

BARRENJOEY BULLETIN

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TALIAH WHITMORE
YUIN WOMAN
Class of 2021

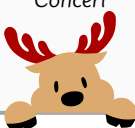
With respect and appreciation, we, the Barrenjoey High School community, acknowledge the Traditional Peoples of the Parramatta and Hawkesbury River Basin, who belong to the land and waters that we live, learn and play on. We acknowledge that this has been and always will be First Nations land.

We pay our respect to Elders past, present and emerging and extend our respect to all First Nations people present today. Since time immemorial First Nations people have lived in harmony with the land, taking only what they needed and giving back love and respect. First Nations people live according to the laws and customs of the land and sea that have been passed down from their ancestors. As the longest continuous culture in the world, First Nations peoples have sophisticated cultures that vary between different Indigenous groups.

We meet you here today with the understanding that when we share knowledge there is a better tomorrow.

KEY DATES | TERMS 4 -1



Month	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend	
OCT	3	HSC Exams					1/2	
		Yr 10 Exam Week						
		27	Avalon PS Yr 4 Transition Day Gala Day Girls Soccer28	Gala Day Girls Soccer29	Peer Support Leader Training Day30	Yr 8 Valid Science Exam31		
OCT NOV	4	HSC Exams					8/9	
		PIP Workshop Day 3	4	SRC Camp		7		
				5	6			
NOV	5	Yr 7, 8, 9 Exam Week					15/16	
		BILU Sports Day 10	Remembrance Day 11	12	Yr 8 CAPA Night 13	14		
NOV	6	Yr 7, 8, 9 Exam Week					22/23	
		17	Duke of Ed Silver Expedition			21		
			Yr 6/7 Parent Info Evening18	19	Step Up Orientation Day20			P&C Sleepout
NOV	7	Year 10 Work Experience					29/30	
		24	25	P&C Meeting	Band Tour			28
				Beach Touch Gala Day26	Manly League Tag Festival27			
DEC	8	1	Yr 6 Orientation Day2	Yr 10 Ryda Excursion3	Yr 10 PASS Excursion4	Barrenjoey Christmas Concert  5	6/7	
DEC	9	Drama Production 8	9	10	11	Achievement Day 12	13/14	
DEC	10	15	Gold Merit Award Excursion16	17	HSC & ATAR Results Released 18	Final Day All Students & Staff19	20/21	
HOLIDAYS MON 22/12/2025 - TUE 27/1/2026 ALL STUDENTS RETURN MONDAY 2/2/2026								
JAN FEB	1	Australia Day 26	School Development Day 27	School Development Day 28	School Development Day 29	School Development Day 30	31/1	



BARRENJOEY

CHRISTMAS

CONCERT

DEC **5** FRI
6PM



Reminder

Do you have a Year 9 student
going into Year 10 next year?

Organise their
senior uniform now!

See next page for details.

UNIFORM

Barrenjoey allows students to wear any of the uniform below regardless of gender, however the Barrenjoey Uniform can only be purchased from the Uniform Store and not substituted with alternative clothing. All permutations must be worn together.

Years 7, 8 & 9

- Navy cargo pants / short or long
- White polo/collared shirt with school badge
- Junior tartan skirt
- White blouse with red piping on collar
- White or black socks or black tights

Sport Uniform

- Red shorts with Barrenjoey embroidered on the leg
- White polo shirt with school badge
- White or black socks & joggers



Shoes

Barrenjoey complies with the Department of Education's 'Footwear Guidelines for Government Schools'. The school has a duty to implement a uniform policy that ensures students wear appropriate footwear to school.

Aprons

Some subjects require students to wear aprons for both safety and to protect clothing from damage.

Years 10, 11 & 12

- Black cargo pants / short or long
- White short-sleeved business shirt with
- Barrenjoey embroidered on the pocket
- Senior tartan skirt
- White blouse with black piping on sleeves
- White or black socks or black tights

Jackets & Jumpers

- Year 7 & 8 wear navy all weather jackets and sloppy joe with Barrenjoey embroidery
- Years 9 & 10 wear black all weather jackets and sloppy joe with Barrenjoey embroidery
- Years 11 & 12 wear personalised senior jackets or black all weather jackets with Barrenjoey embroidery
- Hoodies & non-Barrenjoey jumpers or jackets are not permissible.



Uniform Store

The Uniform Store is open

- Mon 2.30 – 4.30 pm
- Wed 3.30 – 5.00 pm
- Thurs 8.30 – 10.30 am

All school uniform items are available along with a limited number of second-hand garments. Queries can be directed to Virginia Upton via email: bhsuniformstore@gmail.com

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	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍
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No Uniform?

Barrenjoey will continue to notify parents of incorrect school uniform and consequences will be issued for non-compliance. If your child is unable to wear some part of the school uniform please provide them with a note. They then need to see a Deputy before school. The Deputy will then issue a uniform pass to your child for the day.

If you need to have a conversation regarding any financial difficulty you may be facing with purchasing the uniform please contact the Deputy Principals, Sarah James, Jeff Brown and Sarah Saunders, to discuss your options.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Greetings,

Welcome to Week 3.

As we enter the final term of the school year, it is an important time for both reflection and focus. Our Year 7–10 students are preparing for their final examinations, which play a vital role in consolidating the year's learning and identifying areas for growth. The outcome of the Year 7 – 10 End of Year examinations not only reflect each student's progress but also support their transition into the next stage of learning. We encourage all students to remain engaged, organised, and committed throughout this crucial period to ensure their efforts are reflected in their results.

