

MACINTYRE HIGH SCHOOL



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SRC INDUCTION ASSEMBLY

On Thursday 14 August we held our annual Student Leader Induction ceremony. Students were inducted into their new leadership roles and the outgoing SRC leaders were thanked for their commitment and service to the school and community. Parents, members of the community, and representatives from other schools joined in the ceremony.

After the ceremony, students and guests enjoyed a morning tea prepared by the Year 11 Hospitality students and Mrs Whitton. Thank you to Miss Webster and Mrs Woolcott for their organisation of the day.

The student body farewelled Rachel Forrester and Liam Snaith as the previous SRC Presidents as well as Vice Presidents Charlotte Dunlop and James Paton.

This year we have also introduced the Outstanding Service Award. This is given to students who have been a member of the student representative council throughout their entire high school life. This year two students received this award for their dedication and countless contributions to our school community over 5 years. The Outstanding Service Award was presented to Jack Dekkers and James Paton.

The new school Presidents for 2024-2025, Angela Nguyen and Henry Oliver, spoke of their excitement in being elected as the incoming SRC Presidents. Newly elected Vice Presidents Ella Gleeson and George Taylor are supported by Treasurers Olivia Grebert and Samuel Shelton, Directors Tenny Boy Jr Pasco and Thomas Taylor, Secretary Harry Gower and Olivia Madden and Publicity Officer Jacqui Paton.



TERM 3 KEY DATES

Week 6 - Week B

All week - HSC Trial Examinations
Wednesday 27 August - Young Drivers Expo
Thursday 28 August - Principal's assembly

Week 7 - Week A

Tuesday 2 September - HSC Drama Practical Exam, Junior AECG Cultural excursion
Wednesday 3 September - Junior AECG Cultural excursion, Year 10 drama buddy reading program IPS
Thursday 4 September - Junior AECG Cultural excursion

Week 8 - Week B

Thursday 11 September - Year meetings

Week 9 - Week A

All week - Year 11 final exams
Tuesday 16 September - Catch up vaccinations
Wednesday 17 September - Year 10 drama buddy reading program IPS

Week 10 - Week B

Thursday 25 September - Year 12 formal assembly, Year 12 formal dinner RSM Club
Friday 26 September - Last day of Term 3

SRC INDUCTION ASSEMBLY CONTINUED

Representatives from the Junior SRC are as follows:

Year 10 - Scarlet Carter, Ruby Dunlop, Alice Gleeson, Mitchell Hollands, Savannah Maybury, Jimmy Moroney, Tytrell Munro, Hollie Purvis, Zane Webb and Alex Woolcott.

Year 9 - Chase Beeton, Daniel Bernard, Samantha Blanck and Jed Morton.

Year 8 - Pippa Campbell, Darcy Croker, Charlotte Dennis, Clancy Holder, Jessica Jones, Payton Matterson-Smith, Evie Mawson, Georgia McDonald, Melisa Nguyen and Evella Strang-Mayled.

Year 7 - Emmanuel Amorin, Ryder Ellis, Grayce Gleeson, Ella Kenny, Haylee Mackay and Ethan Owen.

The newly elected House Captains were inducted into their roles as well and we wish them luck in leading their sports teams to victory in the swimming carnival, cross country and athletics carnival. House captains are:

Fraser Captains: Olivia Grebert and Rex Hamilton

Rob Roy Captains: Gabrielle Tickle and Damon Martin

Sinclair Captains: Sophie Anderson and Bailey Hodges

Stirling Captains: Layla Ting and Liam Baxter

The Junior Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) were also presented their badges. Congratulations to the Junior AECG Leadership group on the induction of leaders for:

Stage 6: Leewana Reid and Cooper Wilson

Stage 5: Dan Bell, Ravannah Blair, Sophie Emerson and Tytrell Munro

Stage 4: Dean Cooke, Lexie Horwood, Shanarla Landsborough-Strong, Sophia Jerrard- Blair, Jamerakai Munro and Ethan Owen

The Junior AECG Leadership group meets twice a term to discuss matters relating to Aboriginal education within our school. It gives young people a voice to express their opinions and ideas. It helps to develop leadership and communication skills.



EDUCATION WEEK

Week three of this term was Education Week and as part of the celebrations our local Sapphire Community of Schools hosted an awards night at the Inverell RSM Club on Wednesday 6 August. The awards night recognised award recipients from each of the other schools in our Sapphire Community of Schools network. This year we acknowledged three Macintyre people with these special Education Week awards.



