

WELCOME TO 2025

Welcome to 2025 to what I am sure will be a year full of exciting times and incredible learning opportunities. We have had a fabulous start to the term and it was lovely to see the students start the year with smiling faces, positive energy and in full school uniform.

It is an absolute pleasure to officially welcome our Year 7 cohort into the Macintyre High community. They have quickly adapted to changing classes regularly and finding their way around a big setting. Feedback from staff has been extremely positive and they are looking forward to building a wonderful rapport with them as the year progresses. We hope they are currently having a fabulous time at the camp with Year 11 and staff.

A very warm welcomed return to school to our senior students. It is a privilege to have our senior students enrolled and completing their HSC at Macintyre High School. Our Year 11 and 12 students are an extremely valuable part of our student body and school culture. We are excited to continue working with these students and are committed to ensuring that every one of them is supported to gain the skills and understanding needed to allow them to achieve their post school goals, no matter their transition or pathways.

We are absolutely delighted to welcome three new staff to the Macintyre team:

Miss Emma Bayley has joined our English faculty and has settled in quickly and smoothly. She has established a fantastic rapport with her classes already, establishing sound routines and creating a high expectations culture in her classroom. The English team are very motivated to work with Emma closely to create engaging and inclusive programs in line with the syllabus.

Mr Will Kramer is a new and enthusiastic addition to our TAS faculty. Settling into his new life in the country, Will is an expert on all things computers and technology. He is a keen team player who is extremely excited about working with our students to inspire a passion for developing new skills and exploring their creativity.

TERM 1 KEY DATES

Week 7 - Week B

All week - Shearing school
Tuesday 11 March- Swimming
Carnival
Wednesday 12 March- NAPLAN

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Thursday 13 March- Year meetings, Year 6 2026 parent evening, NAPLAN Friday 14 March - NAPLAN

Week 8 - Week A

All week - NAPLAN Thursday 20 March- Year 7 parent evening Friday 21 March- Winter Zone trials

Week 9 - Week B

Tuesday 25 March- Farm vehicle safety course

Wednesday 26 March- Farm vehicle safety course, Wear purple for Epilepsy

Thursday 27 March- Principal's assembly

Friday 28 March-Taste of Macintyre

Week 10 - Week A

Thursday 3 April- Year 12 half yearly exams begin Friday 4 April- Year 12 half yearly exams continue

Week 11 - Week B

All week - Year 12 half yearly exams

Monday 7 April- MHS P&C Annual General Meeting 6pm Hann Gallery Thursday 10 April - Principal's assembly, Year 11 Hospitality class Sydney Royal Easter Show Friday 11 April- Last day of Term 3, Year 11 Hospitality class Sydney Royal Easter Show

WELCOME TO 2025 CONTINUED...

Ms Hannah Turrise has joined us as our relieving Head Teacher Welfare. Her infectious positivity and energy will assist her in being a new face and bringing a new approach to an existing team. Her work is firmly student centered and focused explicitly on student wellbeing and outcomes. We are also excited to have her join the HSIE faculty.

Projecting forward, our school calendar for the year is already filled with planning for activities that provide our students with an extraordinary depth and breadth of experiences. Our staff are dedicated to ensuring that every student at our school has the opportunity to try new things, explore the unknown and be supported to achieve at their personal best in safe and inclusive environments. As a parent or carer, you are a crucial part of the whole school community and play an integral role in ensuring that your students are motivated to attend school and engage in their learning. Communication is key for this to occur and we appreciate our dedicated welfare team, administration and support staff who are always available to hear concerns and relay messages.

We all look forward to working together to make 2025 the best it can be for our students, families and staff. Thank you for being a part of the Macintyre community and always remember that #Macintyrekidscandoanything.

Sally Chapple Principal





Photos from Year 7 Peer Camp at Copeton Dam. Full report in the next newsletter.

SENTRAL PARENT PORTAL

Thank you to everyone who has downloaded the Sentral Parent Portal app. We are excited with the feedback received from parents and how you can easily stay in touch with your child's learning journey.

