Core Values

- Teamwork
- Respect
- Excellence
- Opportunity
- Safety

Purpose

- Provide an innovative, safe learning environment which promotes excellence through opportunity, teamwork and respect

Vision

TRHS is recognised within our community for excellence in education, where:
- Students are willingly engaged in a wide range of innovative learning programs.
- Students value learning and achieve their personal best.
- Staff embrace innovative, quality teaching methods that focused on the needs of 21st century learners.
- Staff work cohesively in a highly professional manner to achieve the school purpose.
- Strong relationships enhance our links to the community and provide a sense of belonging for students, staff and community members.
- Success is recognised and celebrated by our school community.
- Students develop and are recognised for positive citizenship within the school and wider community.

Executive Members

Zoe Boxsell, Harry Scanes, Danielle Phillips, Jackson Cullen, Layla Mackenzie, Jordan Carroll, Olivia Attenborough-Doyle, Liam Boxsell
Welcome back to another wonderful year of learning.

I am still regaling people with the success of last year’s Year 12 students with regard to their HSC results and their University offers and I have high expectations of the current Year 12.

This term is relatively short, so it is a hectic time with students participating in a wide range of academic and extra-curricular opportunities.

This week students will be attending film workshops over two days. The study of film has been an integral aspect of the English syllabus for some time now and it is vital that students learn how to analyse the way in which film makers use the range of techniques at their disposal to create meaning. After this workshop I’m sure that our students will never look at a film quite the same way again.

The school swimming carnival will take place at Oasis pools at Banora Point on Thursday and I expect all students to attend and participate in any activities they are capable of. This is always a great day where students support their House and have an opportunity to engage in some fun activities with their friends.

Year 12 parent/teacher interviews were held this week, which is earlier than previous years, in response to parent feedback. Thank you to all the parents who attended.

A reminder about school rules to support student safety.

Please ensure that your children are wearing the approved school footwear; shoes with a black leather upper. Students are required to wear these shoes for safety reasons as they protect their feet when in practical classes.

Secondly, I would like to remind you that spray deodorants are banned from school. We have a number of students who suffer quite severe allergic reactions to these sprays.

Leisa Conroy

Welcome to the 2015 school year. With a little over a week now behind us the school is in full swing with activities, tasks and events coming up quickly. This week will see our English faculty participating in a very interesting Film Maker’s workshop. This is a unique opportunity to explore in depth a number of tools and devices used by film makers. It is rewarding for staff that many of our most able English students have been able to see the potential benefit that their participation in this workshop may have on their ability to gain those extra few marks in future examinations including the HSC.

Our first round of Parent/Teacher interviews were held in the SEC on Tuesday evening. While it is early in the new year, Year 12 have already completed one Term of their final year. The interviews have been set approx six weeks out from the mid-course examinations to ensure that students have a clear idea of where they need to focus their efforts and parents will know how they can support their children in their HSC preparation.

Today the annual Tweed River Swimming Carnival will be held at the pool at Banora Point. This is the first opportunity for students to demonstrate their commitment and school spirit. Bus transfers will run from the school (before 8:30am) to the pool and return (before 2:30pm).

On Friday, award winning Brainstorm Productions will present the humorous but thought provoking “The Hurting Game”, a program that will show/remind our Year 7 students how on-going negative relationships at school and online can affect their self-esteem and their future. Drama students will also have the opportunity to observe the technical aspects of the program.

Hello and welcome back to 2015. It was a pleasure to see all the new Year 7 students show up for their first day at TRHS. It will be a little daunting for them as they again become the little fish in the pond. They are meeting new people and making new friends. In meeting new people we have to be aware that Tweed River prides itself in making students feel safe and welcome here at school. Unfortunately, there have already been some incidents where some students have not been respecting the right of others to feel safe and secure. It was necessary to have a Year 7 assembly to make students aware of Tweed River’s Anti-Bullying Policy. Tweed River has a “Zero Tolerance” approach to bullying. Parents are asked to reinforce with their child the need for positive behaviour towards others whilst at school.

Year 8 and 9 seem to have transitioned into their next year of high school with ease. Let’s hope this continues and they have a successful year.

To remind you all what we ask of, and require from, our students:

**Tweed River High School Rules**
- Arrive on time to class with the correct equipment
- Follow teachers instructions
- Be responsible for your own actions
- Respect others

**Tweed River High School Core Values:**

Mark Green, Relieving DP
**PLEASE NOTE**

E-CIGARETTES WILL BE TREATED BY THE SCHOOL IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER CIGARETTES.

THEY ARE NOT PERMITTED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS.