For our Year 11 students, Term 4 marks the official commencement of their Higher School Certificate studies. This is an exciting and significant milestone as they begin their Year 12 academic journey. Establishing strong habits, consistent study routines, and a proactive approach to learning now will set the foundation for success in the year ahead. The harder students work now will reap rewards and significant benefits in the future.

In parallel, our executive and teaching teams are undertaking a comprehensive review and evaluation of the 2025 academic year. This process allows us to reflect on our collective achievements, analyse data and feedback, and plan strategically for 2026. Our ongoing goal is to enhance the quality of teaching and learning across the school, generate incremental and ongoing improvements and ensuring that every student continues to be supported and challenged to reach their full potential.

In other news, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our entire school community for your strong engagement with the recent School Climate Survey. We received over 900 responses from staff, students and our parent/carer community, reflecting the high level of commitment and pride our families, students, and staff have in our school.

Once this data is analysed and collated, we will share the key findings with you and outline how they will inform our future planning and infrastructure improvements. Your feedback will play an essential role in shaping the next phase of our school's development—enhancing our learning environments, upgrading facilities, and ensuring that our school continues to provide high-quality, future-focused spaces for teaching and learning.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

In pending infrastructure news, we are pleased to announce that from Monday, 10th November, the full refurbishment of the student bathrooms in A-Block will commence. Following the successful renovation of the C-Block facilities earlier this year, this next stage continues our commitment to improving the quality and functionality of our school's learning and communal spaces.

Further updates will be provided as the project progresses; however, we are pleased to confirm that the new A-Block bathrooms should be fully operational for the commencement of the 2026 school year.

Accessing Digital Systems While Overseas (Students)

The NSW Department of Education is making a change to how students access school systems.

From 11 November 2025, students will be blocked by default from accessing any department system including things like their school email, the student portal, or elearning platforms from outside of Australia or using a virtual private network (VPN).

The change will better protect student privacy and the reputation of the department. This is a change to keep our school's online systems and your child's personal information safe. This new policy is to help reduce cyber security risks for the Department of Education and to protect student privacy.

Do not use a virtual private network (VPN) to access department systems. VPNs can resemble unapproved overseas access or mirror cyber-criminal activity, where it might be used to create the appearance of being inside Australia. Students are not permitted to use any remote access tool or VPN to access department data. Any student who uses a VPN at school or home to access department data will be blocked by default and may have their account scrambled or locked.

Parents can request overseas access for their children via their schools. We know that some students, especially those who are vocationally talented, may need to travel overseas. If your child needs to access school systems while they are away, you can apply for an exemption. To apply for an exemption, parent or carers can send a request to the school's general email address. Once approved, your child will be able to access their school systems for the dates of their approved leave.

Have a great term ahead.

Regards,



Mr Brett Blaker | Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS' REPORT

Jeff Brown | Yrs 7 & 11
Sarah James | Yrs 8 & 12
Sarah Saunders | Yrs 9 & 10



Welcome back to term 4!

Class of 2025

It has been a wonderful few weeks at Barrenjoey High School as we've seen our Year 12 students completing their HSC examinations. They have approached this milestone with maturity, focus, and a true reflection of our core values — Respect, Effort, and Challenge. We are immensely proud of the way they have supported one another and represented our school community throughout this important time.

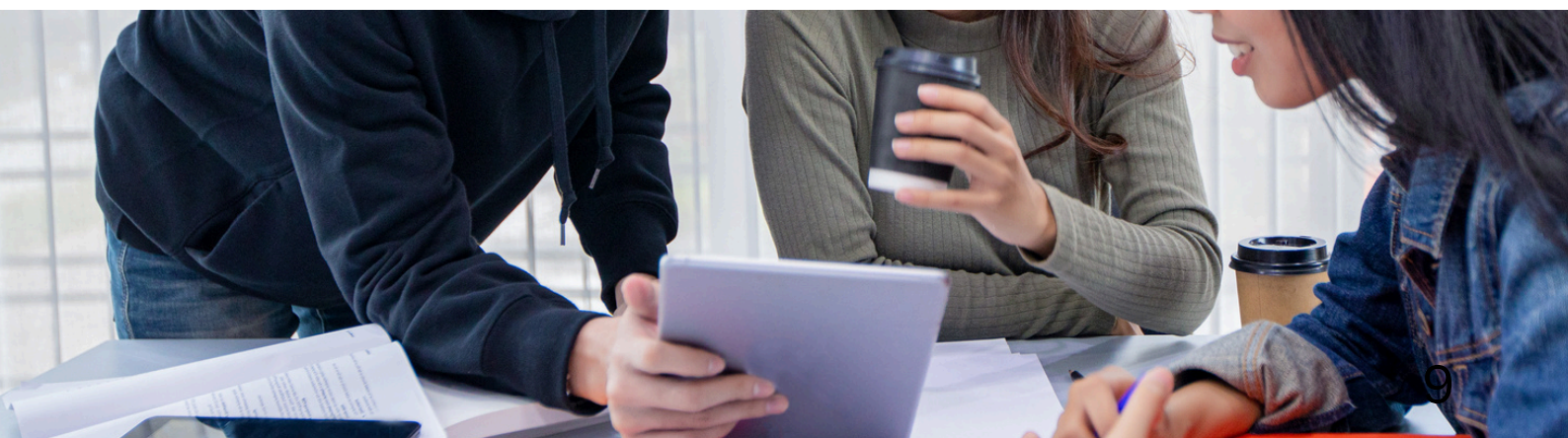
As exams draw to a close, we congratulate our Year 12 students on reaching the end of their school journey. This is a moment to celebrate all their hard work and dedication. Students can begin the school clearance procedure, which includes returning textbooks and any other borrowed equipment and returning it to a Deputy Principal.

