

School Calendar 2018

Monday 29 January 2018

Staff return to school

Tuesday 30 January 2018

Years 7, 11 and 12 commence school

Wednesday 31 January 2018

Years 8, 9 and 10 commence school

Wednesday 7 February 2018

Swimming Carnival

Thursday 8 February 2018

Years 10, 11 & 12 Drama Excursion Sydney

Wednesday 16 February 2018

Years 9, 10, 11 & 12 Art Express Excursion

Tuesday 20 February 2018

Zone Swimming Carnival

Friday 23 February 2018

Open Boys Basketball Gala Day

CANTEEN - Phone 65589963

Tuesday 30 January

Elona

Wednesday 31 January

Jen Scarborough

Thursday 1 February

Merrilyn

Friday 2 February

Elona

Monday 5 February

Elona

Tuesday 6 February

Jennie Smith

Wednesday 7 February

Tracey Murrell

Thursday 8 February

Mel Seale

Friday 9 February

Elona

WE WISH ALL OF OUR STUDENTS, THEIR
FAMILIES, AND OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY,
A TRULY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
PROSPEROUS, HEALTHY
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!



YEAR 12 BREAST CANCER FUNDRAISER WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER



Congratulations Year 12 on a very successful fundraiser for Breast Cancer which raised over \$2500.00. Y12 students collected donations for the seven male students who were prepared to shave their heads for the cause: Lincoln Cox, Harry Clarke, Brody Dougherty, Kieran Schneider, Rhys Cox, Owen Bithrey and Will Brown. Mrs Ingram also decided to join them.

Students donated a gold coin to be out of uniform, and looked fantastic in all shades of pink. Prizes were handed out by Year 12 for the best dressed. A bake sale and face painting were well supported at recess and lunch.

After lunch local hairdresser Nikki Durbidge came with clippers in hand to do the deed. Harry and Brody were able to donate their long hair for wigs.

A fun day was had by all while raising money for this very worthy cause.



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CONTRATULATIONS HSC STUDENTS OF 2017

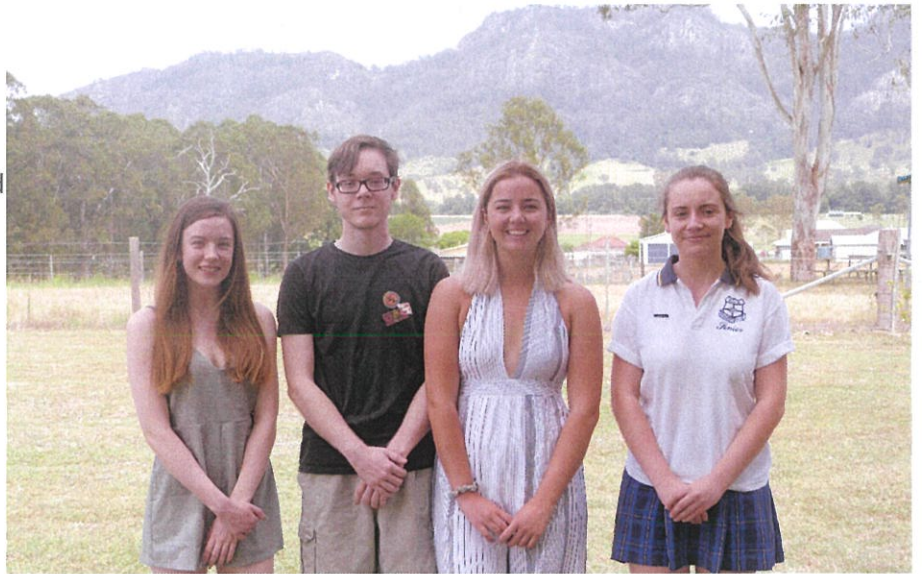
The release of the HSC results demonstrates the school's commitment to ongoing excellence with six students recognised as Distinguished Achievers.

The 'Distinguished Achievers Award' recognises those who score in the highest band in at least one course. Band 6 is the highest band and to achieve this you need to obtain between 90 and 100 marks. The areas of excellence were: Music (2), Software Design (1), Hospitality (1), Biology (1), Legal Studies (1). While the equivalent of a notional Band 6, an E2 was achieved in Mathematics Extension 2.

The following Gloucester High School students achieved Band 6 for their respective courses: Laura Dunlop (Music), Nina Samson (Music), Chloe Harris (Software Design), Ruby Phippen (Biology and Legal Studies), Jasmin L'Green (Hospitality), Gabe Hennessy-O'Reilly (Mathematics Extension 2 E2).

Several students also achieved excellent results in Extension levels in English and Mathematics.

30 Band 5s were achieved across the board.



Congratulations to all HSC students.