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**TWEED YOUTH TIMES**

Make sure you check this magazine on a regular basis. It is all about our community kids and regularly features photos and articles on our students. Issued monthly.

www.facebook.com/tweedyouthtimes1

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**KYDD FOOD AT THE CANTEEN**

**Term 1**

**Week 3**

- **Wednesday** - Meal deal - A burger and a small water  $5.00
- **Thursday** - Swimming carnival
- **Friday** - Mild chilli con carne and rice  $4.50

**Week 4**

- **Monday** - Bucket of wedges with salsa, sour cream and cheese  $3.50
- **Tuesday** - Pasta bake with bacon or vego  $4.00
- **Wednesday** - Meal deal - A burger and a juice poppa  $5.00
- **Thursday** - Beef or bean burritos with rice, salsa & cheese  $4.50
- **Friday** - Chilli con carne and rice  $4.50

**Week 5**

- **Monday** - Pasta Carbonara  $4.00
- **Tuesday** - Fried rice topped with Chinese chicken  $4.50
- **Wednesday** - Meal Deal - a focaccia and a paddle pop  $5.00
- **Thursday** - Butter chicken and rice or vego curry  $4.50
- **Friday** - Lasagne  $4.00

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**SRC Report**

Hello parents and students. The SRC has two exciting events coming up very soon, the first being Valentine's Day. The SRC will be selling roses and chocolates which will be handed out to your special someone on Friday 13th. The SRC will also have a Polaroid camera set up, so you can get a special picture with your loved one.

The SRC will also be running a Year 7 Disco next week, with the theme being Hawaiian. We hope to see all Year 7's there dressed in their best Hawaiian outfit ready to have a good time.

Have a great third week.
Printable 2015 Homework Calendars

Due to popular demand, this year’s School A to Z printable monthly calendars are now available at http://bit.ly/2015SchoolCalendar

We recommend them for students and parents, to help schedule homework and activities. They are handy for sticking on the fridge and include school holidays and the numbered weeks of each Term, so there’s no confusion when a note home says “Assignment due Week 7”.

Academic Talent Pathway

We are pleased to advise parents and carers of an exciting opportunity for 2015 students of TRHS. We are creating an eligibility list for this program for students of Years 7 to 10. Limited positions arise from time to time.

If you would like your child to be placed on an eligibility list, please have your child complete the Expression of Interest (EOI) attached at the end of this newsletter and return it to the front office by Wed 18th February 2015.

ATP Coordinator
Tony Lambert
Welcome back to another exciting year of learning in ENGLISH at Tweed River High School. We have some wonderful opportunities on offer this year with the first happening as you read this newsletter.

For the first time on the far north coast we have Faraway Films presenting 'The Filmmakers' Tools incursion. The workshop combines education with entertainment in an accessible and stimulating presentation that brings to life the study of film. Students will discover how meaning is created as characters come to life and worlds are created. The English Faculty are sure the students will emerge feeling more knowledgeable and confident about film and how to analyse and write about it effectively. (see photos below)

In May we will be offering a Slam Poetry performance with Luka Lesson, an incredibly powerful poet and Hip Hop artist. For a select and interested group of students a three hour workshop will also be on offer.

Public speaking and debating opportunities are available to our students and competitions begin in the next few weeks. Teachers will be informing classes about these opportunities and students should actively express their desire to be a part of these wonderful opportunities.

Years 7-9 will be engaged in the Premier’s Reading Challenge and Year 10 are invited to be a part of the Principal's Challenge. We had great success with students actively reading a wide range of texts in 2014 and look forward to students participating enthusiastically again in 2015. The Library staff work tirelessly to support students to read widely and purchase current bestsellers and texts acknowledged for their worth.

Year 7 are settling into high school and experiencing a new world. The first unit of work being undertaken is all about Discovery. Students have been discovering a new environment, new systems, new people and new stories. As students get to know each other, they will share their personal stories and write about their experiences. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to discover a lot about each other, about the community, about being Australian and our values and connections with the global community.

Year 8 have begun the year with a unit about the representation of the refugee story. It is called Seeking Refuge: The Journey. As part of the unit students will be reading a range of refugee short stories and longer texts and responding both personally and analytically.

Year 9 have begun their immersion in Imaginary Worlds. Students will have the opportunity to read widely, develop their knowledge and understanding of genre and demonstrate skills in imaginary writing.

Year 10 have entered the world of Young Adult Literature (YAL). With so many amazing stories being told in the narrative form students have so much to choose from. Through an exploration of this genre students are able to engage in stories real to their world and comment on their effectiveness from the perspective of a young reader.