Congratulations to Liam Snaith on receiving the outstanding student achiever award for outstanding leadership and academic achievement. Liam is an exceptional young man who aspires to work in medicine. He is dedicated to his highly rigorous academic pathway, receiving outstanding results in Mathematics Extension 2 and Extension 1, Advanced Mathematics, English Advanced, Chemistry and Physics. As our 2024/2025 school captain, Liam is a kind and humble member of the leadership Team who has led with integrity and pride. He is described by his peers as being a cool, calm and collected leader who is very driven to improve the school and himself. He is friendly, approachable, gracious and makes all people feel welcome and comfortable. We wish Liam the best in the HSC and look forward to hearing of his success in the future.



Congratulations to Natasha Gleeson on receiving the outstanding contribution to the school by a staff member for her outstanding dedication to improving student learning outcomes.

Tash is a passionate and dedicated Learning and Support Teacher whose impact reaches every corner of our school. She works tirelessly to support the diverse learning needs of all students, liaising with parents, external agencies, and staff to ensure tailored, inclusive support. Tash coordinates NAPLAN, the Check-in Assessment, and our School Learning and Support Officers with skill and care. A key member of the Macintyre Learning Support team, she is also an enthusiastic contributor to school sport, encouraging students to shine in biking, netball, and rugby. With student outcomes at the core of her priorities, Tash's commitment, compassion, and leadership make her an invaluable part of our community.



Congratulations to Emma Ting on receiving the outstanding contribution to the school by a member of the community/school community for her outstanding contribution to establishing and maintaining school culture. Emma is the heart of our school community. As our dedicated School Business Manager, she wears many hats—coordinating major events like the Taste of Macintyre, managing administration staff, and ensuring safe, supportive spaces for all. As P&C Treasurer and Business Manager, she champions partnerships, sources vital funding, and leads environmental initiatives with care and commitment. Emma's leadership in work health and safety and her tireless contributions behind the scenes reflect her deep dedication to school improvement, as well as staff and student wellbeing. Her generosity, professionalism, and passion make her an exceptional role model. We are grateful for all she does to make our school thrive.



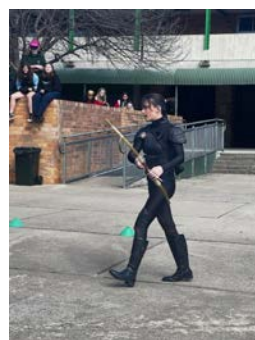
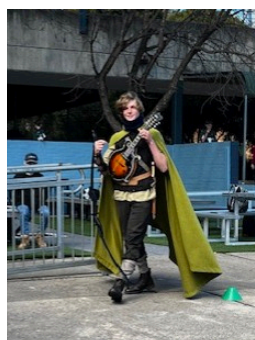
LIBRARY NEWS

Book Week Celebrations - Parade

We started Book Week celebrations early this year. Our annual parade on Friday 15 August saw students and staff showcasing their creativity through their costumes, and we were blown away by the effort put in this year.

Congratulations to Ken and Barbie (Mrs Gilmour and Mrs Kimmence) who won the staff individual category with their incredible costumes, to SASS Sesame Street for winning the staff group prize.

Mitchell Hollands won best individual student with his costume as Will Treaty from the Rangers Apprentice series while the best student group was MC as Dr Suess books! They looked incredible, although the Grinch was a little bit naughty.



LIBRARY NEWS CONTINUED

Dymocks Children's Book Charity Grant

We are incredibly grateful to be the recipients of a generous grant for \$10,000 from the Dymocks Children's Book Charity. This funding has allowed us to replenish our library collection with a fantastic selection of new books, focusing primarily on fiction for our lower secondary students, as well as some engaging non-fiction titles. This boost to our collection will greatly enhance our students' reading experience, and we extend our appreciation to Dymocks for their support.

Book Club

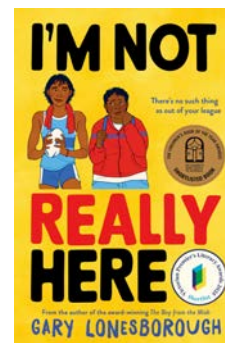
To top off our Book Week celebrations, we held a Book Club lunch featuring this year's selected book, *Danger Road* by A.L. Tait. This gripping story revolves around the unsolved case of teenager Corey Armstrong, who was left for dead on Danger Road twenty-five years ago. All Book Club members received a copy of *Danger Road* to read and discuss during our book club.

