:

OPEN: 17 years and over

JUNIOR: 16 years and under

Photos need to be 20cm x 25cm (8 x 10") and not mounted.
Circle of Serenity in Yass (next to the butchers) does print
photos onto photo paper.

Please attach the relevant information:

- Photographer's name
- Category (and age if junior)
- Contact details (if a parent is the contact, please include their first name)
- Subject title and brief description

Photos will be collect on Friday 16 August and returned in September.

The photos will be returned mounted on card.

Winners will be announced on the day (31st August). First, second & third at the Opening ceremony at 10am. People's choice will be announced at the closing ceremony at 2pm. Prize monies will be electronically transferred from Wee Jasper Public School P&C.

Only one entry per person.

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Yass High School

BYOD 2025

Bring Your Own Device



In 2025 Yass High School will be requesting that all students in years 9-12 bring their own laptop to school every day.

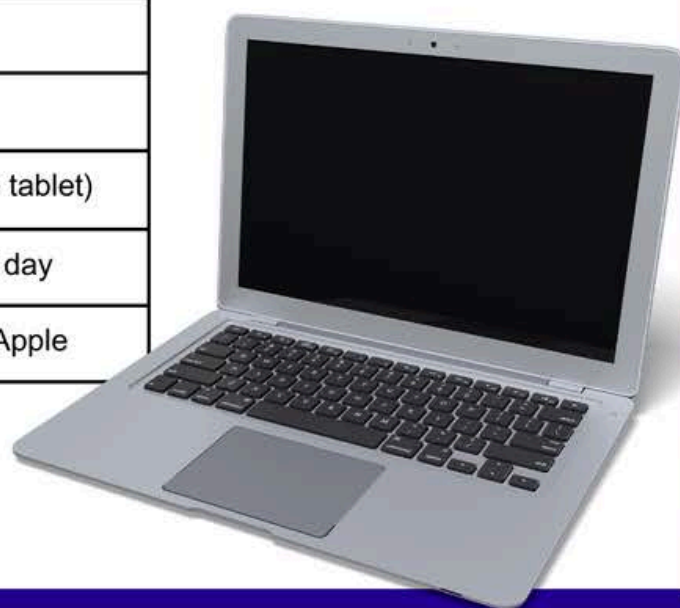
Many of our students are already doing this, especially in years 11 and 12 and by expanding this to include all students it will support our staff to deliver high quality teaching and learning programs.

Teachers are already developing a variety of lessons that utilise a diverse range of digital platforms and resources and all students having direct access to devices will further support this approach.

- There is no need to purchase any third party software, such as Microsoft (Word, Excel etc), or Adobe as these are provided by the Department of Education at no cost.
- Any laptop that meets the below requirements can be used.

Minimum laptop requirements:

Wi Fi	Wi-Fi 5 GHz (802.11 ac)
Screen	11.6" minimum
Keyboard	Attached (NOT stand alone tablet)
Battery Life	Suitable for a whole school day
Operating System	Windows, Chromebook or Apple



Please contact the school Principal if you wish to discuss our equity program.

Visit the school website for more information
yass-h.schools.nsw.gov.au



2024 TERM DATES FOR STUDENTS



Term 1

Start: Tuesday 30th January

End: Friday 12th April

Term 2

Start: Tuesday 30th April

End: Friday 5th July

Term 3

Start: Tuesday 23rd July

End: Friday 27th September

Term 4

Start: Monday 14th October

End: Wednesday 18th December



OTHER INFORMATION



Winter



School Holiday Activities at your Library



Aboriginal Artwork \$5
Crookwell Library
9 July, 2-3pm



First Nations Bingo and Craft \$5
Gunning Library
12 July, 11am-12pm



Celebrate the Olympics \$5
Crookwell Library
15 July, 11am-12pm



Tiny Art Workshop \$5
Gunning Library
16 July, 3-4pm

Book online: <https://tinyurl.com/ULSLHoliday>



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