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 recognized within our community for excellence in education.
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 focus on 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 in our school community.

Tweed River High School

Innovation, Opportunity and Success

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe, happy and healthy New Year.

P&C Association

Meetings will normally be held on the third Thursday of the month at 7pm in the Staff Common Room.

Next meeting will be in February 2013.

For further information or contact with the P&C committee please contact the School Office.

UNIFORM SHOP

Open
Every Tuesday & Thursday
8.00am - 11am
(Located next to the Canteen)

Co-ordinator - Kerry Lee
As the year draws to a close it presents the opportunity to reflect on the year that was and plan for the year to come. This year has been filled with opportunities for TRHS students to engage in a wide range of outstanding educational and extra-curricular activities and this Friday we take the opportunity to celebrate the outstanding academic achievements of students from Years 7 to 11 during our Presentation Assembly and Year Assemblies. I encourage members of our school community to attend and celebrate the achievements of our students with us.

During the presentation assembly we will also continue the school’s proud tradition of recognising the outstanding achievements of Tweed River High School alumni, through our Hall of Fame. It is wonderful to see the many students who go on to achieve enormous success in their chosen fields; these people are an inspiration to us all.

Over the last week I have had the pleasure of attending a lesson with Mr Hodges’ Year 12 Advanced English class and Mrs Wolthers’ Year 7 ATP History class. I was invited to both classes to see the presentation of assessment tasks and I was honoured to see so many students producing outstanding work.

The Year 12 students were presenting a visual representation for their Area of Study, focussing on the play "The Crucible". The task required students to take extracts from the play and represent them in a modern, visual representation, using computer technology to do so. Not only did the students display a deep understanding of the issues represented throughout the Area of Study, along with the way in which those ideas are presented in the text, they also displayed an excellent command of modern technology which enabled them to communicate these ideas to a modern audience. I would like to congratulate these students and I look forward to seeing their growth throughout the Year 12 course.

I was also deeply impressed by the work of Mrs Wolthers’ class, who not only displayed outstanding research skills, coupled with confident communication strategies, but clearly presented the joy of learning History to their audience. All learning should be something we enjoy and it is refreshing to see the passion of these young people for History. Mrs Wolthers has truly inspired them to work well beyond the level required of a Stage 4 student.

I would like to thank all the teachers and students for their hard work and dedication during 2012. I would also like to thank the parents and community members who have supported our students to reach their potential and I wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to a wonderful year of learning in 2013.

Leisa Conroy, Principal

I know I sound like a broken record but !!! The girls uniform is the tartan skirt or black shorts with the Seagull logo on the leg. Parents - over the new year break, when buying uniforms, please do not purchase any other black shorts other than the ones with the Seagull logo on them.

Can I also remind senior students that they are not permitted to park on school grounds. No exceptions!

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a great holiday break.

Craig Clement, Deputy Principal

Changes in 2013
This will be my last Tweed River HS newsletter item for 12 months. During 2013 I will be relieving as Principal at Bonalbo Central School. For the first semester Mr Breen Mackney will be taking on the role of Relieving Deputy Principal.

As I look back on my three years at Tweed River I’m reminded of a line from the English writer James Herriot who is famous for his All Creatures Great and Small books. As I remember the quote, after spending his first year in the Yorkshire Dales and reviewing how the farmers he worked with had reacted to him, he summed it up by saying that quite...
TERM 4  WEEK 11A

Monday 17 December
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Tuesday 18 December
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Wednesday 19 December
•  Last day of Term for students

Thursday 20 December
•  Staff Development Day

Friday 21 December
•  Staff Development Day

PRINCIPAL’S QUALITY WORK AWARDS

Year 7
English – Mrs Skilleter
Olive ATTENBOROUGH-DOYLE; Joshua FREEMAN; Celine OGG; Anna WOOD

Year 7
History – Mrs Wolthers
Carl ALBRECHT; Olivia ATTENBOROUGH-DOYLE; Celine OGG; Lachlan PRESTAGE; Joshua SMART; Tom Van Der WEEGEN; Anna WOOD

Year 9
Textiles – Mrs Marriott
Alice HOWARD; Alisha NEAVE; Jenaiha PECKHAM; Jaimie SEMPLE; Madison WOLFE; Silvia ZAPATA-JOHANNESEN

Yr 10 Interviews – Mr Wiggins
Year 9 – Interview panel students
Zoe BOXSELL; Amber BYATT; Brayden CLARK; Caitlin COCHRANE; Megan EDWARDS; Georgia EKSTROM; Nikaila HARTLEY; Christopher OPFER; Jazze PAYNE; Harry SCANES; Brayden SMALL; Chelsea WILSON.

2013 TERM 1  WEEK 1A

Monday 28 January
•  Public Holiday

Tuesday 29 January
•  Staff Development Day

Wednesday 30 January
•  Yr 7, 11 & 12 students start school

Thursday 31 January
•  Yr 8, 9 & 10 students return to school

Friday 1 February
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The SRC sold Candy Canes over the last two weeks, to get in the spirit of Christmas. We raised over $200 for the school. It was a great time and we had a special visit from Santa. If you still haven’t received your Candy Cane please go to B20 or see a SRC member.

The Teacher vs Student Volleyball game was also great fun. Although teachers won, there were still lots of laughs. The final score was 25 to 7. Thank you to the PE staff for getting involved.

On behalf of the SRC we would like to wish everyone a safe but Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Zoe Boxxell, SRC Publicity Officer

Mr Swaddles personal cheer squad for MOvember.