Short Story Competition

We were thrilled to run a Short Story Competition with the theme of "Book an Adventure." The competition featured three categories: Years 7-8, 9-10, and 11-12. We were blown away by the number of entries and the exceptional quality of the stories submitted. These captivating stories showcase the hidden talents in story writing within our school. Well done to everyone who entered, it's been a pleasure reading your stories. The winners and their stories will appear in the next newsletter.

CBCA Winners

Book Week is always an exciting highlight of our literary calendar, with the announcement of the Children's Book Council of the Year winners. This year's winner for older readers is "I'm Not Really Here" by Gary Lonesborough with Maryam Master winning the younger reader category with her book "Laughter is the Best Ending". All shortlisted and winning books are available for borrowing in the library.



Thank you to all the students and staff who participated and helped us celebrate the joy that books bring to our lives. We hope you continue to explore the new additions to our collection and dive into wonderful stories.

Happy reading,
Mrs McLoughlin

MEMORIAL SERVICE

On Monday 18 August, our school captains Angela Nguyen and Henry Oliver attended the Vietnam Veteran's Day memorial service held at the Inverell RSM Club. They then attended the Victory in the Pacific Memorial commemorating 80 years since the end of World War II.

Thank you to Miss Webster for accompanying our captains and always going above and beyond to organise and look after our SRC.



SNOW TRIP

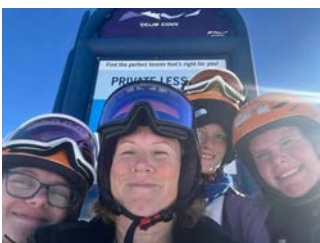
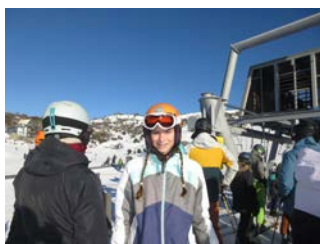
WOW! AMAZING! BEST TRIP EVER! Just some of the student comments regarding Macintyre High Schools 2025 Snow Trip.

The weather was kind for our snow adventures on Wednesday and Thursday. Beautiful sun filled days provided perfect opportunities for our students to learn new skills to either ski or snowboard successfully at Smiggins, Perisher & Blue Cow.