The Sentral Parent Portal allows you to browse school documents and resources, view the newsletter, book parent/teacher interviews, respond to unexplained absences and advise the school in advance of planned absences for your child.

Excursion permission notes are now being distributed directly through the Sentral Portal app. If you have not downloaded the Parents app as yet we would encourage you to do this, for any queries please contact the school on 67221555.



NEW STAFF 2025 PROFILE



Name: Ms Turrise

Subjects I teach: Business, Legal, Geography and Commerce Hobbies: Strengthen training and spending time with my doggos

Favourite food: My aunty's homemade pasta Favourite movie: The Grinch... with Jim Carrey Favourite book: Becoming by Michelle Obama Favourite place to relax: On the beach with friends

Favourite thing so far about MHS: How welcoming everyone has been!



Name: Mr Kramer

Subjects I teach: Computing Technologies

Hobbies: Hiking, gym and cooking Favourite food: Carrot cake

Favourite movie: Horton Hears a Who!

Favourite book: Dune

Favourite place to relax: In a hammock

Favourite thing so far about MHS: Leftovers from Mrs Whitton's cooking class



Name: Ms Bayley

Subjects I teach: I teach both English and History

Hobbies: I love travelling, walking my dog, doing Pilates and learning how to cook new

cuisines

Favourite food: I love a Curly Wurly

Favourite movie: It's a toss up between Oppenheimer and Chicken Run

Favourite book: Frankenstein, I could read it over and over again Favourite place to relax: Bawley Point (3 hours south of Sydney)

Favourite thing so far about MHS: The students! They have taught me lots of things

about living in the country including very detailed (sometimes too detailed)

information about breeding cattle and chasing pigs!

WELFARE UPDATE

Introduction

A warm hello to all students, parents, and carers. I'm Ms Turrise, and I'm absolutely thrilled to be here as the Relieving Head Teacher of Welfare at Macintyre High School. I have quickly fallen in love with both the school and the community. Originally from the Central Coast, I've been enjoying the fresh air of Inverell and learning more about the wonderful students and families who make up Macintyre. I'm excited to be part of a school that is so dedicated to the wellbeing and success of its students.

Programs

Our phenomenal Student Support Officer (SSO), Cherie Duffy, has been doing an incredible job this term offering a variety of tailored programs that aim to support our students' social and emotional well-being. Cherie is running programs such as Love Bites, RAGE, Seasons for Growth, and Peaceful Teens, which are designed to help students manage life's challenges and build resilience.

WELFARE UPDATE CONTINUED...

We are incredibly fortunate to have someone as passionate and experienced as Cherie at Macintyre. Her deep understanding of youth support and her strong network with external community services ensure that our students receive holistic support that extends beyond the school environment. Cherie's work is truly invaluable to our school community, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact of these programs over the coming months.



Year Adviser Achievement Certificates

In an exciting new initiative this year, we have introduced the Year Adviser Achievement Certificates. These fortnightly awards are presented to students who have demonstrated outstanding achievements or shown significant progress, either within the school environment or beyond. Whether it's academic success, personal growth, or community involvement, we want to recognise and celebrate our students' achievements.

The certificates are handed out during Friday B roll call, and we encourage you to keep an eye on our social media pages to see the next recipients. It's always wonderful to celebrate the incredible efforts of our students, and we hope these awards inspire others to keep striving for their personal best.



GRIT - Positive Behaviour System

We're excited to introduce an updated approach to positive behaviour system at Macintyre High School with our GRIT system. GRIT stands for Growth, Resilience, Initiative, and Teamwork – all of which reflect the school values we strive to uphold at Macintyre.

As part of this initiative, students can earn GRIT tickets for demonstrating positive behaviour in the classroom, on excursions, and in the playground. These tickets are then entered into a raffle, held every fortnight at assembly, where students have the chance to win some fantastic prizes, such as a new basketball and insulated drink bottle pictured. It's a great way for us to celebrate the excellent behaviour and attitudes of our students. We would like to congratulate our first GRIT winners for 2025– Dean and Troy, with a shoutout to their mate Cadel for supporting them along the way. Thank you to all of our students for embracing the system, and we look forward to seeing many more students recognised for their positive contributions to our school.



