



Mullumbimby High School  
P&C Association



On behalf of the P&C, I would like to join the whole school community in extending my deepest sympathies to Jai's family.

To have lost a son and a brother is an enormous grief. It is my hope that they can draw strength from the good wishes of the community.

My sympathies are with Jai's friends and fellow students. The shock and grief that comes with this tragic accident is a real emotion that is new to some of us and it takes time to come to terms with it.

My sympathies are with the staff of our school too. They too are deeply saddened by our loss. Everyone who takes on teaching as a career does so out of a deep commitment to the well being of kids, our kids. Their grief is tangible but they put this aside to be available to support our children. I commend their work to you.

We all express our grief in different ways, some in anger, some in action and some in quiet support of each other. Today at school I have seen it all. Overwhelmingly students and staff have grieved quietly and in an atmosphere of mutual support. There is a large team of counsellors available in an on-going way for students and staff.

Police support is very visible in our school and will available for as long as required. They will ensure that your children are safe.

Any parents and carers who feel the need of the services of a counsellor can call: North Coast Area Health Service, Mental Health Line on 1300369968. This is a 24 hour- 7 day service. Support is available to all members of our school community.

Many people from the community have come in with cakes and friendly supportive words. It is so encouraging.

Today is a day of sad pride when observing the behaviour of the school community. Once again we pull together. We have so much to appreciate here in Mullumbimby.

Our children are well supported and cared for. This is a good place for them to be.

It is times like this when we reflect on the tenuous hold that we have on life, the need to make the most of every minute, the need for strong community support for everyone and the need for a positive outlook. We all work to build resilience in our children so they come to terms with life's tougher times.

We support our school, our staff and by doing this we support our children. I commend Mullumbimby High School to you.

Anne Bowden