QUICKSMART PRESENTATION 2017

It was another successful year in the QuickSmart program this year. We had six students successfully complete the program. Congratulations to Alarni Longbottom, Layla Bosworth, Charlie Walker, Gabbie Walker, Jessica Kernahan and Julius Hollingsworth for all gaining 100% accuracy and completed the program. These students attended two sessions per week and worked hard on their speed and accuracy. This year's major focus was Multiplication and Division. These students were presented with their certificates by Mrs Trudi Edman at a small Quicksmart end of year party.



PRINCIPAL'S SPEECH AT PRESENTATION EVENING

I too would like to welcome you to Gloucester High School's annual Presentation Evening and would like to acknowledge we are meeting on the land of the Worimi and Biripi peoples.

This is a time to be thankful to our school and community in supporting us to meet the educational and social outcomes of our students and celebrate student success.

What a full and busy year this has been. As the 2017 school year draws to a close I reflect back on what we have planned, offered and achieved as a school within the Gloucester community. I briefly scanned my diary and had difficulty remembering that some of these events actually occurred this year. There were so many.



At the end of your program you will find a list of events that have been organised, risked assessed, managed, coached and or facilitated by staff at Gloucester High School. Mr Wisely has gone through our school calendar to highlight the diverse opportunities that have been made available to our students, your children, by the staff here at GHS.

These activities and opportunities are actually external to the curriculum and have been organised and facilitated by staff, at times with parent and community support, but mostly in their own time. We are so very fortunate to have such dedicated staff who are willing to go above and beyond to provide our students with learning experiences that complement the academic curriculum but also provide cultural and social experiences that set our students up for post school endeavours. As recently as last weekend, Year 10 students were entertaining us with a drama production, overseen by Mr Davis and his crew of students and staff helpers. The many hours of work assigned to the organisation of tonight's presentation are also to be acknowledged. I sincerely thank all our teachers for the work undertaken in 2017.

This year has been a tremendous learning curve for our leadership team. As you recall, late last year, Pat Cavanagh (our previous Principal) accepted a secondment to the corporate sector of the DoE in the role of Principal School Leadership in Coffs Harbour and Greg Leighton, Head Teacher (HT) English took two years LSL. This resulted in a number of us fulfilling leadership positions in a relieving role. I became relieving Principal, Mr Mik Wisely relieving Deputy Principal, Mrs Toni Corbett relieving H T English, Mr Rob Seale relieving HT TAS and Ms Myree Ribbons relieving HT Wellbeing (whom I would like to congratulate on accepting the HT Wellbeing as a substantive position). Mr Phil Dowle and Mr Shane McInerney were the only two in their original positions. Thank you to the leadership team in supporting me in the relieving Principal role. Just to update you on the Principal's position, Pat has accepted a substantive position as School Director in Armidale. This means the Principal's position will be through merit selection in readiness for Term 2 2018.

While we were becoming accustomed to our new roles in leading and managing the school, the DoE introduced LMBR : the Leading Management and Business Reform. This is an integrated IT system in human resources, payroll, finance and student administration. Switching to this system included many training days for myself, Mrs Christine Moulds, our office manager, and Mrs Erica Ribbons, one of our office staff. This meant we were often out of the school for training purposes then had to take this knowledge back to school and implement the changes in programs, procedures and systems and to train other staff in the many and varied platforms. All of this was happening while the day to day school operations and student learning continued. Thank you Chris and Erica for implementing the many complex financial procedures and supporting me in the process.

I would also like to acknowledge the diverse work our office staff undertake each day. Mrs Patrice Reynolds and Mrs

Amanda Moore are front and centre to our school and are usually the first port of call for parents and are a massive support to us teachers. Thank you also to our other office staff Mrs Julia Green, Mrs Jenne West, Mrs Robyn Hooke, Mrs Narelle Bignell and our casual staff, Chloe Grady and Alison Chapman. Thank you to Mr Mal Graham for the support he provides to staff and students in the Agriculture programs. I would also like to acknowledge and thank Mr Brian McInnes AKA Barney for the work he does around the school, the knowledge he has about the infrastructure of the place and his contacts for school maintenance.

The school has other support staff who not only work with teachers but work very closely with our students, your children. Thank you to Mr Dave Fitzhardinge who manages the IT network and computer hardware for staff and students and to our wonderful Student Learning Support Officers Mrs Janelle Davis, Mrs Anne Martin, Mrs Julie Schumann and Mr Daniel Trudgeon who are guided by Mrs Lorraine Forbes and Mrs Margo Cameron.