Looking Ahead

The first half of Term 1 has been a whirlwind as we settle into the rhythm of the year. It's been an exciting and busy start, and we are gearing up for an incredible 2025. We are committed to providing the best support for our students and creating an environment where every student feels valued, respected, and ready to thrive.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead at Macintyre High School!

Warm regards, Ms Turrise Rel. Head Teacher, Welfare

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club has started again for the year. It runs Tuesday to Friday and all students are welcome. Breakfast club begins at 8.30 am and finishes at 8.55am. Depending on the day, students can access vegemite and jam toast, toasted ham and cheese sandwiches, savoury mince rolls, bacon and cheese rolls and fruit loaf. Breakfast club also supplies muesli bars, fresh fruit and milk poppers every day. We would like to thank our sponsors Bindaree Beef, McLachlans Smash repairs and Foodbank for their kind donations.













MC STUDENTS – GARDEN TO KITCHEN PROGRAM

MC students have been busy preparing the garden beds to grow some healthy herbs and vegetables. We have started planting some seedlings and have been regularly watering and weeding. This is part of their garden to kitchen program and students will use the food they grow to cook healthy meals to eat at school. Students within the program will also learn how plants grow and the environmental factors that contribute to this. Students have also started cooking food and learning important life skills for the future. Thank you to SLSO Justin for supporting our students with his expert gardening skills. Thankyou to Bindaree Beef for their donations to help support our MC cooking programs.



-Ms Harris









MC INCLUSIVE SPORTS DAY

On Tuesday 4 February, seven students from our Macintyre High School MC classes attended an inclusive sports athletics day in Tamworth. During the day the students participated in track races in 50 metres, 100 metres, and 200 metres, 50 metre relays, discus, shotput, and javelin.

This day was organised to demonstrate to our students the ways they can do sports differently with the varying needs and disabilities that people in MC class, support classes and SSP schools may have.

The students, demonstrated a profound sense of pride, resilience and determination, even when the event was challenging the students stepped up to the challenge and completed all activities with incredible determination.

We would also like to give a special thanks to Ashford Central school for lending us their bus for our excursion and delivering the bus to us in Inverell for the day.









SRC REPORT

The SRC has had a busy start to the year. Our Valentine's Day celebration was as lovely as ever with our ever-popular serenades.

On 26 March, Macintyre will be participating in Purple Day for Epilepsy awareness. This year's theme is to harness the power of Purple emphasising the strength and resilience of the epilepsy community. We encourage all students to wear purple and donate a gold coin.

As part of SRC roll call, our students have been going to the house roll calls for Friday Fun Day and practicing their leadership skills by running games. These games are contributing to the house points and the winning roll call will get a prize.

As part of this Friday Fun Day, the SRC students have introduced a Thank You award. These awards are handed out by students for students to thank their peers for being, kind, supportive, helpful and a good friend.





PDHPE

In the PDHPE faculty for 2025, we continue with the same team of Mr Cook, Ms Watson, Miss McLachlan, Mrs Gehrke and myself, along with Mr Reynolds and Mr Cabitza teaching a few PDHPE classes this year. It's been a busy start to the year with changes to the sport structure, plenty of sporting opportunities as well as the introduction of new syllabus. Here is a quick overview of just some of the things happening in the PDHPE faculty so far this year.

We have begun teaching the new Health and Movement Science course to our Year 11 students. The class has started their journey learning about the body and mind in motion and completing depth studies and collaborative tasks through the process. They have completed a group labelling task, applying their knowledge to a specific sport and demonstrating this on a peer. They are currently completing their first depth study on how the interrelationship between the skeletal and muscular systems in conjunction with the principles of biomechanics allows for and influences specific movement.