The Higher School Certificate (HSC) results will be released at 6:00 am on Thursday, 18 December, followed by the ATAR results at 9:00 am. To mark this special milestone, our Year 12 students are invited back to Barrenjoey for a farewell morning tea on the same day. Yearbooks and student references will be available for collection, and staff look forward to sharing this final celebration and wishing our Class of 2025 a fond farewell.

We extend our very best wishes to all our Year 12 students as they embark on the next exciting chapter of their lives — whether that be further study, work, travel, or new adventures beyond Barrenjoey.

Year 11

Next Friday, 31 October, Year 11 students will take part in the Year 11 Reflection Day, an opportunity to review their progress and prepare for the year ahead. Students will receive and reflect on their final Preliminary Reports, complete goal-setting activities, and plan for their Higher School Certificate (HSC) year. The day will include morning tea, activity rotations focusing on study skills, organisation, assessment and HSC requirements, followed by a BBQ lunch and whole-year activities to inspire and motivate students for the year ahead. The day will conclude with a year group photo at the beach to celebrate the end of Year 11.



Focus on Transition

One of our focuses this term continues to be on transition and connection with our local primary schools. We will be welcoming Year 4, 5, and 6 students to our campus for a series of Taster Days, where they will have the opportunity to experience high school life, meet some of our teachers, and take part in engaging activities. A special thank you goes to our Peer Leaders, House Captains, Year 9 PASS students and other student volunteers, who we know will do a fantastic job in making our visiting students feel welcomed and supported.

Year 7-10 Examinations

This term also marks the beginning of our end-of-year assessments, with Year 10 being the first group to complete their examination block in week 3. Next up are our Year 7, 8, and 9 students in weeks 5 & 6, who are preparing diligently for their exams. We wish them all the very best – remember to stay organised, look after yourselves, and approach each challenge with confidence.

Important Reminders

As we move through Term 4, we would like to take a moment to remind families of the importance of maintaining high standards in uniform, attendance, and punctuality. Wearing our uniform with pride and arriving on time each day sets a positive tone for learning and shows respect for our school community. Consistent attendance is vital for academic success and for staying connected with peers and teachers. We ask for the ongoing support of parents and carers in reinforcing these expectations at home to help our students finish the year strongly.

Please familiarise yourself with the new laws relating to minimum age use of social media. We have linked a helpful guide [HERE](#). Also linked is the latest [NSLHD Newsletter](#) which provides helpful information in relation to current NSW initiatives and information relevant to the wellbeing of our young people.

Barrenjoey continues to be a vibrant and supportive learning community, and it's inspiring to see our students striving for their personal best across all areas of school life.



Community & Connection

BARRENJOEY SPIRIT

VETERANS MURAL TAKES SHAPE

Barrenjoey was the fortunate recipient of an Anzac Community Grant which was further supplemented by the Avalon RSL Sub Branch to produce a Veterans Mural honouring the service of our Armed Forces. Based on research by Barrenjoey History students and under the watchful eye of artist, Guy Hawson, a talented group of artists gathered to commence work on what will be a fabulous addition to the school environment.

The mural will be unveiled on Remembrance Day - Tuesday 11th November 2025. We look forward to sharing the final product with the Barrenjoey community!



Community & Connection

BARRENJOEY SPIRIT

This year marks our third year supporting the Salvation Army's Hampers of Hope Appeal, and we're excited to once again make a difference in the lives of families who need a little extra help during the Christmas season.

This year, we are hoping to pack 200 Hampers for Hope for the Salvation Army – a wonderful way for our students to experience the joy of giving back. Starting in Week 5, we'll be collecting non-perishable food donations, with our collection culminating at our Christmas Concert on Friday 5th December (Week 8).

We're asking each family to contribute 3–5 non-perishable food items to help fill our hampers. Every donation counts and will help bring comfort and joy to those in need this Christmas. We have included a list of suitable donation items overleaf.

Donations can be dropped off at the Front Office any time from Week 5 onwards.

In addition to essential food items, Christmas treats are also much appreciated, as they help make the hampers extra special for families during the festive season.

Together, we can make a meaningful impact and share the spirit of giving this Christmas. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of this important cause.



HAMPER OF

Hope

SUGGESTED ITEMS:

Fill your hamper with **two items from each section in the list** to form a complete hamper and bring hope to someone in need this Christmas.

Tinned Foods

(ring-pull cans only)

- ☐ Fruits in juice
- ☐ Vegetables (e.g. peas, corn)
- ☐ Legumes (e.g. lentils, chickpeas)
- ☐ Soups
- ☐ Meat or fish
- ☐ Meals (baked beans, spaghetti)

Sweets and treats

- ☐ Custard powder
- ☐ Tinned plum pudding
- ☐ Shortbread
- ☐ Packet of jelly
- ☐ Chocolate and lollies
- ☐ Pancake mix
- ☐ Cake mixes
- ☐ Sweet biscuits
- ☐ Potato chips
- ☐ Popcorn

Meal bases

- ☐ Dry Pasta
- ☐ Rice/noodles
- ☐ Cooking oil
- ☐ Stir-fry/curry/pasta sauces
- ☐ Meal kit

Breakfast foods

- ☐ Cereal
- ☐ Spreads
- ☐ Savoury biscuits
- ☐ Sugar
- ☐ Tea, coffee, hot chocolate
- ☐ Long-life milk or juice
- ☐ Iced tea

HANDY HINTS

Select items with long expiry dates, the longer the better! Consider items for people with different dietary needs. Buy brand-name products where possible and include special items for Christmas.