We shouldn't forget our students. We have a remarkable group of students at GHS. Having worked in a number of high schools I can honestly say our students uphold our PBL values of Care, Achievement, Respect, Effort and Responsibility in all their activities. These values also underpin societal values. This is evident with students advocating on behalf of other students, students volunteering with charity organisations and as recently as last week a group of our senior students initiated, planned and facilitated a whole school event to raise money for breast cancer research. A number of our senior boys, together with Mrs Ingram, bravely entrusted Nikki Durbidge with the clippers and had their heads shaved to raise even more money. Thanks to these students, Mrs Ingram and the students and staff who donated - approximately \$2500 was raised. This is an amazing result from a relatively small school.

As a farewell gift to the school our outgoing Year 12 students generously donated money toward the establishment of a café style area within the school grounds. Congratulations to you all.

I have been given permission to announce a regional achievement by one of our Year 10 students. Brianna Martin has been named the winner of the ABC's Mid North Coast Haywire Competition for her creative literary piece on her life's story. She will be representing the region for the national award in Canberra early next year. This will be officially announced by the ABC on Wednesday 13 December. Congratulations Brianna.

I see GHS as a community school. It is through your support, we have been able to achieve so much. Thank you to our canteen supervisors Mandy Nelson and Elona Holstein, and to our P&C who manage the school canteen and uniform shop. All money raised by the P&C is returned as resources for your children. This is an apt time to ask for more parent involvement in the P&C, it is a great forum to accurately find out what is happening in the school. Please think about joining in 2018.

Thank you to our community partners such as our feeder primary schools, Gloucester service clubs, community groups, agencies and businesses in the local community who provide financial support or support in kind to programs such as Ms Karishma St Juste in the role of School Chaplain.

Most of all thank **you**. It is wonderful to see so many parents, carers, family and friends who are here to celebrate the successes of our students, your children, during 2017.

With this in mind I am proud to say that Gloucester High School is on track to becoming a centre of excellence in meeting student academic, social, cultural, physical and emotional outcomes through student engagement, quality teaching and strong community partnerships. Please continue this journey with us in 2018.

I would like to wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday.

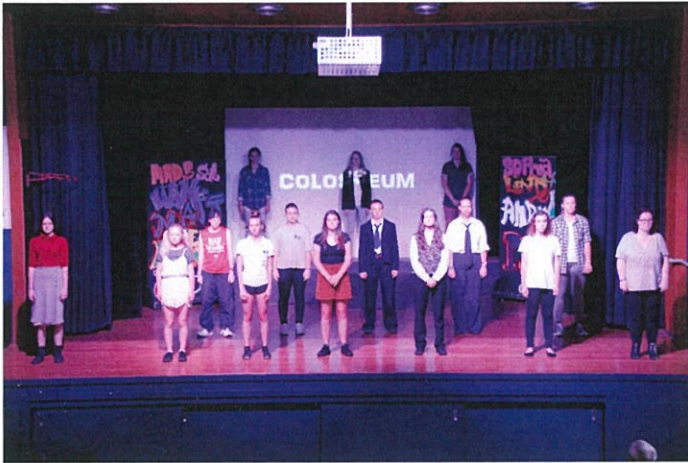
Mrs Trudi Edman, Relieving Principal

COLOSSEUM ENTERTAINS AUDIENCES

Year 10 Drama presented their end of year production, Colosseum, over four performances on Friday 8 December and Saturday 9 December. The evening performances were generally regarded as the more engaging due to the atmosphere created by the darkness.

The production received praise from many audience members who enjoyed the departure from comedy for something more intense. All of the young actors performed exceptionally well (lots of comments about Ellie Schumann's amazing monologue) and they were ably supported by the incredible techies Stephen Hester, James Latimore, Jake Mould, Jarrod Crook and stage manager extraordinaire, Miranda Riley.

With 58 scenes and 15 different storylines, it was easily the most challenging Year 10 production staged since the concept was first introduced 13 years ago. Congratulations to all of the students involved.



Mr Davis, Director

CRICKET – WIN TO STUDENTS

Students were keen to take on the teachers in a cricket match on Thursday. Year 9 students Drew Stone and Bryce Berry organised the match. In the heat of the morning the teachers were sent in to bat first, with Mr Jamie Andrews hitting a six and three fours. Mr Cameron achieved a four and Mr Kingston had a long innings. Mr Seale and Mrs Sally Andrews both scored ducks. Mrs Cameron, bowling and batting well, was a definite asset. Steven Dunthorne batted for the teachers and Julius Hollingsworth bowled tidily for the teachers' side. Teachers reached 71 runs in their 20 overs.

After an icypole break, supplied by Mrs Edman, Year 9 were sent in to bat. Eager to better this score the students started strongly. Harry Clarke retired not out with 30 runs, James McLeod not out for 30, Andrew Hughes and Zeke Llewellyn both knocked up a few runs until the teachers' score was passed.