Year 11 Health & Movement Science students analysing the bones muscles and joints involved in specific movements

Junior PDHPE classes have been developing their skills and knowledge in the following units of work throughout Term 1. A reminder that students have been informed by their teachers of when their theory and practical lessons will be throughout the fortnight and are reminded to be prepared for the relevant lessons; writing equipment for theory and appropriate school/sports uniform for their practical lessons. Units of work students are currently completing;

	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10
Theory Unit	Relationships and New Beginnings	Wellness and Wellbeing	Celebrating Safely	Drive to Survive
Practical unit/s	Initiative and Challenge Games	Net/Court Games	Various sports; focusing on game strategy	Net/Court Games









Year 7 developing their 'polo hockey' skills and Year 10's first Badminton lesson.

PDHPE CONTINUED

Stage 5 PASS elective students have been learning about the body systems and physical fitness with Year 9 students starting to complete several fitness tests to complement their learning in the theory component of the subject. Whilst Year 10 have been learning about how the different body systems impact and influence movement including where the different muscles and bones are in the body.





Year 10PASS labelling the muscles and bones of the body

The Year 9 Child Studies elective class has been learning about family interactions and structures and the impact these can have on a child's growth and development. Whilst the Year 10 classes have been working through a food and nutrition unit and diving in depth into the various needs of children at the different life stages. The students completing the Child Studies elective will have the opportunity to care for a 'simulated baby' that the school has been lucky enough to acquire to support their studies. As part of their curriculum, students in the Stage 5 elective will be required to care for the 'baby' for one or two days.

Until the next issue, stay active.

Fiona McKenzie Head Teacher PDHPE



The new additions to the school – our three simulated babies here with three Year 10 Child Studies students

YEAR 11 DRAMA

This term, our Year 11 Drama students are exploring the theme of First Impressions through playbuilding —creating original theatre and shaping their own performances from the ground up.

They have quite literally been thinking outside the box, taking their brainstorming off the whiteboard and onto the blackboard walls, turning the space into a canvas for creativity!







L₂L

Students in Year 7 have been engaging with the Learn to Learn course. They have been learning about using their Google Drive and sending emails. Here are some responses about what they have been loving about Year 7.

- Miss Webster

"I am enjoying Macintyre so far, it has been very good and fun. I also hope to not fall down the stairs!"

"I am enjoying Macintrye High School at this point. My least Favourite part is all of the stairs! I think to myself sometimes how a school can have many stairs. My favourite subjects are L2L and Maths."

"... it would be better if you gave us no homework please"

"my favourite part of Macintyre so far has been the teachers and the canteens sausage rolls"

"I have really enjoyed the work in Maths and how difficult it is because before at my primary school I thought it was too easy"

"Of course, high school has its flaws and pros, but I've loved every subject. Kind of nerve-wracking though. Favourite subjects are; essentially all of them if I'd be honest"

"The best thing of year 7 is how you don't need to learn the same subject in one class and you get to see the different classes and not have to stay in the same classroom"

"Sports have been good because it goes for 2 hours and lots of new faces."

"I have been enjoying year 7 because I have been able to make friends and play with them.I love the freedom of high school and it is the best."

"I have been enjoying the canteen because it is delicious"

"I have been enjoying the freedom of moving classes, I thought it would be more cramped."

"In Science we made popcorn and we could eat it after"

"I have been enjoying the freedom of moving to different classrooms, being able to learn in a new space and I enjoy PE a lot, it's really fun"

"I like the large variety of food from the canteen"

"I am enjoying being in year 7 so far because I get to walk to different classes with different teachers and different kids."

SPORT REPORT

Here at Macintyre we are excited about another year full of opportunities in the sporting arena. There will be plenty of opportunities for students to be involved in school teams in the CHS competitions as well as other gala days and carnivals offered throughout the year. As well as the chance to represent the New England Zone and North West at Combined High School championships, of which we have already had some occur and some students heading to the North West Trials.