KYDD FOOD AT THE CANTEEN

Week 11
Monday  Wedges with salsa, sour cream & cheese  $3.50
Tuesday  Pasta Carbonara  $3.00
Wednesday  All toasted sandwiches  $2.00 & last day specials in Canteen

Wishing all students a safe and fun holiday’s
Jo, Barbara and Lisa
PRINCIPALS QUALITY WORK MEDALS

This award is presented to a student who receives 3 or more Principals Quality Work Awards throughout the year.

The following students will receive this award at the Annual Presentation Ceremony on Friday:

**Year 7**
- Celine OGG
- Olivia Attenborough-Doyle (3rd medal this year)
- Anna Wood (2nd medal this year)

**Year 8**
- Chloe LODER

**Year 9**
- Josh GEARON
- Amilia GREEN
- Nikaila HARTLEY
- Erin HICKEY
- Teagan JEFFERIES
- Moesha JOHNSON
- Madison McRAE
- Joel SCHRamm-EYRE

**Year 10**
- Alex BREWER
- Elsie RAMPLING

TRHS UNIFORM SHOP

2013 EARLY OPENING DATES

8am – 11am on:
- Monday 21st Jan
- Tuesday 22nd Jan
- Wednesday 23rd Jan
- Thursday 24th Jan
- Friday 25th Jan
- Tuesday 29th Jan
- Wednesday 30th Jan
- Thursday 31st Jan

Cash & Cheque accepted. NO EFTPOS until School Office opens on Wed 30th January

SCHOOL CANTEEN

The Canteen will be open on Thu 24th Jan & Fri 25th Jan from 9.00am – 11.00am for sale of:

- Visual Art Diary ($7.50)
- Aprons (blue & white) for Tech Mandatory, Food Tech & Visual Art ($8.00);
- Safety Goggles for various Technology subjects ($10.00)
This week students in Years 8 and 9 will be making their sport choices for Term 1 2013. An information sheet has been distributed through roll call for students to take home and discuss their choices and the costs with their parents so they can make this decision now. It will save a lot of time next year.

Those students who fail to make their choice before the end of the year may only have a limited selection to choose from next year. Choices will be made on the schools Moodle site and it should be open soon. This site, when open, can be accessed from home on the internet through the school’s website.

Opportunity will be given to students to do their selections at school as well. If you have any questions please call Mr Green at school.

This year’s Year 7 will be involved in a sport rotation for Term 1.

Mark Green, HT PD/H/PE
REMINDER
TRHS UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Junior Girls: Bottle green tartan skirt with two inverted pleats front and back. Bottle green polo shirt with white collar or white polo with green collar. Black shoes & white ankle length socks.

Winter: Bottle green school sweatshirt or Taslon tracksuit.

Junior Boys: Black taslon shorts with Seagull logo. Bottle green polo shirt with white collar or white polo with green collar. Black shoes & white ankle length socks.

Winter: Bottle green school sweatshirt or Taslon tracksuit.

Senior Girls: Black watch tartan skirt, white unisex polo shirt. Black shoes.

Winter: Black school sweatshirt or Taslon tracksuit.

Senior Boys: Black taslon shorts with white seagull logo, white collared polo shirt. Black shoes.

Winter: Black school sweatshirt or Taslon tracksuit.

Some more from School Spec
YEAR 10 ‘SURVIVED’
Tips for supporting Provisional Drivers

*Remember your teenager is still very new to driving. Continue to encourage safe driving including:*

- Ensuring they organise their time so they can stick to posted speed limits and adapt to driving conditions, such as rain.
- Get them to plan their night before they leave. For L and P1 drivers, mobile phone use is prohibited, even hands-free or loudspeaker.
- Slowly increasing the amount of independent night driving – this is a time when young drivers are more likely to crash.
- Gradually allowing them to increase the number of passengers in the car once they have progressed to the P2 stage. Remember, P1 drivers under the age of 25 can only carry one passenger under 21 between the hours of 11pm and 5am (*some exemptions apply*).

*Before your teenager goes out, particularly when partying, spend some time discussing options for getting home safely. Some ideas for young people to consider:*

- Leave the car at home.
- Catch a bus – check timetables to avoid waiting times at bus stops.
- Stay overnight with a friend.
- Arrange to be dropped off and picked up by a parent or other responsible adult.

*Also discuss:*

- Driving alcohol free.
- Dealing with pressure from friends to drive in an unsafe manner.
- Being a responsible passenger.

For more information about the RRISK program and risk taking visit [www.rrisk.com.au](http://www.rrisk.com.au)
Students are able to borrow from the library for the holiday break. Remember to keep a record for the Premier’s Reading Challenge 2013 enter them on your card in the New Year.

A REMINDER FOR TEXTBOOKS/ ENGLISH NOVELS USED IN 2012.

THESE ARE NOW TO BE RETURNED TO THE LIBRARY IN PREPARATION FOR 2013
A Day at the Pool

An event in two weeks of activities celebrating International Day of People with Disability 2012
Removing barriers to create an inclusive and accessible society for all

South Tweed Pool
Heffron Street, Tweed Heads South

Date: Sunday December 16
Time: 10am-2pm

You are invited to attend the Special Olympics Tweed Region’s “Come & Try” swimming day. This is inclusive for people with all disabilities and ages.

EVENTS:
25 meter and 50 meter freestyle
25 meter and 50 meter Backstroke
25 meter and 50 meter Breaststroke
Relays

COST: Free

On the day there will be coaches and volunteers available to assist the athletes in all activities.

The purpose of this day is to allow athletes with disabilities interested in swimming to connect with swim programs and pathways in the healthy activity of swimming. Athletes may only want to enjoy being involved in a swim training program in the Tweed area, or may want to find pathways to competition locally, State, National or International levels. They may simply want to meet and make new friends.

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