The recently made wooden cup trophy took all the students' strength to lift, but the smiles on their faces tell the story: Students defeated Teachers. Keep practising teachers as you have another chance next year to get your name on the cup.



PRESENTATION EVENING 11 DECEMBER 2017

Gloucester High School staff and students gratefully acknowledge those businesses and individuals, listed below, who have made donations towards Presentation Night 2017.

Addison Partners
Australian Defence Force
Barrington Trophies
Bass 'N' Blues
Bowe & Lidbury
Caltex Australia
Class of 63
CWA Day Branch
CWA Evening Branch
Donna & Geoff Kemp
Forster Buslines
Gloucester Advocate
Gloucester Bookstore
Gloucester Business Chambers
Gloucester District Tennis
Gloucester High School P & C
Gloucester Lions Club
Gloucester Max Value Pharmacy
Gloucester Rotary Club
Gloucester Soldiers Club
Gloucester / Stroud MediCo
Gloucester Tax & Accounting
Gloucester Thunderbolts Swimming Association
HCCU
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Leveltec Engineering
Lodge Gloucester
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Mrs K Brauton
Mrs J Nolan
Mrs J Ingram
Mrs S Landers
Mrs V Coombes
NSW Premiers Reading Challenge
N & F O'Brien Carpentry
Mrs Southan
Quota Club of Gloucester
Rob Moore & Associates
Townsend Electrical
Ruben F Scarf
University of New England
Webbs Real Estate
Yates & Twomey

ACADEMIC AWARDS YEAR 7

Laura Stone	Academic Excellence in Year 7A Excellence in Science Excellence in PD/H/PE Excellence in English	<i>Gloucester Lions Club</i>
Emily Walker	Academic Excellence in Year 7E Excellence in English Excellence in Science	<i>Gloucester Tax and Accounting</i>
Bailey Hughes	Academic Excellence in Year 7N Excellence in English Excellence in French Excellence in History Excellence in Science	<i>Gloucester Max Value Pharmacy</i>
Hayley Connell	Excellence in Agriculture	
Melia Gauci-Mulder	Excellence in Music	
Anita Jackson	Excellence in French Excellence in iCreative Technology Excellence in Mathematics	
Jessica Kernahan	Excellence in Textiles Technology	
Lynelle Hester	Excellence in Music	
Isaac McClure	Excellence in Metal Technology Excellence in PD/H/PE	
Daphne Wilkes	Excellence in Geography Excellence in Mathematics	
Brooke Willis	Excellence in Music	



ACADEMIC AWARDS YEAR 8

Ezekiel Llewellyn	Academic Excellence in Year 8B Excellence in French Excellence in Mathematics Excellence in Music Excellence in Science	Gloucester Lions Club
Chloe Edstein	Academic Excellence in Year 8M Excellence in English Excellence in Mathematics Excellence in Science	Rotary Club of Gloucester
Charlie Carruthers	Academic Excellence in Year 8S Excellence in History Excellence in Music	Gloucester Business Chambers
Emma Ashton	Excellence in PD/H/PE Excellence in English Excellence in Aboriginal Studies	
Makayla Battams	Excellence in Drama	
Jack Blamires	Excellence in Metal Technology Excellence in Timber Technology	
Erin Connell	Excellence in English	
Noah Croker	Excellence in Mathematics	
Sarah Griffiths	Excellence in Science	
James Latimore	Excellence in iCreative Technology	
Chloe Reid	Excellence in Food Technology	
Bailey Whitby	Excellence in PD/H/PE	



ACADEMIC AWARDS YEAR 9

Isabella Erasmus	First in Year 9 First in English First in Mathematics First in Science Second in Industrial Technology - Metal Art Second in iSTEM Third in Agriculture Third in Geography Third in PDHPE	Gloucester District Tennis
Charlotte Maslen	Second in Year 9 First in History First in iSTEM First in PDHPE Second in PASS Second in Science Third in Drama	Rob Moore & Associates
Anneka Hooke	Third in Year 9 First in Drama First in Visual Art Third in English Third in Food Technology Third in History	Barrington Trophies
Sarah Benson	First in Industrial Technology – Timber	
Emily Dulihamty	First in Food Technology	
Cameron Dunlop	First in Agriculture	
Kelsey Farley	First in Industrial Technology - Metal Art	
Bethany Hester	First in PASS	
Nicholas Murray	First in Industrial Technology - Metal Auto	
Lilly Ryll	First in Geography	