Here's a snapshot of what's been happening so far this year:

U15s Touch Zone Trials

On Monday 17 February, seventeen Macintyre students headed to the Inverell Complex for the Under 15 Zone Touch trials. All students performed incredibly well and were great representatives for the school. There were 11 students making it to the 'possibles and probables' stage of which five were selected to be part of the New England Zone team. A big shout out to Klancy Rogan, Liam Baxter, Matilda Newton and Alice Gleeson who came down and helped out, refereeing and/or coordinating teams.



U15 North West Touch Trials

On Friday 28 February, five of our students travelled over to Tamworth as part of the New England Zone Touch Team to trial for the North West Team. These included; Kelsie Simpson, Riley Alexander, Blake Baxter, Zak Hubner and Lincoln Sharpley.

At these trials Blake, Zak, Riley and Kelsie all made the 'possibles and probables' with Kelsie and Zak being selected in the U15 North West team. They





both now progress to trial for the CHS 15s Touch team at the trials held in Tomaree on the 27 and 28 March. We wish them both the best of luck.

Opens Basketball - Mrs Gehrke

Open Boys and Girls Basketball teams travelled to Tamworth Sports Dome for the NW Knockout competition. The boys had a rough draw dealt with Farrer Memorial Agricultural college straight up. Unfortunately they lost this game but used it as an opportunity to warm up and settle in to playing as a team. Second game was our long time rivals Inverell High School. The boys played an exceptional game with it quite often basket for basket. The boys managed to keep it to a very close game till the last couple of minutes but unfortunately went down 37 - 25. Their 3rd and last game was against Warialda/Boggabilla High School which was again another closely matched game but unfortunately couldn't hold on to the end to take the win. Some exceptional shots and plays by the boys!

The girls had a late start to their game but landed Glen Innes High School first. The girls settled well and had some great drives to the basket and a strong defence. They had a comfortable win of 20 - 4. Their second game with barely any break in-between was against Inverell High School and the girls continued their forward momentum of moving the ball fluidly. They had another very comfortable win of 26 - 4. A little break and the girls had to then face Oxley High School in the Semi-final for the NW Knockout. We knew they were a strong team. The girls struggled to break their defensive zone but continued to play hard to navigate a way to the basket. There were some exceptional drives to the basket. Unfortunately the girls could not hold the endurance and the strong offensive to get in front of Oxley and went down 40 - 26.

SPORT REPORT CONTINUED

All players should be super proud of their efforts today. Thanks to Riley Alexander and Kade Romer for referring back to back games all day.

A big thank you to Brooke for once again driving the bus for us to get us there!





Opens Basketball Trials

On Thursday 27 February 6 boys travelled over to Glen Innes with Mrs Gehrke for the Open Basketball Zone Trials. All boys played exceptionally well throughout the day with Riley Dennis, Nate Dennis and Kade Romer being selected for the possibles and probables, in which Riley and Kade were selected for the Zone Team.

For the Open Girls, there were limited numbers for the Zone Trials, so Alice Gleeson, Tayla Hubner, Kelsie Simpson and Matilda Strahley automatically qualified for the Zone Team.

On Tuesday 4 March, Kade and Riley along with the girls travelled to Tamworth for the North West trials. All girls qualified and made the North West Opens team whilst Riley made the possibles and probables for the boys.









CHS Volleyball

During Week 5, we had 11 students head to Sydney as members of the North West Volleyball teams to participate in the CHS Volleyball Championships. This includes; Tenny Boy Jr Pasco, Will Canham, Sam Burns, Liam Daley, Olivia Madden, Casey Brabant, Chloe Seagrott, Tayarnah Ramster, Chlouie Jones, Angela Nyugen and Tiarnah Ehsman-Hill. Whilst there were only a few wins between the teams they played with, all students played well and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.





Throughout these championships, three of our students; Tenny Boy Jr Pasco, Chloe Seagrott and Casey Brabant were selected to play in the East VS West game.