WELLBEING

MICHAEL MOYLAN | HEAD TEACHER WELLBEING

Gold Medal Reward Excursion

RAGING WATERS | 16th December 2025

Students who have earned a REC Gold Medal will be invited to attend the Gold Medal Reward Excursion to Raging Waters.

To earn a REC Gold Medal students must get 45+ Positive entries and complete 8 community service hours. Purple Log Book hours must be recorded and handed in to Mr Moylan.



BARRENJOEY INCLUSIVE LEARNING UNIT

CAROLINE DODSON | HEAD TEACHER BILU

In Science, our students took part in an exciting beach excursion where they explored the concept of force through hands-on experiments. Using sand, weights, and simple tools, they tested how different amounts of force affected movement and resistance. The activity helped them connect real-world experiences to classroom learning about physics and motion.

The activity was conducted by Science Teacher, Iain Gray, as part of Barrenjoey's teacher professional development planning. Teachers have been spending time evaluating each others practice in order to improve quality teaching and collaboration across the school.



BARRENJOEY INCLUSIVE LEARNING UNIT

CAROLINE DODSON | HEAD TEACHER BILU

In our outdoor education class, students collected a variety of leaves from nature and used them to explore texture through creative artwork. By observing and feeling the different surfaces of the leaves, they made rubbings and prints that highlighted unique patterns and details. This hands-on activity encouraged students to connect with the natural environment while expressing their creativity through art.





CAPA NIGHT

Year 8

THURSDAY

13/11

BARRENJOEY
COMMUNITY
PERFORMANCE SPACE

**VISUAL ARTS
EXHIBITION**

6:00PM

**MUSIC
PERFORMANCES**

6:30PM



CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS

FIONA GUDMUNSON | HEAD TEACHER CAPA

On Saturday 25th October, the Barrenjoey community came together at the Avalon Car Boot Sale in Dunbar Park for a fantastic BBQ and Bake Sale Fundraiser in support of the upcoming CAPA Tour. The turnout was incredible, and thanks to the generosity and enthusiasm of everyone involved, we managed to raise almost \$3,000!

A huge thank you goes out to all the students, staff, and parent volunteers who donated their time, energy, and baked goods to make the day such a success. Your support and community spirit are what make events like this possible – and we couldn't have done it without you!

The CAPA Tour is shaping up to be an unforgettable experience, and this event has brought us one step closer. Thank you, Barrenjoey community!



MATHEMATICS

ADAM MALCOLM | TEACHER MATHEMATICS

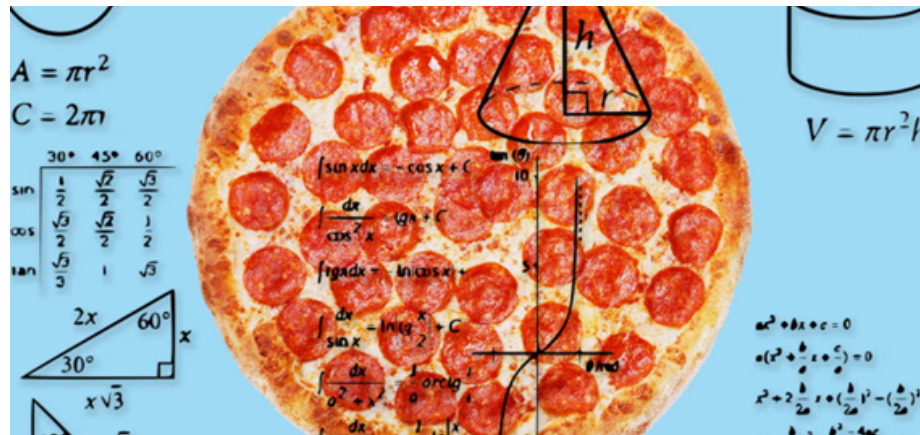
The Most Mathematical Lunch of All Time

When it comes to the perfect food for maths class, the winner is clear: pizza. Not only is it delicious, but it's also packed with fractions, ratios, circles, and geometry.

Every slice is a ready-made fraction problem — cut it into 8 pieces and you're instantly practising eighths, quarters, and halves. Add a friend or two, and suddenly you're solving real-life division problems before you've even taken a bite.

Pizza also gives us ratios and comparisons. Who gets more pepperoni if one slice is bigger than another? How do you share it fairly if someone only eats two slices and the rest of the group is hungry? These are the same kinds of maths problems we solve in class — only far more motivating when melted cheese is involved.

So maybe the real question isn't if pizza is the most mathematical lunch, but whether it should be officially added to the school canteen menu as a teaching resource?! After all, consolidating fractions and ratios is much more fun when you're holding the number one favourite food in your hand.



$$V = \pi z^2 a$$

$$V = Pi(z*z)a$$

alamy

Pizza fractions

alamy

Whole

One half

One third

One quarter

One sixth

One eighth



1/1

1/2

1/3

1/4

1/6

1/8

2025 Gold Coast Touch Football Tour

Over the next few pages, you'll hear about the tour from our students' perspectives, but from a staff point of view, I couldn't be prouder of this group. They're a special bunch of young people, and I'm so grateful they trusted me and gave so much of their time and energy to the program this year. I've come away from the experience feeling incredibly fulfilled – thanks to the students, staff, and our amazing parent community for their support.