ACADEMIC AWARDS YEAR 10

Azren Snow

Equal First in Year 10

Bowe & Lidbury

First in History Extension

First in Marine and Aquaculture Technology

First in Mathematics

Second in Information & Software Technology

Third in Geography

Equal Third in History

Tahnee Yates

Equal First in Year 10

*Rotary Club of
Gloucester*

Equal First in History

Equal First in Science

First in Industrial Technology - Metal

First in PD/Health/PE

Equal Third in English

Third in Industrial Technology - Timber

Kyra Edstein

Third in Year 10

*Majestic Family
Store*

First in Drama

Equal First in English

Second in Industrial Technology - Metal

Equal Third in History

Third in Science

Cadel Beard

Equal First in Industrial Technology - Timber

*N & F O'Brien
Carpentry*

Ella Blamires

First in Food Technology

Madelaine Blanch

First in Agriculture

Equal First in English

Equal First in History

Tyler Cook

Equal First in Photographic & Digital Media

Maggie Hennessy-O'Reilly

First in Visual Arts

Stephen Hester

First in Information Software & Technology

Hamish McClure

First in Music

James McLeod

First in Geography

Equal First Science

Emily Murray

Equal First in Photographic & Digital Media

Kaito Sutton

Equal First in Industrial Technology - Timber

*N & F O'Brien
Carpentry*

First in Physical Activity and Sports Studies

ACADEMIC AWARDS YEAR 11

Mia Bowden	First in Year 11 First in Biology First in Chemistry First in English Advanced First in English Extension First in Mathematics First in Mathematics Extension First in Visual Arts	Webbs Real Estate
Laura Dunlop	Equal Second in Year 11 First in Legal Studies Second in Biology Second in Chemistry Second in English Advanced Second in English Extension Second in Mathematics Second in Mathematics Extension Second in HSC Music	Gloucester Thunderbolts Swimming Association
Tayla Predebon	Equal Second in Year 11 First in Business Studies First in Mathematics General First in PDHPE Second in English Standard	Gloucester/Stroud MediCo
Olivia Allardice	First in Food Technology	
Jay-Dee Baxter	First in Information Processes & Technology	
Madalyn Bignell	Equal First in Agriculture	
William Brown	First in Engineering Studies	
Liam Chester	First in Music	
Molly Danton	First in English Standard	
Georgia Dark	Equal First in Agriculture	
Jenna Davis	First in Ancient History First in Drama	
Nathan Hall	First in Software, Design & Development	
Jakara Henley	First in Exploring Early Childhood	
Andrew Hughes	First in Industrial Technology	N & F O'Brien Carpentry
Emily Kerins	First in Hospitality	
Sophie Middlebrook	First in French	

ACADEMIC AWARDS YEAR 11 continued.....

Thomas Murray	First in Construction First in English Studies First in Metals & Engineering
Bridghid Nolan	First in Earth and Environmental Science
Khya Papalia	First in CAFS
Nina Samson	First in HSC Music
Jordyn Snape	Equal First in Agriculture First in Primary Industries

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2017

School Community Service Award	Georgia Dark	Year 11
AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE Long Tan LEADERSHIP AND TEAMWORK AWARDS	Stephen Hester	Year 10
	*Bryce Lacey	Year 12
	*Emmeline Moulds	Year 12
	(*Received award at Year 12 Graduation Assembly)	
Michael Johnsen MP State Goodwill and Leadership Award	Laura Dunlop	Year 11
Newcastle University Vice-Chancellor's Award for Academic Excellence in Year 12	Amber Franks	Year 12
University of New England Vice-Chancellor's High Achievement Prize Outstanding Performance in School Activities	Elijah Snow	Year 12
BEST PASS IN THE HSC 2016	Hayley Johns	
Duke of Edinburgh Navigation Shield	Emmeline Moulds	Year 12
Black OPAL Award	Charlotte Maslen	Year 9
	Emily Murray	Year 10
	Mia Bowden	Year 11
	*Ruby Pippen	Year 12
	(*Received award at Year 12 Graduation Assembly)	

SPECIAL AWARDS YEAR 7

Anita Jackson	Effort and Commitment to Study
Macy McMillan	Effort and Commitment to Study
Daphne Wilkes	Effort and Commitment to Study
Alarni Longbottom	Academic Improvement
Georgia Schultz	Academic Improvement
Sadbh Renshaw	Academic Improvement
Sadbh Renshaw	NSW Premiers Reading Challenge Platinum Award
Alarni Longbottom	Reading Program Encouragement Award for Outstanding Effort in 2017 Irlen Dyslexia Centre

SPECIAL AWARDS YEAR 8

Emma Ashton	Effort and Commitment to Study
Indira Baker	Effort and Commitment to Study
Sarah Griffiths	Effort and Commitment to Study
Makayla Battams	Academic Improvement
Erin Connell	Academic Improvement
Lane Edwards	Academic Improvement

SPECIAL AWARDS YEAR 9

Lilly Ryll	Effort and Commitment to Study
Isabella Erasmus	Lucas Kemp Memorial Prize for Effort and Commitment
Hayley Weismantel	Mr & Mrs Kemp
Hanna Ansell	Academic Improvement
	Academic Improvement