SPORT REPORT CONTINUED

Some of the upcoming sporting opportunities -

- North West Girls Rugby 7s Monday 10 March in Tamworth
- Zone Open Touch Friday 14 March in Inverell
- Seniors Fast5 Netball Wednesday 19 March in Inverell
- Zone Winter Trials Friday 2 March in Inverell
- Note: Winter Trials is for Opens Netball, Opens and U15s League, Boys and Girls Open Soccer
- North West Girls Rugby League (U16 & U18) Monday 24 March in Narrabri
- Alan Tongues 10s Rugby League Carnival 31 March in Inverell

Tuesday Sport

Our Tuesday Sport sessions have started strong with the new time of Period 3 & 4 allowing for more time at venues and for student participation. Tuesday sport is a mandatory requirement for all students from Year 7 to 10 and we value and encourage active participation and offer a variety of different sporting and community service opportunities throughout the year. Some of these opportunities require a subsidised fee for transport and/or venue use. Sport fees are now overdue. These can be paid online via school bytes or at the student office. As such, if your child is in any of the following sports and you have not yet paid the required fee, as listed below, can you please ensure this fee is paid as a matter of urgency. Failure to pay the relevant fee will restrict a student's sporting options in future terms and may be at risk of being removed from the sport.

Term 1 Tuesday sport fees. Indoor - \$65

Proactive - \$75

Basketball - \$35

Netball - \$20

Swimming Carnival

After the long awaited opening of the Inverell Aquatic Centre, we are pleased to announce that we will be having a whole school swimming carnival on Tuesday 11 March. Unfortunately, there will be no opportunity to progress to the next level after the school carnival; however, students were offered the opportunity to individually nominate to attend the north west carnival. Having said that, the carnival is very much focused on participation with house spirit being in full swing with house points allocated to all participants who compete in the 50m events as well as our novelty events including the 'Around the World' swims and house chants.

Students are encouraged to wear their house colours (or MHS sports uniform) on the day as well as appropriate swimwear for a school carnival, bring plenty of sunscreen, water as well as food and/or

money for the canteen.

Students have been issued a permission note with all the details for this event. This note must be returned, with all sections completed, to the student office to allow students to be able to participate on the day. Any student that has not returned their note, will not be allowed to enter any water events/activities on the day. This is a strict Department policy. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school.



SPORT REPORT CONTINUED

House Captains for 2025

Fraser





Nicholas Hilton and Klancy Rogan

Rob Roy



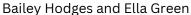


Nicholas Ditchfield and Rachel Forrester

Sinclair







Stirling





Cooper Fleming and Montannah Whittaker

If you have any questions regarding sport at Macintyre, please contact us at the school.

Lisa Watson and Fiona McKenzie Sports Coordinators

NORTH WEST BLUE 2024

At the end of 2024, Georgia Griffin was the recipient of the prestigious North West Blue. This was in recognition of her outstanding achievements in Athletics throughout the school year.

Congratulations Georgia.



INVERELL SHOW

The Inverell Show was a hot one for our Macintyre show team - Our team performed well with students Eliza Thompson, Matilda Harris, Damon Martin and Sarah Page winning ribbons in paraders and Herdsperson. Our cows won several ribbons too .

Thank you to the Inverell Show Society for the opportunity to participate and to Carpys livestock carrier for donating their time and truck to transport cows. Also to Matt Colley for assisting and providing water, ice and humour, supporting Mrs Snaith and Ms Fenton. Lastly thanks to the students who sweated it out - you did a fantastic job.

















On Thursday 27 February, 14 Macintyre High School students volunteered their time to assist with the set up of displays and exhibits at the Inverell Show. They were praised for their positive behaviours and helpfulness.