Year 11 students are settling into senior school. Advanced and Standard students have begun the year with an Area of Study unit through the concept of Journeys. English Studies are exploring The World of Work- refining their resumes, writing cover letters and learning about important issues such as Work Place Health and Safety.

Year 12 - it is hard to believe but an entire term of the HSC year has been completed. The next 3 terms will require dedication and sustained commitment as our students work towards achieving their best possible results. We encourage them and will work alongside them to achieve their potential.

Over the course of the next few weeks students will be completing class tasks and working towards common assessment tasks. Students will receive notification of upcoming common tasks and should actively prepare for these tasks both at school and home. Talk to your child about their learning. Ask them about any work they might have to complete at home and actively encourage them to read for 15 minutes each day.

If you have questions or concerns please contact your child’s teacher who will assist in an appropriate manner.

Looking forward to a great year!
The English Faculty.
An excerpt from a letter to the Principal:

To Miss Conroy and the Tweed River High School P&C

On behalf of myself, Harry Scanes, Layla Mackenzie and Liam Boxsell we would like to thank you so much for the amazing opportunity to experience the Ylead Conference in Brisbane during the holidays. The three day camp allowed us to really focus on what it meant to be a leader and how we can be a better leader than we were yesterday. On the first day all students were given the chance to pick their yleaders and groups. All of the leaders had 30 seconds to sell themselves to us; each group could have a maximum of 16 people, although my group only had 14. All four Tweed River students went to different groups so we could really experience Ylead for what it was. There were close to 250 students who came from all over Queensland to join us for these magical three days.

To sum it up, Ylead student conference was an awesome start to 2015 for us all and I am confident that the plans we came up with will go into place to really embrace the culture of our school. I am also confident it made us all better leaders and we look forward to going back to school to apply all that we learnt. We would like to thank you again for this truly amazing experience.

Zoe Boxsell – Vice Captain

Department of Education & Communities

Technology talks

Find out about all the technologies your child could be using at school, at home and on the go. Scan the A-Z list for overall knowledge, find out how gadgets work, what their good points are and other usages you may need to be aware of.

Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology

Jargon buster

Wondering why your kids talk about playing under the school COLA? Baffled at parent-teacher discussions about KLA’s? This list of common abbreviations or terms will help you to become familiar with the world inside school.


The Titans 4 Tomorrow team would like to join with the school community in welcoming both our incoming year 7 students and new students in years 8-12. We hope that you will feel at home here at Tweed River High School.

This year promises to be a busy one, with plenty of opportunities to really challenge students in their academic pursuits as well as in the huge variety of extra-curricular activities and events that are on offer throughout the year. T4T would like to encourage students to try new things, take on leadership roles and be actively involved in the girls academy program.

The Titans 4 Tomorrow Indigenous Girls Academy utilise tutorials, mentoring, workshops, cultural activities, sporting and arts related activities, elite athlete and role model visits, and residential camps to engage and inspire the students.

The Academy Liaison Officer (ALO) will be at Tweed River High every Monday, Tuesday and Friday.

The High Performance Centre is now open during school breaks and after school. Girls Academy students will have access to seek assistance or do extra work in a comfortable and supportive environment. Please don’t forget to make a booking.

2015 Enrolment forms have now been distributed and are due to be returned to the High Performance Centre in the library this week.
Welcome Year 7, we hope you have the chance to pop into the library over the next few weeks to come and meet the library staff.

Teacher Librarians
Mr Whitehead (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday)
Mrs Monniot (Thursday & Friday)

Tweed River High School has a wonderful collection of reading materials and books needed for assignments.

Year 7 students are able to borrow 2 fiction books & 2 non-fiction books. Loans are for a two (2) week period.

Until student photo ID cards are issued Year 7 can use their student timetable as ID to borrow resources.

Tweed River High School participates in the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge from March through to August in 2015. Students are required to read 20 books over this time to complete the challenge.

Library opening times

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PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM

Over the next 8 weeks students in Year 7 will be involved with Peer Support. Each week groups of 12 – 14 Year 7 students will meet with Year 10 Peer Support Leaders and work through a range of activities that focus on resilience. It is hoped that through working on these activities in small groups, each student will enhance their resilience and continue to develop the skills needed to bounce back when things don’t work out the way they planned.

Other benefits may include:
- Forming connections with their Peer leaders, peers and teachers
- Participating in an activity that fosters a sense of belonging
- Developing values, skills and understandings that can be adapted to all aspects of their lives
- Learning through relevant and practical activities with their peers.

I would like to thank Year 10 students for their involvement in this program and for being and acting as a positive role model in our school and in the community.