SPECIAL AWARDS YEAR 10

Olivia Corbett	Effort and Commitment to Study
Emily Murray	Effort and Commitment to Study
Cadel Beard	Effort and Commitment to Study
Jacob Moulds	Academic Improvement
Kaito Sutton	Academic Improvement
Kaito Sutton	Robbie Sandford Memorial Prize for Woodwork
Stephen Hester	Service to the School Community
Hamish McClure	Commitment to Music Mrs J Ingram
Ariel Hill	Raymond Burton Memorial Prize
Award for Spirited Effort	Mrs K Braunton
Madelaine Blanch	Michelle McMinn Memorial Prize for Agriculture



William Brown
Liam Chester
Andrew Hughes
Khya Papalia
Bridghid Nolan
Liam Chester & Nina Samson

Service to the School Community
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Effort and Commitment to Study
Effort and Commitment to Study
Commitment to Music



SPORTS AWARDS 2017

SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Female Sportsperson of the Year	Courtney Webeck
Male Sportsperson of the Year	Ethan Bird
GHS Sports Award	Emma Ashton
GHS Sports Award	Tanai O'Brien

Winning House - TIBBUC

The following awards have been presented at various assemblies throughout the year:-

SWIMMING AGE CHAMPIONS

	BOYS	GIRLS
12yrs -	N/A	Anita Jackson
13yrs -	Blake Murray	Georgia Schultz
14yrs -	Harrison Moore	Lilly Ryll
15yrs -	Ethan Bird	Isabella Yates
16yrs -	Dylan Schultz	Kyra Edstein
17yrs -	Clay Boorer	Emmeline Moulds/Melanie Thompson

ATHLETICS AGE CHAMPIONS

	BOYS	GIRLS
12yrs -	N/A	Anita Jackson/Daphne Wilkes
13yrs -	Joshua Norrie	Keely Yates
14yrs -	Jack Blamires	Charlie Carruthers
15yrs -	Cameron Dunlop	Charlotte Maslen
16yrs -	Callum Howard	Courtney Whitby
17yrs -	Harrison Clarke	Jordyn Snape

Champion of Champions

Swimming – Harrison Clarke and Emmeline Moulds

Athletics – Harrison Clarke and Charlotte Maslen

Regional (Hunter) Representatives

Julius Hollingsworth (Multi Class Swimming)

Ethan Bird (Squash)

Jacob Bird (Squash)

Tanai O'Brien (Squash)

Emma Ashton (X-Country)

Courtney Webeck (Multi Class X-Country and Athletics)

Records Broken at Gloucester High School Events

Charlotte Maslen – 15 Girls Javelin 25.30 m (old record – D. Holstein 23.85 m 1985)

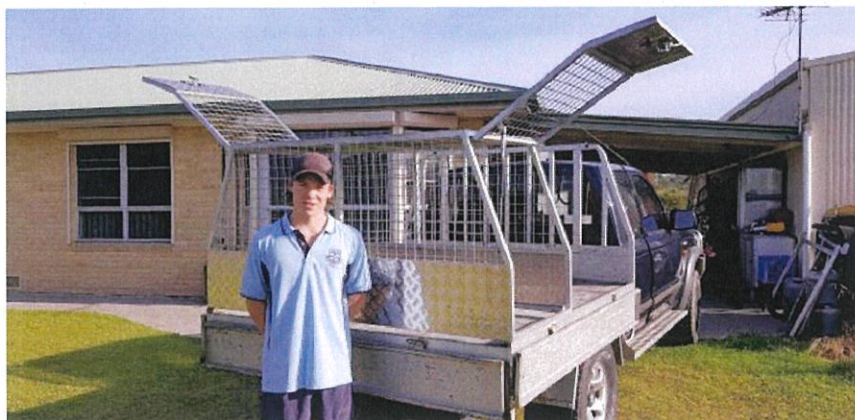
Tayla Predebon – 17+ Girls Shot Put 10.09 m (old record – A. Godfrey 9.55 m 1973)