GLEN INNES SHOW

The Glen Innes Show took place on Friday 14 and Saturday 15 February. Macintyre showcased six head of cattle over the weekend. The students participated in the Young Judges Workshop, where Byron Perrett emerged victorious in the Merino sheep judging competition. In the Junior Cattle Judging, Eliza Thompson secured third place in her age division. All students took part, and we commend them for their representation of our school. The cattle were exhibited in the heifer show, where they received a third-place award. On Saturday they garnered several ribbons in the led classes. We extend our gratitude to Carpys Livestock & General for transporting our cattle and providing assistance throughout the trip. Their generosity and support are greatly appreciated. -Mrs Snaith















UNIVERSITY SHOWCASE

On Monday 17 February the Northwest University Showcase visited Macintyre High. Inverell High and Ashford Central students also attended to gather valuable information in preparation for their tertiary education years. Representatives from the University of New England, Charles Sturt University, Southern Cross University, the University of Newcastle, and the University of Southern Queensland provided students with informative pamphlets and expert advice. Appreciation is extended for this opportunity.





HOSPITALITY

Year 11 VET Hospitality students are developing their problem-solving and teamwork skills as they learn to prepare and present food to current industry standards. The kitchen can be a bustling environment, and they have already heard their first, "Yes Chef!".

















INVERELL COMMUNITY SEW FOR CHARITY GROUP

Macintyre High School would like to thank the Inverell Community Sew for Charity Group for their donation of mini teddy bears, worry worms, pocket hearts and fidget toys.

The packaging for the pocket heart comes with a message "this pocket heart has been lovingly homemade as part of 1000 hearts to share and kindness, Keep it close and give it a squeeze when you need a reminder of love, hope, courage and comfort! The bears, worry worms and pocket hearts have been distributed to the School Counsellor, MC classes and the Student Support Officer.





The Group also donates items charity and community organisation local hospitals and Ronald McDonald Houses.

Thank you again to the Inverell Community Sew for Charity group and the to all the volunteers who generously volunteer their time to an amazing charity group in Inverell.

MHS P&C 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for Monday, 7 April 2025, 6pm, Hann Gallery, Macintyre High School.

LIBRARY NEWS – A GREAT START TO THE YEAR

The school library has had a fantastic start to the year, with plenty of exciting initiatives and programs underway.

Book Club is Back! We are thrilled to announce that Book Club has returned! Join us every Friday B during lunch in the library to discuss your favourite reads, explore new books, and connect with fellow book lovers.

Senior Study Sessions - Our senior students have settled into productive study routines during their study periods in the library. These study routines are supported by the Year 11 study program, ensuring students have the resources they need for success.

Exciting New Project Space - A brand new Project Space is currently being set up in the library! This interactive area will provide students with opportunities to engage with 3D printing, robotics, and Cricut design during break times and with classes. We anticipate this space will be ready for student use in the coming weeks—stay tuned!

Library Aide Program - We have launched a new Library Aide Program. We've taken applications from students interested in assisting with the daily operations of the library during break times. If you are interested in becoming a library aide for 2025, see the librarian to get an application.

New Reading & Book Updates - English classes have started their 10 minutes of reading in every English lesson, encouraging a strong reading culture among students. Additionally, exciting new books have been ordered and are on their way, so keep an eye out for fresh reads coming soon.

Our non-fiction section has been weeded and reorganised into genres, making it easier for students to find a book of interest. If there is a book you want that we don't have, let us know, and we will endeavour to get it.

Library Opening Hours & Activities - The library is open every morning from 8:30 am, as well as during recess and lunch. Senior students can also use the library throughout the day for their study periods. **Recess:** Quiet, tech-free time for reading and relaxation.

Lunch:

Monday & Wednesday - Minecraft games days.

Friday – Tech-free day, with board games and other activities available for students to enjoy. Please note that the NSW Department of Education has a policy on the use of technology in schools, and this policy also applies to laptop use during break times in the library.