Many students achieved personal goals just to make the team – improving attendance, behaviour, and overall effort – and that commitment carried through the entire trip.

Across eight jam-packed days, our students were flat out! Up early, making breakfast, packing gear, cleaning up, and being on time for the first bus of the day was just the start of it. They then would go to up to 3 different activities, mixing in meals and bus trips - sometimes we'd be out of our accommodation for 10 hours! You will quickly see which activity was the groups favourite by reading the next couple of pages! Through all that, we had activity & accommodation staff and even the lollypop man near the playing fields comment on how polite, positive, and respectful our students were – something I'm still smiling about 3 weeks on.

I will let Matt go into more detail about the competition, but again, from a staff (or their coach's perspective) member, the growth in our playing style was a big highlight. Our teams learnt proper Touch structures and turned training moves into on-field success. Now that we know the level of competition, we're even more motivated – it's only up from here!

A huge shoutout to our awesome touring group:

Year 7: Edie McDonnell, Macy Gillett & Sahri Young.



Year 8: Axel Wolthers, Elle Maurovich, George Williams, Kalani Gasnier, Mitch Lukeman, Romy May, Seaenna Howarth & Sunny Simmons. **Year 9:** Bonnie Lehman, Finn Parr, Jed Peters, Jett Woodley, Kiani Martin, Macy Kenny, Madi Clark, Matt Leigh, Nate George, Paloma Williamson, Toby Griffiths & Tyde Edwards Stitt. **Year 10:** April Smith, Holly Andrews, Isla Nolan, Leyla Long, Liberty Harris, Sienna McDonnell, Tahli Elliott & Zara Williams. **Year 11:** Josie Robinson & Lily Gillett. **Year 12:** Krystal Elliott & Ruby Robinson.

And our super supportive and generous staff:

Ms Stevenson, Ms Saunders, Mr Jordan, Ms Walker & Mr Blaker. Thank you for giving up part of your holidays!

And a special mention to some of our parents who helped out when we were away on tour - whether it be doing lifts for our students, making meals, or transporting items to and from the GC:

Amy Kenny, Virginia Leigh, Shannon Simmons, Alaric Lukeman, Kristen Wolthers, Claudine Gasnier, Kylie Elliott, Amy Stitt, Lisa Widman & many others! Thank you! You're all legends.

Mr Groom

Barrenjoey Touch Tour Days 1-3



Day 1 started off bright and early at the airport with everyone arriving with matching backpacks and excitement. We got checked in and then boarded our flight. After landing and sorting out details we were off on our way to the accommodation. I think it's safe to say we were all happily surprised with how nice the place was, with a pool and talking parrots just a walk away from our cabins.

After settling in and unpacking we were off to lunch at the Ashmore Tavern, followed by a big training session in the Queensland heat! After arriving back to the accommodation and having some down time we all got together to eat some pizza while watching the NRL grand final to end the night.



Energy was high day 2 after a great first day and everyone was ready for Movie World. After arriving and having a look around it was a day full of rides, fairy floss, and winning prizes far too big to fit into our carry on. Whether it was riding the biggest ride in the park, or just saying hi to the characters, everyone had a great time. We then went and had a tour of the GC Titans training facilities having a behind the scenes look at what it's like being a professional athlete. Our second day ended with a group dinner and games night to get our competitive spirits firing.



Day 3 was a jam packed day full of fun. The day started off at the P3 recovery centre where we all had a go at compression boots, ice baths and infrared saunas. It was a great way to relax and get our muscles ready to play! We then headed off to Northcliffe surf club for lunch with a view of the ocean, followed by a walk along the boardwalk. We then spent the rest of the afternoon shopping at the outlet mall and ended the day with a dinner at the accommodation, getting ready for the day of games ahead!



Days 4–8 of the Gold Coast Touch Football Tour 2025

The final stretch of our Gold Coast Touch Tour was full of excitement, competition, and unforgettable memories. Days 4 to 8 were packed with games, team bonding, and plenty of laughs.



The 15s Boys kicked off the competition strong, showing great teamwork and determination across their matches. They finished with three wins, one draw, and two losses, proving their skill and resilience on the field.

The 15s Girls also played incredibly well, with two tied games, one win, and a few narrow losses that could have gone either way. Their positive attitude and support for one another stood out, no matter the scoreline.

Meanwhile, the Open Girls took the field on Days 6 and 7, playing some tough matches against skilled opponents. They won a couple of games and lost a few very close ones, but their teamwork and effort were something to be proud of.

Between the games, everyone made the most of their time together, heading out to team dinners, visiting an aqua park, and enjoying the Gold Coast sunshine. The atmosphere stayed upbeat, with everyone cheering each other on and celebrating every small win along the way.



Overall, the tour wasn't just about the results—it was about team spirit, growth, and having fun as one big group. Every player represented their team with pride and made memories that will last long after the final whistle.

Matt Leigh - Year 9

GOLD COAST TOUR

My favourite part of the Gold Coast Tour was definitely our day at Movie World. It was such a great mix of fun, laughter, and adrenaline. The rides were insane, especially the DC Rivals HyperCoaster, and it was great to see everyone having a good time, enjoying themselves together. It was a great day to have fun and relax before the competition, and made it a day to remember. It was the perfect way to start off an amazing tour.



George Williams - Year 8

My favourite activity of the trip was
Movie World in Queensland.

