Personal Development and Health Programs
As part of the PDHPE and Cross Roads (Year 11) mandatory curriculum all students in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 from Mullumbimby High School have participated in the Party Safe program delivered by Community Support Workers from INTRA the Buttery’s outreach programs. Each session focused on Drug education and safe partying strategies with a focus on harm minimisation and question and answer discussions on adolescent issues.

On Thursday 21 May, Byron Youth Theatre (BYT) will deliver a new production titled ALTERED STATES which will focus on illicit drug use in our community. The production will consist of a 50-minute performance and an accompanying 30 minute workshop facilitated by Lisa Apostolides and Company members from BYT.

It is aimed at raising awareness of the use/misuse, effect on a young person and impact on their family and friends of 3 main drugs: alcohol, cannabis and ice. All Year 10 students will view the performance and participate in the workshop which will be delivered in the drama space at school. Year 10 students are asked to pay $2 at the door. Year 11 students will also be given the opportunity to participate in the 2015 PASH Conference at Byron Regional Sport and Cultural Complex. The PASH Conference will focus on Positive Adolescent Sexual

Year 12 Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation students coaching MPS students

Laptops for Hire
As mentioned last week, we have a number of commissioned laptops available for hire. We have already received a number of requests but still have some available. The Lenovo Thinkpads are available to all year groups for school and home use. Students and parents will be asked to sign a contract and pay a deposit of $100. Students will then be responsible for the laptop for the year and on return of the working laptop will be reimbursed $50. For further information please contact the school or students may see Mrs Spilstead.

Italian Exchange Program
Our students had a wonderful time in Italy over the April holidays as can be seen in the photographs on the last page. We are looking forward to the Italian students visiting our school in September. This exchange program is an incredible opportunity for students to make overseas friends, experience Italian culture and see how a different education system works. We are already in the process of planning next year’s trip in April. Current Year 9 or 10 students interested in being a part of the excursion next year should see Mr Clarke. If you would like further information about the exchange, please contact Mrs James Clarke on 66842600.

Review of Special Religious Education and Special Education in Ethics in NSW government schools
The NSW Department of Education and Communities has commissioned an independent review of the implementation of Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE) in NSW public schools. The review is being conducted by an independent research company, ARTD Consultants. This company provides services in evaluating public policy. The review will inform ongoing improvement of SRE and SEE for the Department and providers.

How can you participate in the review?
You can complete a survey up until 31 July 2015 via an online portal, located at this link: http://forms.artd.com.au/s3/Online-contribution-for-parents-carers
The survey is in English and has 19 questions. For most questions you can select an answer from the multiple choice options provided. Only two questions ask for written answers. Extra written feedback for another five questions may be provided if desired but is not essential.

For questions or concerns associated with participation in the review or to raise a complaint about the conduct of the review, please contact the Leader, Quality Assurance, on (02) 9244 5025 or by email at SRE-SEE-Review@det.nsw.edu.au. All complaints will be treated confidentially.

Principal’s Message

Principal: Ms Donna Pearson
Deputy Principal: Mr Cameron Johnson
FROM THE CAREERS OFFICE

Firstly, I would like to wish Mr Troy Williams all the very best in his new appointment at Tweed River High School. Fortunately for me, I am absolutely thrilled to have the opportunity to relieve in the Careers Advisor’s position and to work with the students, teachers, parents and community here at Mullumbimby High School. I do hope that our association is a long and happy one. I have been previously employed in various Advisory and Coordinating roles within the Department of Education and Communities, working with young people at TAFE (TVET Courses) and in Schools, with School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships and have visited Mullumbimby High School many times, over the years. I very much enjoy working with students to assist them in determining appropriate pathways. The best place to start is with what you are interested in, what you like, what you are good at, even your favourite subject. There are many and varied Career options available nowadays and in most of our lifetimes we may even change our Careers up to 20 times! It is a very busy time of year for Year 10 students, with the upcoming Careers Expo on Friday 15th May to be held at Goonellabah Sports Centre. This is a great opportunity to talk to employers, various industry representatives and further education providers. There is also a TAFE / TVET Open day in June and a Tertiary Expo in July … So stay tuned for all this and more! — Ms Perrin, Careers Advisor

JOB VACANCIES — see Ms Perrin

EWINGSDALE Commercial Cookery Apprenticeship Figtree Restaurant. See Ms Perrin for more details, DO NOT Contact the Restaurant directly please.

BYRON BAY—School Based Traineeship position available for Cert II Hospitality

ITALY 2015: A STUDENT’S ACCOUNT

Our experience with the Italian Exchange Program was unforgettable. We developed amazing friendships with not only the Italian students but also Byron High students. Experiencing life in an Italian household was a cultural experience and it is something we’ll never forget. Italy on its own is superb in every way with its delicious gelato, awesome shopping, breathtaking scenery and friendly locals. Start saving now because it is literally the most amazing trip you’ll ever go on! — Ellie

Mr Clarke is collecting names now from anyone interested to join the Italian exchange Trip in 2016. If you wish to join in this experience, go and see Mr Clarke as soon as possible. If you wish to like our Facebook page.

COMING EVENTS

12, 13 & 14 May
NAPLAN
Friday 15 May
Careers Expo 10am
Wednesday 27 May
Café Care 8am

Terms and Conditions

www.mullumbimbyhigh.com and the Invoice or by contacting the School Administration Office.

You can make a complete payment of a school invoice. When you access the Make a payment you must enter:

- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields OR ere is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number these are not used at our school, please leave blank.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

Keep up to date with the latest announcements and events happening at Mullumbimby High School. Take a moment to like our Facebook page.

Creating opportunities, achieving success.
Mullumbimby and Byron Bay High School students in Italy last Easter

Photos (L to R): 1st row: Students posing with gondoliers in Venice; Enjoying pizza in the park; Sitting by Lake Como.
2nd row: Students reading Juliette’s wall in Verona; Waiting on the steps of Venice’s railway station
3rd row: Snow in the Dolomites mountains; 4th row: the historic University of Padua; View of Padova’s bridge; View of Lake Como
5th row: Murano island in Venice; Window shopping in cobbled streets of Verona; Standing on the bridges of Venice