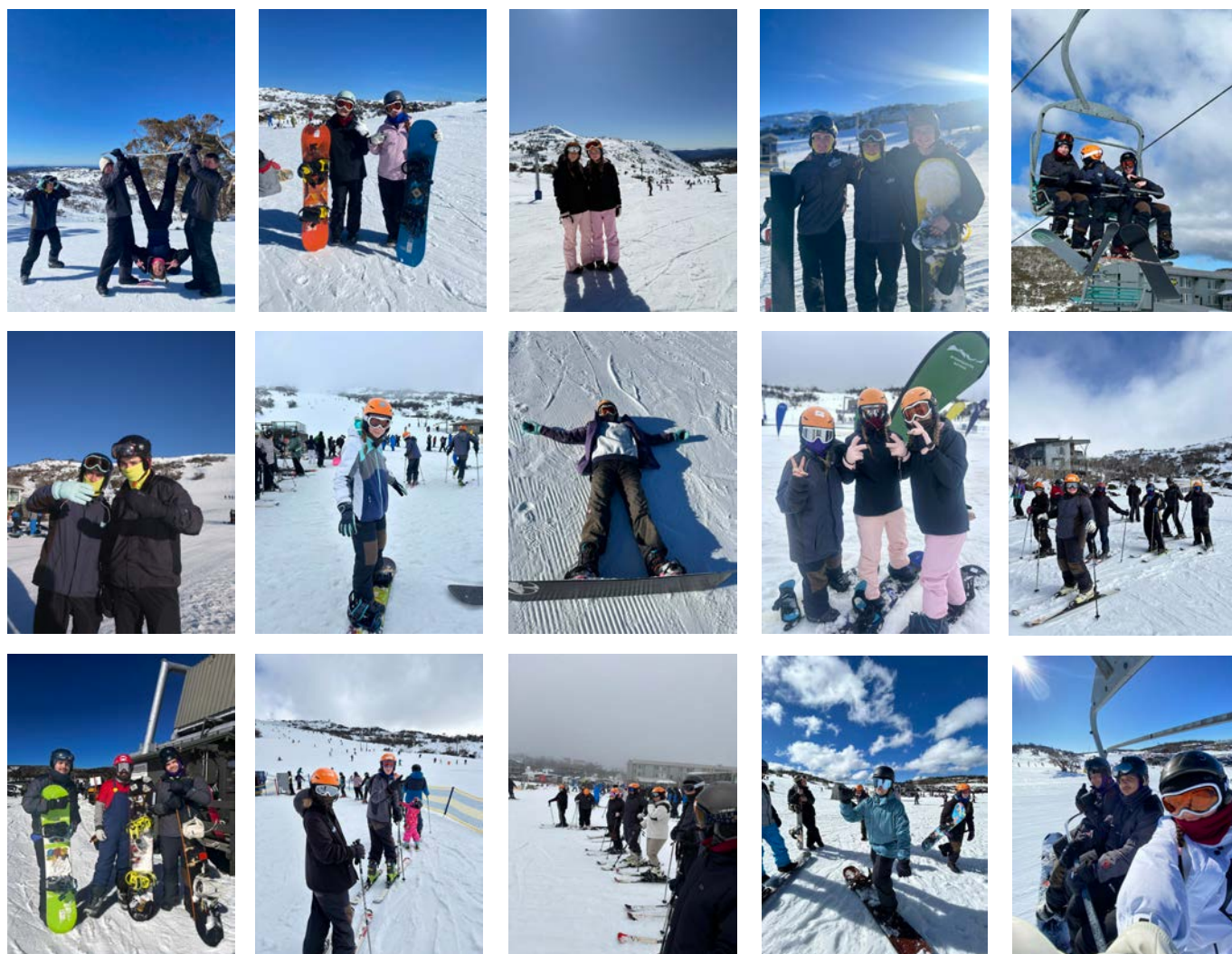


Tuesday brought snowfalls and high winds in the morning but finished off with a fun-filled afternoon in the sun. Students embraced their first 8.30am morning lesson on the skis or snowboard. There were lots of smiles and laughter as many found it challenging, with gravity resulting in them falling onto the snow many times before mastering new skills. The afternoon saw many students take to the snow fields one last time to model their newfound skills on more challenging slopes. Other students took the opportunity to build snowpersons and have snow fights; while others sat to watch the snow adventures through the large glass windows while sipping on a hot chocolate, eating loaded fries and resting tired muscles.

Evenings at the Snowy Valley Resort proved to be very popular with the students embracing all opportunities available. The pool table, sauna room, heated pool, games room and communal bedrooms resonated with laughter and positive vibes each night.



SNOW TRIP CONTINUED



It is exciting to announce the 2026 Year 10/11 Positive Mindset Snow Trip. The wheels are in motion for a wonderful week at the Snowy Mountains - Term 3, Week 2, from 27th July - 31 July 2026. The estimated cost of the excursion is \$1400 and thanks to special funding approved by the Principal, the school has been able to subsidise each student to bring the cost of the excursion down to \$1100(TBC – once quotes are confirmed). This is exceptional value for money! The cost of the excursion covers travel, accommodation, breakfast, lunch & dinner, ski/snowboard gear hire, lift pass and ski/snowboard lessons. Students are recommended to have a little extra money for items they wish to purchase, including additional food/drinks each day. Snowboarding may cost an additional payment of \$40.

An expression of interest note regarding the snow trip can be obtained from Ms Fleming. Your child is encouraged to return the completed EOI note along with a non-refundable deposit of \$50 by the end of Week 10, Term 3 2025.

My greatest hope is to have as many students attend as possible. This trip targets students who demonstrate a positive mindset towards learning in Year 10 and 11 2025/2026.

Please discuss the eligibility criteria with your child. Year 9/10 (to be 10/11) are a great year group and I am really looking forward to the adventures ahead.

-Ms Fleming

AGRICULTURE NEWS

EKKA

In Week 3, our Ag Show team attended the EKKA. The first few days were spent weighing, washing, and preparing the cattle for show day. Students also took part in the junior paraders competition, putting in countless hours to present their livestock at the highest standard. We congratulate all students for their efforts and for representing the school with pride under the tough and unpredictable Queensland weather.



Students also competed in junior judging, where Eliza, Damon, and Byron earned highly commended ribbons, placing among the top eight teams out of 23 schools. We are equally proud of Ruby, Byron, and Damon, who were selected among just six competitors in each age group to explain their judging decisions—each receiving a highly commended ribbon.

Thanks to generous sponsorship from Squadron Energy, our students, along with those from Holy Trinity, enjoyed a well-deserved break at the Outback Spectacular show.

It was a busy and rewarding week at EKKA, showcasing our Charolais cattle against strong competition. The team placed 3rd in junior bull and 2nd in senior cow, an excellent result. Despite working through rain and mud, students showed resilience and commitment. Eliza also achieved a highly commended in the stud paraders competition—an outstanding achievement.