MANNING GREAT LAKES DISPLAY AND COMPETITION

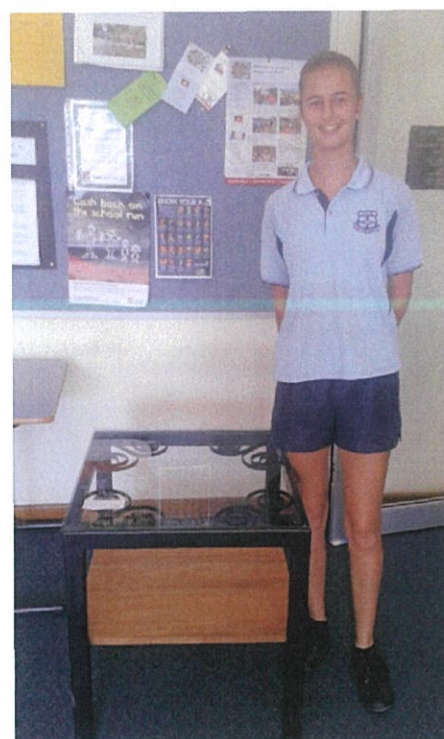
Gloucester High students once again entered their projects in the annual Manning Great Lakes Display and Competition held at the Manning Regional Art gallery recently in Taree. The determination and hard work demonstrated (often before school) has resulted in some fantastic projects and subsequent awards and prizes.



Dylan Shultz- First place in the Manning Great Lakes Technology Competition Yr 10 Industrial Tech Metal.



Kyra Edstein- Second place in the Manning Great Lakes Technology Competition.






Tahnee Yates- Third place in the Manning Great Lakes Technology Competition.


OTHER AWARDEES



Yr 9 Industrial Technology - Metal Auto
First place Nick Murray
Second Bryce Berry

	<p>Bella Erasmus- Recycled art (The Rooster) Third place</p>
	<p>Zander Patterson- Surfer dude (Overall encouragement award)</p>
	<p>Bella Erasmus- Candelabra</p>

Here are a number of other projects made this year.

	<p>Jack Blamires- First place in Yr 8 Design and Technology (both Wood and metal)</p>
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Yr 8 Design and Technology- Metal.
Highly commended Emma Ashton and
Chloe Edstein



Yr 8 Design & Technology Cam toys.



Display for presentation night.



Emily Dulihty- Kinetic art



	<p>Hayley Weisemantle- Recycled art</p>
	<p>Tom Bandy- Tornado!</p>
	<p>Zander Patterson- Surfer dude (Overall encouragement award)</p>
	<p>Dylan Shultz's dog</p>

Other photos



WRITING ICAS RESULTS

The following students participated in the recent Writing competition at GHS. This is an International competition and our participants were competing with students from Australia and over twenty participating countries. They are all to be congratulated on their efforts.

Achievement certificates are awarded to all students at a range of levels:

1. High Distinction to the top 1% of students
2. Distinction to the next 10% of students
3. Credit to the next 25% of students
4. Merit to the next 10% of students
5. Participation to all other students

Year 7

Participation: Sadbh Renshaw, Luke Williams

Merit: Ava Tuckwell

Year 9

Credit: Ethan Bird

Year 10

Participation: Emily Murray

Credit: Paula Edwards

Year 11

Credit: Mia Bowden

Special congratulations to Mia who attained a result that was in the top 19% of all Year 11 entries internationally. She also received the Principal's Award for the highest Gloucester High School result.



NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2017

Congratulations to Jessica Kernahan and Alarni Longbottom (pictured) for completing this year's Challenge. Sadbh Renshaw received a Platinum certificate in recognition of her participation in the Challenge for the seventh year. A fantastic achievement, Sadbh.



TARGETED ASSISTANCE STUDENTS 2017

Several students entered short stories in Australia-wide competitions during Term 4, and two girls have received participation certificates in the Hilarie Lindsay Short Story competition. Elizabeth Howarth and Bethany Hester entered two very different pieces of writing – The Story of Her Life (colourful and lyrical) and Conflict Situation (humorous). They should not be disappointed at this result, as there were many contributions and the standard was exceptional. We are awaiting the results of another two competitions, namely Isabella Erasmus and Elizabeth Howarth in the KSP Awards.

Meanwhile, an announcement that **Brianna Martin of Year 10 has been named as a Regional Winner of the ABC Heywire competition** was made at GHS Presentation Night on Monday 11 December 2017. She will join more than 30 other regional Winners from around Australia in Canberra early next year, where her ideas will become reality, and she will be staying at the Australian Institute of Sport, sit in on Parliament, go to ABC studios, and meet the other awesome winners.

Brianna's story is hereunder:-

"When I was very little, I was going through some draws in the sun room and found this picture of a very dark-skinned lady.

When I asked my Dad who it was... he said "nobody".

Years later when in year 6, I was sitting in class and some kids names were read out including mine.

I went to the hall as told and I asked why I was there.

One of the kids replied with "this is aboriginal dance class".

I was very confused and told them that I wasn't aboriginal.

But they told me I must be if I'm here right now.

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When I got home I asked my dad if I was aboriginal because I did dancing that day and the school told me I was.

It was then, he said that, I was.

I felt betrayed and confused but I felt like it shouldn't be hidden.

So I embraced it.

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I became involved in the dancing.

At school I helped establish a group to celebrate Aboriginal culture.