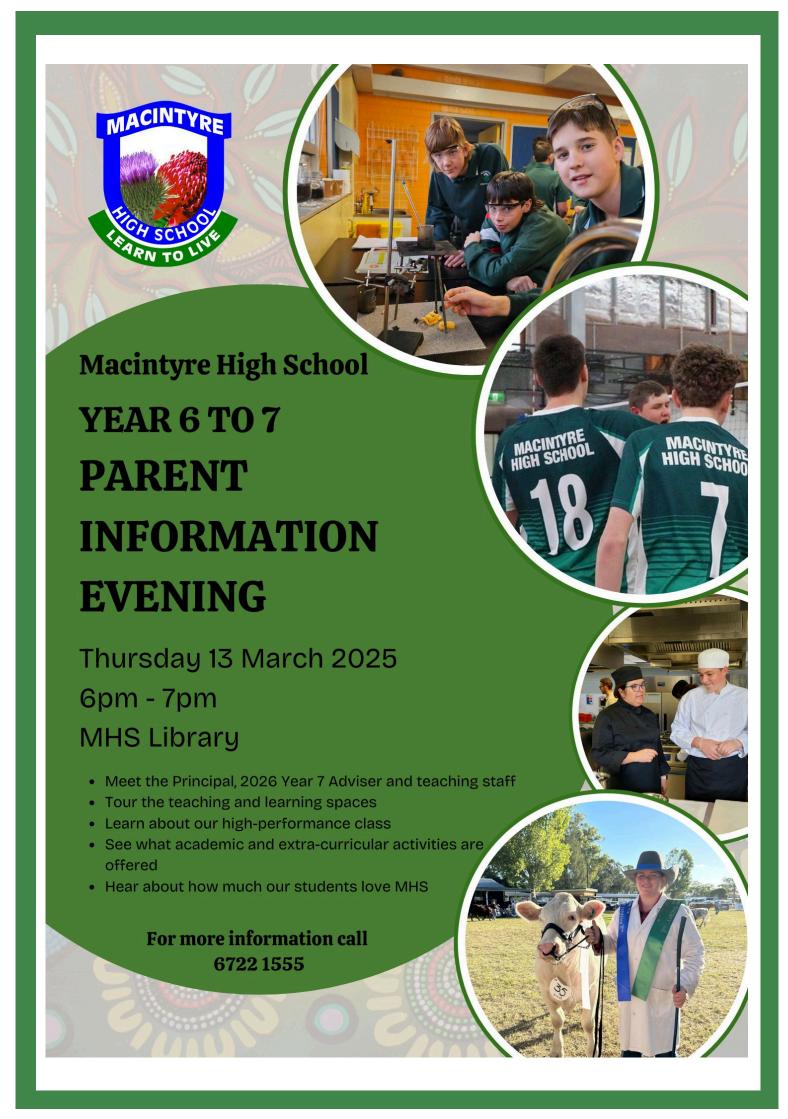
Taste of Macintyre – Big Book Sale! Mark your calendars for March 28—Taste of Macintyre is coming up, and the library will be holding a big book sale! We'll have a mix of fiction and non-fiction books that are no longer relevant to the school library. Make sure you stop by, take a look, and grab a book or two. All funds raised will go towards buying more books for the school library.

We are looking forward to another exciting year of reading, learning, and creativity in the library. See you there!











COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD









The University of Newcastle Department of Rural Health is hosting the annual Health Careers Forum for New England North West secondary schools. The forum is tailored to year 10 & 11 students eager to pursue a career as a health professional.

The forums will include Q&As and scenario-based workshops by academics, clinicians and current students from health disciplines including:

- Medicine
- Nutrition & Dietetics
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Pharmacy
- Medical Radiation Science
- Midwifery
- Nursing
- Speech Pathology

...and more

SESSION 1

- Tuesday 11th March 2025
- 9:00am 11.30am
- The University of Newcastle Tamworth Education Centre 114 Johnston Street, Tamworth

Choose to attend a morning or afternoon session. To register scan the QR code below.

SESSION 2

- Tuesday 11th March 2025
- 12:00pm 2:30pm
- The University of Newcastle Tamworth Education Centre 114 Johnston Street, Tamworth

Choose to attend a morning or afternoon session. To register scan the QR code below.



RSVP BY 28/02 Places are limited - scan the QR code & secure your school's place today!

Questions? Emai <u>uondrh-communityengagement@newcastle.edu.au</u>