It was such a great day. Everyone was pretty excited on the bus ride out. Spending the day enjoying rides, games and food and with a whole mix of ages, it was really fun!! I feel from this day on, everyone became closer and we spent much more time with each other.

I think this day was a highlight for everyone.

Sahri Young - Year 7



Barrenjoey's Gold coast Touch football Tour

The Touch Tour to the Gold Coast, 2025 was an unforgettable experience filled with excitement, teamwork, and plenty of laughter. From the moment we arrived at the airport, the energy was high and the fun never stopped. We kicked things off with visits to some of the Coast's best attractions — from the thrills of Movie World to a few competitive rounds at Top Golf, where the friendly rivalry brought everyone closer together.

Between games and adventures, we enjoyed shopping trips, delicious lunches, and dinners out, as well as watching the NRL grand final, making every moment an opportunity to bond as a team. Staying together created a great sense of community, we weren't just teammates on the field, but friends sharing memories each and every day that will last a lifetime.



When it came time to play, our days of touch footy were filled with determination, sportsmanship, and pure enjoyment. Everyone gave their best effort, and the support both on and off the field made the whole experience even more rewarding.



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Lily Gillett - Year 11



This tour was more than just sport — it was about connection, growth, and having fun together. I've come away with new skills, closer friendships, and a stronger love for the game, which I am sure this is the case for each and everyone one of us.

To anyone thinking about joining the Touch Program or future tours, I can't recommend it enough. It's an amazing way to develop as a player, make lifelong memories, and be part of something truly special. Don't miss out — get involved and experience it for yourself! P.S a massive shoutout to Mr Groom who put an outstanding effort into making this trip happen, we are extremely appreciative and so lucky to have you!

Farewell to Year 12

Term 4 has begun, and there is much to celebrate in Science. We have officially farewelled our Year 12 students, who are currently completing their Higher School Certificate examinations. We wish them all the very best during this important time and look forward to celebrating their individual successes when results are released in December.

A heartfelt thank you goes to our incredible Year 12 team – Ms Simone Dickinson (Year Adviser) and Mr Daniel Matthew (Assistant Year Adviser) – for their outstanding dedication and support. They have invested countless hours in developing wellbeing programs, coordinating fundraising events, providing access to the Learning Hub, and organising the many memorable activities in the final week of school. Their unwavering commitment to Year 12 has been truly inspiring, and we thank them sincerely on behalf of the Barrenjoey community.

CSSi Challenge – A Celebration of Collaboration and Innovation (Year 10)

The CSSi Challenge, an initiative developed by the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) and GATEWAYS, brought together students from Barrenjoey High School, Pittwater High School, Bilgola Plateau Public School, and Newport Public School.

Throughout Term 2, our Year 10 students acted as mentors for gifted and talented Year 5 and 6 students, guiding them through a scientific challenge that encouraged creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving.

On Tuesday, 14 October, the program culminated in a showcase event at Pittwater High School. Students proudly presented their projects to a panel of ten guest judges – esteemed academics from UTS. The day was a true celebration of curiosity, innovation, and collaboration, showcasing the power of school-university partnerships to inspire the next generation of scientists and thinkers.

A special congratulations to our Year 10 mentors, who demonstrated outstanding leadership and communication skills throughout the program.



SCIENCE

MILENA DRISCOLL | HEAD TEACHER SCIENCE



SCIENCE

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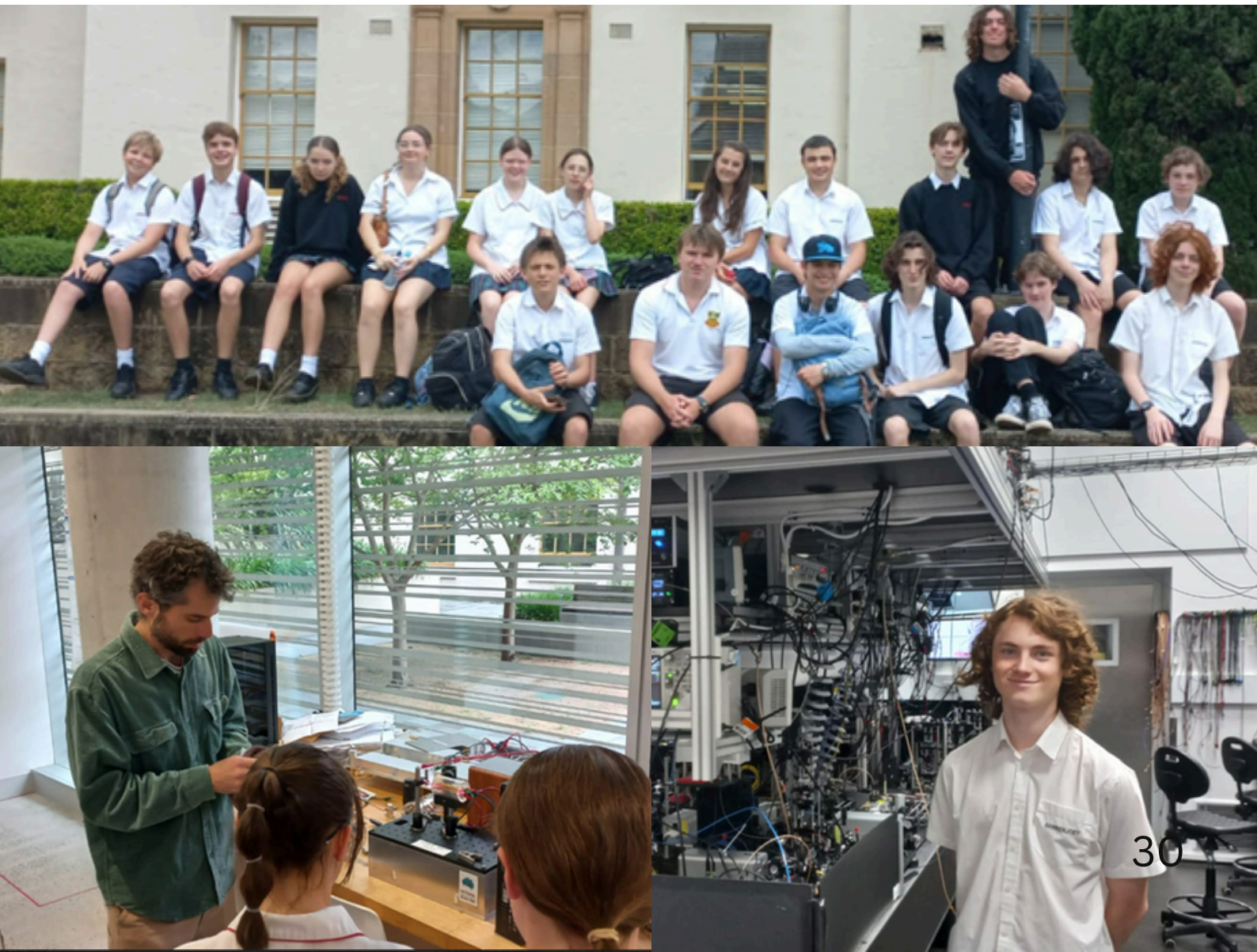