We extend our sincere thanks to Squadron Energy for their ongoing support of agriculture programs in Inverell schools. In addition to the Outback Spectacular, they also treated staff and students to dinner on Thursday night. A special thanks also goes to Carpys Livestock for transporting the cattle to and from the event.

Thank you also to Inverell H Hardware, Inverell RSM Club, Inverell Macintyre Lions Club, Rotary Club of Inverell and Nutrien Ag Solutions for their generous donations towards funding the trip.



AGRICULTURE NEWS CONTINUED

EKKA CONTINUED



MERINO WETHERS CHALLENGE

From August 11–13, a group of MHS students travelled to Dubbo with Mrs Snaith, supported by Mr Colley, to take part in the prestigious Merino Wether Challenge. The event brought together more than 700 students and 420 sheep, representing 75 schools from across New South Wales.

Teams of sheep were judged on their presentation in both wool quality and carcass value. Whilst we did not place in the top three overall, our wethers were highly commended for their growth and development. The team did, however, place 2nd in wool value.

Students from Years 9 to 12 have been preparing the Egelabra wethers over the past five months, ensuring they were well-handled and ready for the competition. Alongside the judging, students also attended a range of educational workshops, gaining insights into agricultural careers, international lamb markets, fleece and lamb judging, and working dog demonstrations.

Congratulations to all students involved for proudly representing MHS and gaining valuable experience in the sheep and wool industry.



AGRICULTURE NEWS CONTINUED

TEXAS SHOW

Our Ag Show team delivered an outstanding performance at the Texas Show, clinching several top honours. The team proudly took home the Interbreeds Champion Bull title, as well as victories in both the Breeders Group and Pair of Females categories.

This event served as an excellent practice opportunity for our school show team, allowing them to gain valuable experience in a competitive setting.

A heartfelt thank you goes to the Texas Show committee, particularly Cameron and Gary Jones, for organising such a well-run event and for their generous prizes.

We also extend our gratitude to Carpys Livestock for their careful transportation of our cattle to and from the show, especially given the challenging weather conditions—a frosty Friday morning and a very wet Saturday.



CAPERS FEATURED PERFORMERS

Congratulations to Year 10 student, Mitchell Hollands on being selected as a Featured Performer for Drama in CAPERS 2025. Kiara Lind of Year 12 has also been selected to perform in CAPERS as part of the New England Senior Dance Ensemble and will appear as a Featured Dancer.

CAPERS is a large scale arena production at the Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre, showcasing the talents of public school students from across the New England region in music, dance and drama. Performances take place on November 7 and 8.

Mitch will travel to Tamworth in Week 8 along with other featured performers to work with a director to create and rehearse a devised drama piece.

Kiara attended the North West Dance Camp in Tamworth last term and has been involved in many DoE dance groups and performances during her time at Macintyre, including CAPERS, School Spectacular and the State Dance Ensemble. We are also thrilled to share that Kiara has been successful in auditioning for a full dance position at LAUNCH PAC on the Gold Coast for 2026 - an incredible achievement.

Well done, Mitchell and Kiara!



STAGE 4 MC NEWS

During Term 3 sport time, MC students have been enjoying drumming with Mr Schumacher. They have been introduced to a range of percussion instruments and are quickly developing their skills for keeping time with the rhythm of the beat.

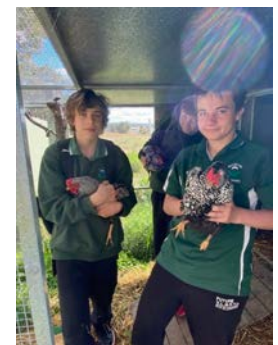


Our Stage 4 MC Tenpin Bowling team competed in the qualification round of the Inclusive Schools Tenpin competition on Wednesday 13 August. It was a very close competition against Bundarra Central, Tenterfield High and Wee Waa High with Macintyre sitting second right up until the last frame and we needed a whopping 64 pins to win!! Luke smashed his spare and then scored a strike with his bonus ball, Linden also smashed his spare and scored 9 with his bonus, Dean did an awesome job scoring 9 in his last frame and Braxton bowled an amazing strike followed by 9 with his bonus ball.

We now wait patiently to find out the results from the other games and where we finished officially in the North West division. Such a huge effort boys, congratulations.



Stage 4 MC have started a small poultry breeding enterprise. They have had some silver laced wyndotte bantams and black langshang bantams donated by the Higgins family to start them off. We also have a trio of silkies. The plan is to incubate some eggs and enter them in next years shows. Hopefully we get some show worthy birds. The students will have to learn about looking after and breeding show chickens as well as show preparation. They will soon try washing the silkies which could be very interesting.