We did many things to help our school and community including having barbeques selling kangaroo sausage sandwiches and crocodile meat on toothpicks.

We also organised celebrations on Naidoc Day, dancing, painting, boomerang throwing, traditional Aboriginal games, yarning, scavenger hunt and weaving.

Having Aboriginal people from the community come and help teach what they know to the school students has helped others in the community understand our culture.

Now I paint to focus on more of the finer details of my culture, trying to learn as much as I could about where I came from and who I am.

In 2017 my art was displayed in England for the 200th anniversary of the Pentrich Revolution.

My Aunt Lyn has helped me understand my ancestry.

The woman in the photo I found as a kid was my Great Grandma.

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For most of my life I didn't know what Aboriginal meant and what it meant to me.

My culture now plays a huge part in my life.

Whether it be painting, dancing or being out in the bush."

The “Monster” stories created by Mr. Crellin’s class have been fully edited and some are now on display in GHS foyer. One of those stories – by Kayden Schumann, and the relevant teacher’s comments, has been included. All three English classes participated in this exciting venture – aimed at imitating a “best practice” example from the NSW English syllabus. It also prepared them well for the written component of their final examination.

LONELY HALLWAY by Kayden Schumann

As the night fell, he opened his window to get fresh air. The breeze was blowing his curtains from side to side. His windows were creaking as though rust had built up in them. He lay down, shut his eyes and imagined what was going to happen the next day. As he turned his head on the pillow, he heard a rumble coming from the corner of the room. It sounded like tiny steps in his closet.

He got out of bed and walked over towards it. As he got closer, the noise got louder and louder. He reached out his hand, but the noise had stopped. There was complete silence filling the room’s space. As he made his way back to the bed, he suddenly smelt the disgusting gagging scent of fish and meat. It was coming from the closet. He went back over there and opened the door.

In his closet there was a trap with razor sharp blades, sharp enough to cut you in half! He shut the door and ran back to bed, hoping that this was all a dream. He turned over and a shadow flew straight past his window. He shut his eyes, but a loud scream in a girl’s voice distracted him from sleeping. He got up, looked out his window and saw nothing. He turned around and was making his way back to the bed, when right in front of him was the scariest thing he had ever seen. There was a disgusting scent of blood and fish spreading around the room. He tried to scream but a monster just covered his mouth, holding a doll in its hand.

*As time passed, the monster would come back every night and watch him go to sleep. It didn’t bother him as it hadn’t hurt him yet. He hadn’t told anyone as he didn’t want to get hurt. On Friday the monster came up to him and said in a disgraceful voice,
“You’re not the only one.”*

He tried to push the monster out of his room, but it wouldn’t move. It would always come back to haunt him. He opened up to his parents and told them about the monster. They didn’t believe him and told him to grow up. He set cameras up in his room to prove to his parents that it was real. As he went to sleep that night the monster came back. It would not stop staring. He knew he had proof this time.

He got up early the next morning and walked into his parents’ bedroom. He got out his laptop to show them evidence of the monster. As he went to show them, the cameras blurred out. His parents thought that he was pathetic and a liar. He begged and begged for the cameras to show the truth, when suddenly a noise came from the far end of the hallway. The lights were flickering on and off. The power went out. The noise was gone. They got out their flashlight and shone it down the hallway. The monster was standing in his bedroom doorway, screaming with a threatening smile. It then disappeared. They all ran out the front door in fright that it would come back. They went back inside their house, not knowing where the monster was.

The hallway was empty. The boy looked down and saw a familiar doll. It looked like the doll that the monster had in its hand while it was covering his mouth. They all walked up the hallway towards the doll. As they got nearer, they heard a door close behind them. They turned their heads around, but ignored it and kept walking. The doll was gone! Suddenly the monster popped up in front of them. They started to run, but the monster yelled “STOP!” They ignored it and kept running.

The next he remembers is waking from a deep sleep, screaming, to hear his mother calling out his name. It was only a dream.

Mrs Anne Andrews

YEAR 10 POET AZREN SNOW

Ode to English

I dislike poetry; I loathe it in fact.
I find it bland, boring, mundane and abstract.
As I sit here, trying to glean my brain,
I experience an unbearable pain.

Poets follow rules so obsequiously.
Despite these strict rules, it makes no sense to me.
It romanticises, trivialises,
Exaggerates, destroys, compromises

I dread this inevitable time of year.
Expressing myself is something that I fear.
To write about feelings or nature or love;
I'll spend most of my time looking up above,

To find inspiration to vent my frustration
To escape my cruel fate that feels like damnation.

Haiku – An apology to Mrs Hogan

Dear Mrs Hogan
I'm sorry I dislike poems.
I find them boring.

By Azren Snow

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