University of Sydney Science Symposium Finalists Excursion— Exploring Quantum Physics and Satellite Technology

In Week 1, a group of Barrenjoey High School students, selected from the top projects of the Science Symposium, had the exciting opportunity to visit the University of Sydney to explore their cutting-edge quantum physics laboratories and satellite technology programs.

Students were given a behind-the-scenes look at some of Australia's most advanced research facilities, where scientists are developing technologies that could redefine computing, communication, and space exploration. They learned how quantum computers harness the unusual properties of subatomic particles to process information in entirely new ways, and how university-led satellite missions are helping to monitor Earth's climate and expand our understanding of space.

The visit offered students a unique insight into real-world STEM innovation and the careers shaping the future of science and technology. The experience inspired many to further pursue studies in the sciences — disciplines that continue to transform our modern world.



Year 8 VALID Assessment

Students in Year 8 will be sitting the VALID Science Assessment on Friday, 31 October. VALID is an online assessment that evaluates students' scientific knowledge, understanding, and working scientifically skills across both Years 7 and 8 content. The assessment provides valuable feedback on students' strengths and areas for growth, with results available in early 2026.

Year 8 Science – Body Systems

This term, Year 8 students have been studying the structure and function of organs in the excretory and digestive systems. A highlight of their learning was the kidney dissection, where students were able to observe the internal structures responsible for filtering blood and maintaining homeostasis. This hands-on investigation allowed students to connect their theoretical learning to real-world biological processes in an engaging and memorable way.



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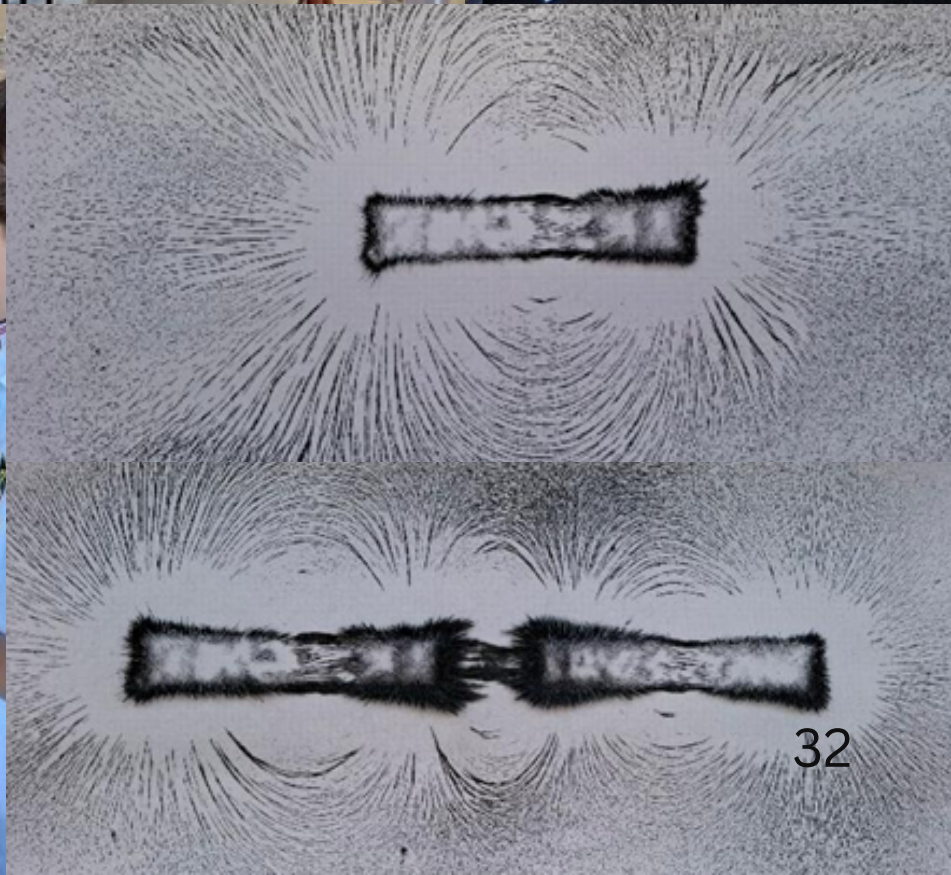
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Year 7 Science – Forces

Year 7 students have been learning about electrostatic and magnetic forces. They explored the effects of charge using the Van de Graaff generator and mapped magnetic fields around magnets. These practical investigations have provided a fun and hands-on way to understand the invisible forces at work in our world.