Students are also busy weeding and preparing raised garden beds to sow plenty of vegetables to be used in their cooking or given to the chickens to supplement their diets. So far they have planted carrots, tomatoes, beans, zucchini, cucumbers, spring onions, and snow peas. The students will have to care for the plants, protect them from any remaining cold weather and pests before they get to enjoy cooking with them.

-Mrs Higgins



NAIDOC WEEK

We celebrated NAIDOC Week at Macintyre High School at the end of last term. Miah Bailey, Jacob Wadley and Tarni-Rose Buckland contributed their time and skills by assisting with the preparation and cooking of food for the NAIDOC Week morning tea and lunch. Their efforts were greatly appreciated and added to the success of the celebrations.

Alongside this, our Yinarr Girls Group proudly created a beautiful NAIDOC display for the Inverell Hospital. This meaningful project was made possible through the collaboration between MHS Aboriginal Education Officer, Jane Blair, and Inverell Hospital Aboriginal Liaison Officer, Shirlene Jerrard. The display was a wonderful opportunity for our students to share culture and creativity with the wider community, while also highlighting the importance of NAIDOC Week and the theme of unity and respect.



7G HISTORY

This semester in History, Class 7G has been learning about archaeology and how layers of soil (stratigraphy) help us understand the past. To make the lesson hands on and practical, students took part in a simulated archaeological dig.

Students carefully excavated “artefacts” such as coins, bones, and shells, just like real archaeologists. Students also learned how to use string to create a grid, helping them record exactly where each item was found.

7G came up with some very creative ideas about how the sources got there including pirates buried treasure, an ancient Egyptian burial and that Macintyre High School once was a beach. It's great to see them thinking out of the box and using their historical thinking skills.

-Ms Bayley



YEAR 9 FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Our Year 9 Food Technology students have been practising their cupcake icing skills in the commercial kitchen. The students were challenged to create fun designs, including dog-themed cupcakes and bright sunflower cupcakes. While many discovered that decorating was not quite as easy as it looked, they showed great persistence and creativity in developing their skills.

This practical lesson was not only a chance to learn new decorating techniques but also a valuable preparation for an upcoming special occasion, where students will put their skills to the test by baking and decorating cakes for a real event. The session was filled with laughter, teamwork and plenty of colour, with students proud of what they were able to achieve.



ARTEXPRESS OFFICIAL OPENING IN ARMIDALE

Congratulations to our Matilda Oliver whose HSC artwork was officially opened in the 2024 ARTEXPRESS touring exhibition on Friday 15 August at the New England Regional Art Museum in Armidale.

ARTEXPRESS is an annual showcase of exemplary artworks from the previous year's Higher School Certificate that celebrates the remarkably high standards reached by NSW Visual Arts students. Five students were present at the opening and a great group of Macintyre supporters showed up to celebrate Matilda's selection within the state. This dynamic and popular annual exhibition features a selection of exceptional student artworks created for the art-making component of the HSC examination in Visual Arts in 2024.

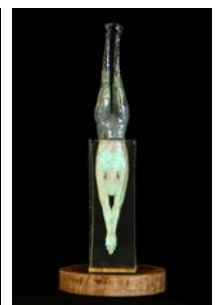
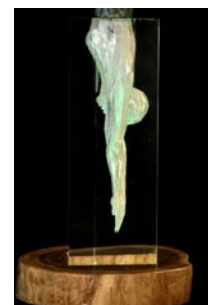


Matilda's work will be on display in the New England Regional Art Museum, Armidale from August 15 to October 19. If you have the opportunity please go and see her amazing work.

'Waters embrace' Diving into life, sport and energy

My body of work examines ideas of feminine strength, identity, and the balance between society's expectations and the power of introspection. The figure of a half-submerged diver is inspired by my experiences as an athlete and swimmer. It represents a woman's duality, with serenity below the water and power above. The mediums of malleable clay and 3D printing contrast the effects of mutable societal influences with internal strength and precision, conveying the

tension between external judgement and self-definition. My intention is to challenge traditional representations of women, encouraging the audience to recognise and celebrate the multifaceted strength within us. My artmaking practice has been influenced by the study and interpretation of the following artists: Gail Folwell, Andy Goldsworthy, Courtney Mattison.



NATIONAL ART SCHOOL – HSC VISUAL ARTS INTENSIVE COURSE

During the recent holiday period, Yin and I were fortunate to be accepted into the National Art School's HSC Visual Arts Intensive Course. The program spanned six days, including travel to and from Inverell, and provided a unique opportunity to expand our artistic skills, meet other students, and experience university-style learning in a professional environment.