Bronwyn Mackney
HT WELFARE

Ms Cowan
PDHPE

The ‘Hurting Game’

When: Friday 13th February 2015
Time: Period: part P5 & P6
Year Group: Year 7
Where: School HALL
Aim: The ‘Hurting Game’ takes a daring look at the hurtful and destructive games students can play. The play promotes discussion about friendship, bullying, body image and the way students interact at school and on the internet.

We hope you will support this important program to assist in creating a safe and harmonious environment for students and staff.

Activities: Post-performance follow-up activities;
Board of Studies – NSW PD/H/PE Syllabus Objectives
Compliments TRHS Management Plan
Welfare programs, Drama

COST: Gold coin donation....... $ please.

Please bring on the day. The school is subsidizing the cost of this Program.

Questions: Contact Ms Mackney; Head Teacher WELFARE

Thank you parents for your support of the programs and opportunities offered here at TRHS
Bronwyn Mackney
Swimming Carnival 2015
On Thursday the 12\textsuperscript{th} February Tweed River High are holding the annual swimming carnival at Banora Oasis Pools. We are all looking forward to a fun filled day where everyone can get involved. A reminder to students to dress up in your house colours!

- **Boyd** – Yellow
- **Burgess** – Orange
- **McGregor** – Red
- **Morgan** – Blue

A reminder of a few important points:

- Pool entry is $3.50 which is paid at the pool on the day.
- The FNC swimming carnival is on Tuesday 17\textsuperscript{th} February. This means there is only TWO school days between our carnival and the next level. Only students who wish to attend the FNC carnival should take a note on the school carnival day. The cost will be $15 and must be paid to the Front Office on Friday 18\textsuperscript{th} and note given to Ms Alford in the J Block PDHPE Staffroom.
- Students are to attend the carnival for the WHOLE day. Please do not give your students a note to leave early. Just like any other school day they are expected to attend all day.
- If students wish to catch the organised bus from school in the morning, they must pay $5 to the Front Office and be at school at 8am. The bus will take them back to school at the end of the day for the 2:30pm buses.
- Long distance events (200m and 400m) will be run at 8am. Students who wish to participate in these events should be at the pool no later than 7:45am please.

The carnival will be going ahead whether it is raining or not, due to how close the FNC carnival is (it was moved forward this year).

Far North Coast Knockouts
There are a number of sporting events coming up including:

- **Open Basketball Knockout** – Thursday 12\textsuperscript{th} February at Byron Bay Sport Complex
- **FNC U15 Touch Football Trials** – Thursday 19\textsuperscript{th} February at Murwillumbah
- **Open Boys and Girls Football Knockout (Soccer)** – Friday 20\textsuperscript{th} February at Murwillumbah
- **U15 AFL FNC Trials** – Friday 27\textsuperscript{th} February at Byron Bay

I will also soon be calling for nominations for Open Rugby League FNC Trials, Rugby Union FNC Trials and Open Netball FNC Trials.

U15 Netball North Coast Final
Last year our U15 Netball team won through to the NC Final and will be versing South Grafton High School in the next few weeks. Good luck to the girls who have been training hard to get to the level they have.

Yours in Sport
Ms Alford
Sports Organiser 2015
In July our exchange student, Toon, joined our family. And when I say joined he literally did that. He has become my teenage son. Our experience as a family has been amazing and unforgettable.

Toon is leaving this week and I feel like my son is grown up and leaving home. There is nothing negative that I can say about our time with Toon. Toon has been through all sorts of things with our family. Through good times, like the birth of our new daughter, and not so good times (but nothing bad).

I would like to say my respects to Toon’s parents. They have done a wonderful job raising such a courteous, well mannered, well balanced son. We have so many fantastic stories from this exchange experience. We have enjoyed it so much that we are hosting again next July. We will have a friend for life and will never forget Toon.

Thank you WEP for the chance to meet Toon. It wouldn’t have been possible without the WEP team. Only a quick few words to show my appreciation in meeting Toon and to WEP.

Enrich your home with a curious exchange student in July 2015

Request student profiles now to find out more!

www.wep.org.au  1300 884 733  info@wep.org.au
A music camp for public school secondary students is to be held at Lake Ainsworth Sport & Recreation Centre in term two of 2015. Nominations will be accepted on school recommendation and students selected according to ability.

Please ensure that when nominating a student you complete the section indicating their current instrument and standard (or voice details for vocalists) and that this reflects the student's ability. This will assist in making the selection process as fair as possible. Nomination is the first step and all applications are subject to review by the selection panel. If no instrumental standard is indicated on the application form it is difficult for the panel to make a fair assessment of the student's suitability for camp. Every attempt will be made to select an equal distribution of students. There are however, limited places for some instruments due to the individual requirements of each ensemble.