Looking Ahead

As Term 4 progresses, our Years 7–10 students are preparing for their final Science assessments. They are busy consolidating their learning outcomes and revising key concepts in preparation for their exams. The Science faculty wishes all students the very best as they approach the end of a productive and exciting school year.





President's Update – \$51,000 Win for Barrenjoey P&C!

*We're celebrating a huge win for the Barrenjoey P&C! Our application to the NSW Government's Community Building Partnership Program was successful - securing **\$51,122** in funding to deliver much-needed shade structures for our student outdoor seating areas.*

That's more than FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS going directly into a project that will make a tangible difference for our students - it's a real testament to what a proactive parent community can achieve when we roll up our sleeves.

The driving force behind this success was Richard Smith, who not only completed the entire grant application - his very first one - but also used his expertise as an architect to design the new structures himself. Richard's thoughtful planning means we'll get maximum value out of every dollar, creating long-lasting, practical and beautifully designed spaces for students to enjoy.

And it doesn't stop there — students will also be involved in the build, learning valuable hands-on skills as they help prepare slabs and take part in the construction. It's a fantastic example of what community and school collaboration looks like in action.

This grant is a major win for the P&C and for every family at Barrenjoey, showing exactly how we're working to improve facilities and opportunities for our kids.

Meanwhile, the P&C team is already deep in planning for this year's **Barrenjoey Artwalk**. After last year's incredible success, the 2025 event is shaping up to be even bigger and better. We've already secured some amazing sponsors, and are thrilled to announce that legendary Australian artist Reg Mombassa will be part of this year's lineup!

The Artwalk isn't just a fundraiser — it's a celebration of creativity, our school community and connection. You can follow all the latest news and artist reveals on Facebook and Instagram at @barrenjoey.artwalk.

As always, if you've got ideas, skills or enthusiasm to share, please (PLEASE!) get in touch and get involved. It's your school. Your kids. Your community.

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Claire Dwight

President, Barrenjoey High School P&C



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Support Without the Time Commitment

We're now inviting 10 – 20 Barrenjoey friends and families to step up as Artwalk Sponsors with a \$500 contribution. Your generosity will directly support the P&Cs 2026 School Building Fund, helping us create better spaces and opportunities for our students. It's also fully tax-deductible.

For two weeks, Avalon Village transforms into an outdoor art gallery as retailers showcase stunning artworks in their shop windows. A portion of sales goes directly to benefit the kids of Barrenjoey High School.

29th November – 14th December

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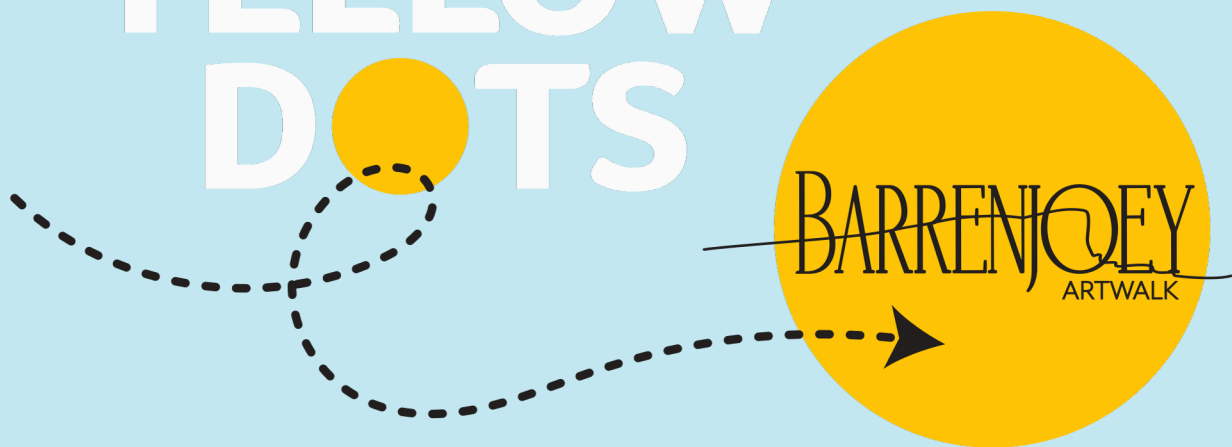
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Maps will be available in participating retailers and **www.barrenjoeyartwalk.com.au**

Community initiative by the Barrenjoey High School P&C.





MWBA PINK BALL **TERM 4 2025**

**FOR GIRLS 7-12 YRS WHO WOULD LIKE TO LEARN
BASKETBALL SKILLS IN A GIRLS ONLY PROGRAM.**

DATES: Sat 8th November to 6th December 2025

TIME: 1:00-2:00 pm

**VENUE: NORTHERN BEACHES INDOOR SPORTS
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COST: \$90 includes a Pink Ball or Bottle

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