Upon arrival, we were warmly welcomed by the supervisors and allocated our rooms. As students from the same school, Yin and I were placed in the same bunking room, along with two other participants. This arrangement allowed us to form connections easily within our immediate group.

The accommodation experience also encouraged wider social interactions. Students boarding together were encouraged to engage and collaborate, and we found that everyone was friendly, supportive, and open to conversation. This welcoming environment made it easy to meet new people, even for those who are usually more reserved.

The structure of the course was both intensive and rewarding. A strong focus was placed on practical,

hands-on learning which allowed participants to explore new techniques and methods with confidence. Teachers and lecturers provided continuous guidance and constructive feedback, creating an encouraging environment where students could experiment, take risks, and learn from mistakes.

The course itself was amazing, providing deep knowledge and implementing new techniques into a young artist. The hands-on, practical nature of the course provided everyone with the classes to feel more comfortable with making mistakes, as the teacher/lecturers of the classes were there for constant aid and feedback.

-Mollie McCudden, Year 11

Throughout this course, we explored a wide range of drawing techniques—measurement, proportion, foreshortening, hatching, and more—that have become valuable tools in our personal artistic journeys. These skills not only deepened our understanding of art but also empowered us to express ourselves with greater confidence and precision.

Beyond the classroom, our supervisors enriched our experience by taking us on tours around the city, allowing us to engage with art and culture in meaningful ways. One of the most memorable and inspiring moments for me was our visit to the Art Gallery of NSW. Spending time among the works of artists from around the world was truly special. It sparked a sense of wonder and reaffirmed my passion for continuing as an artist.

I'm incredibly grateful to have been part of this program. It's been a transformative experience, and I wholeheartedly recommend it to future Year 11 Art students- "it's something to truly look forward to".

-Yinyin Xue, Year 11



ROBOCUP JUNIOR AND NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY EXCURSION

Recently some of our Year 8 and Year 10 students travelled to Newcastle to compete in the Robocup Junior Competition at Newcastle University. Students also participated in engaging workshops in the field of robotics and engineering during the trip.

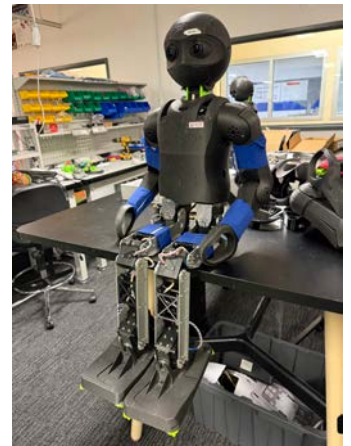
On Tuesday 29 July, our students embarked on a long drive to Newcastle, with some stops along the way so Mr Kramer could have a few pies! We arrived late and settled in the YHA Newcastle beach. Unfortunately, it was raining so it wasn't great weather to explore the beach.



Wednesday was packed with visits to various teams across Newcastle University, showcasing cutting-edge projects and innovations. The first stop was with the NU Bots team, who have been competing internationally since 1997. Students learned about their ambitious goal to develop humanoid robots capable of beating a human World Cup champion team in soccer by 2050. The discussions revolved around the competition, robot mechanics, and the programming algorithms essential for training these robots.



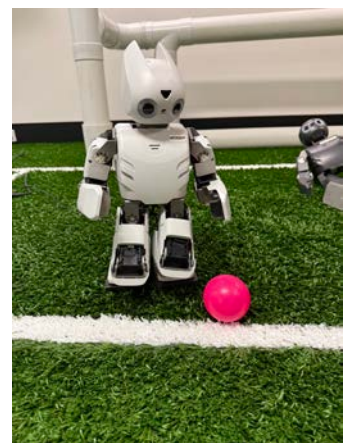
Next, our students visited the NU Teams, where university students work on autonomous marine vessels, rockets and F1 racing cars. All of the teams compete internationally with their designs. The rocketry team are experimenting with a new type of rocket fuel made from 3D-printed ABS pellets mixed with nitrous oxide, providing greater thrust with increased safety than explosives. The F1 electric race cars are designed and fabricated by university students. The team is currently working on developing a fully autonomous race vehicle.



The visit to the Res Tech lab, the research arm of AMP Control, was particularly interesting. Students gained an insight into the design process behind Australia's need to create ventilators during the COVID pandemic, which ended in an inspirational message about putting the needs of the people first before profits. They also learned about the complexities of charging lithium batteries for large mining machinery, such as the Liebherr battery-electric excavators, and how simple solutions can emerge from complex problems. The key takeaways from these conversations were that to make real change in the world, students can join engineering teams and 'roll their sleeves up' to make a global difference.