Nominations close on Monday 9 March and students will be notified as soon as possible after this date. A neat, current email address will ensure notification reaches you as fast as possible. Unsuccessful students may be placed on a waiting list and second round offers made in late March.

A range of styles of music will be performed, all of which are intended to challenge talented students and afford them opportunities not readily available at school level. The camp will finish with a concert on the Tuesday evening.

The cost for this camp is $395. Do not pay Lake Ainsworth! Students may apply to their individual school for assistance if needed.

Students attending the camp in 2015 will be eligible for nomination for State Wind Band. This band will perform at the Sydney Opera House in 2016 and will be made up of students from all of NSW who have been selected to represent their region in this prestigious State Wind Band.

State Wind Band selection is available to students playing the instruments in the following families:

Woodwind
Brass
Percussion

as well as bass players; electric or acoustic

In addition, a string orchestra and a rock band will be offered at camp, as well as concert band and a vocal ensemble.

Contact TRHS Music Department for an application form or further details.
Casuarina Beach Junior Rugby Union - Sign On Day

Casuarina Beach Junior Rugby is a family friendly club that encourages fun, friendship and sportsmanship both on and off the field.

We have regular club nights and $1 dinner nights for the kids, social trips and lots of BBQ's! Our coaches are all Smart Rugby qualified to ensure players learn the skills at each age level. Games are played with modified rules at each age level to ensure players gain the right skills.

Training mid-week, Tue & Thu, depending on age. Games are played on Saturday mornings.
Season starts April.
Training starts mid Feb.

Sign on Date: Saturday 7th February
Time: 9am - 1pm
Venue: Casuarina Rugby Fields, Coast Road, Casuarina (Next to the Rec Club)

If you can’t make sign on, you can register online at our website and all the contact details are there.

More info at our website www.cbrugby.com.au
Phone Leanne Blyth 0414 895121
She Rides for fun, for freedom, for friends. Have you heard about She Rides? Would you like to ride your bike more for fun and fitness, but lack the confidence to ride, or simply don’t have anyone to go riding with? She Rides is a ladies only cycling program developed by Cycling Australia, and is focused on fitness, skills development and creating a social riding community of women - to get you ready to make riding part of your everyday life. It’s not about going fast or fancy lycra gear, but to have fun. The Gold Coast program will be held at Palm Beach, starts Tuesday 17 March and there are eight weekly two hour sessions. Fun is guaranteed. Friendship is a bonus. www.sherides.com.au. The program includes face to face sessions with your coach, in a small group environment. Price $169.
CoolHeads

Goodwin Park, Coolangatta
Saturdays 4pm–7pm

FREE BBQ & ACTIVITIES
(for young people aged 12–18)

February 14
Sumo Suits

February 28
Ice Candles

MARCH 14
Tye Dying

MARCH 28
Easter Eggs

Contact CoolHeads on 0439 009 850

Follow us on Facebook
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ABDUCTED / MISSING
BRONTE & ISABELLA WATTER
$10,000 Reward

For information leading to the location of missing 7 year-old non-identical twins abducted from school in Townsville on 4 April 2014 and still missing.

Abducted by non-custodial parent Catherine “Cassie” Watter (nee Doubleday) in breach of court orders.

Recently in the Brisbane North region. Current location unknown.

Call CrimeStoppers to report sightings or information about the girls or Cassie Watter.

Facebook: Help Find Isabella and Bronte
Twitter: @Isabella_Bronte
ATP – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Dear Mr Lambert,

I would like to be considered for inclusion in the ATP class in Year

Name: .................................................................

Current English and Maths classes: .................................................

In order to be included in this program I will:

Have a positive attitude, be learning focused and motivated to extend myself to achieve the best possible outcomes by:

- Cooperating and respecting the learning of others
- Attempting to do my best at all times, showing exemplary behaviour and observing all rules and instructions
- Completing all assessment work, including extension work, classwork, assignments and practical activities
- Participating in extra ATP activities such as subject competitions, excursions and field work

I am aware that there is a yearly fee of $100 for the ATP program. I am aware of, and agree to meet, all of the requirements for the ATP class. I am aware that, if I do not meet these conditions, I may be withdrawn from the program. I understand that the success of this application will be based on the results I have achieved so far at Tweed River High School and teacher recommendations.

Signed: ....................................................... (Student)

Signed: ....................................................... (Parent/Caregiver)  Date: ........................................
In the space below, applicants are required to write a response explaining why they wish to be part of the ATP and why they will succeed in this program.