The day concluded with a tour of the university's extensive range of 3D printers in the Advanced Manufacturing Hub. The 1m x 1m 3D printer producing a propeller and smaller printers creating interactive brain models for educational use. They also witnessed the capabilities of a powder-based 3D printer, a water jet cutter and a laser cutter, slicing through thick steel in minutes.

After a full day of walking and learning, our students returned to the YHA exhausted.



ROBOCUP JUNIOR AND NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY EXCURSION CONTINUED

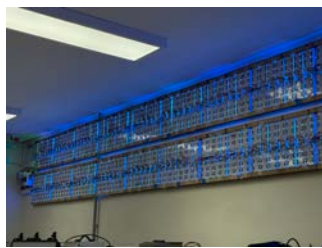
Thursday was an early start as our students made their way to the University of Newcastle Great Hall, greeted by pouring rain for a wet beginning to the competition day. After registration, teams quickly settled into their respective competition zones to prepare their robots.

The Year 10 teams competed in the soccer category, initially facing off against younger students. They soon realised that their robots were scoring in the opposite direction, making more own goals than true goals. After some rapid redesign, editing their coding programs and at one point reconstructing their entire robot, they began to find success. The two MHS soccer teams then competed against each other, both showing impressive skills, with both teams scoring several own goals. Ultimately, the Year 10 teams achieved a commendable 1st and 2nd place finish and came home with medals.

Meanwhile, the Year 8 teams began strongly in the rescue category, which simulates a rescue situation where robots must find a victim in a chemical spill (represented by a silver can on a green circle) by following a black line and navigating obstacles. The Year 8 team encountered challenges when they realised they had removed code necessary for the robot to detect the silver can. Fortunately, they rectified this issue before the finals. Their final run was a perfect display of teamwork and engineering, navigating complex parts of the course and scoring an impressive 215 out of 230. However, this was just shy of securing a place in the top three.

Overall, the excursion provided our students with a fantastic opportunity to broaden their understanding of robotics and engineering while overcoming challenges and working collaboratively as a team. The Year 8 team is already eager to compete again next year, aiming for victory and a chance to progress to State and National levels. We have every confidence in their abilities to achieve this!

A big congratulations to all the students who proudly represented our school in a competition we had never engaged in before. We extend our thanks to the University of Newcastle for hosting us, and to the MHS P&C, Inverell Rotary and Lions Clubs for their support of this trip. Special appreciation goes to Mr. Kramer and Mrs. McLoughlin for organising this excursion.



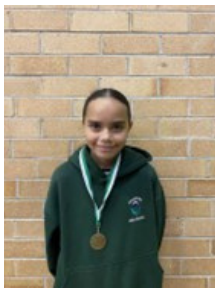
SPORT REPORT

ATHLETICS AGE CHAMPIONS

Sport is still going strong throughout Macintyre High, with students still actively involved in the many opportunities on offer.

At a recent assembly, we presented our athletics age champions with their medallions.

12 Years



Sophia
Jerrard-Blair
63 points



Zackary Hudson
27 points



Grayce Gleeson
31 points

13 Years



Tazman Clark
42 points



Lexie Horwood
31 points



Benjamin Dunlop
51 points

14 Years

15 Years



Abby Blackburn
34 points



Lincoln Sharpley
51 points



Alice Gleeson
41 points

16 Years



Byron Perrett
54 points



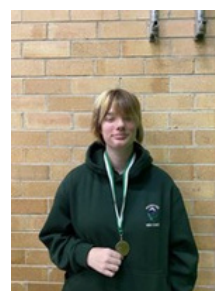
Jacqui Paton
39 points

17+ Years



Damon Martin
23 points

16-18 AWD Age Champion



Georgia Griffin

Rob Roy House Captain



Nicholas Ditchfield



NORTH WEST ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Macintyre High had 32 students travel across to Tamworth on Friday 1 August to compete at the North West Athletics Trials. Whilst the day was miserable weather wise, with rain dampening the event, our students represented the school positively with a number of placings being achieved both individually and in the relays.

SPORT REPORT CONTINUED

NORTH WEST ATHLETICS CARNIVAL CONTINUED

The following students have qualified for the CHS State athletics carnival to be held in Sydney in September:

- Annabelle Hynes - 800m
- Sophia Jerrard-Blair - High Jump and Long Jump
- Beau Alexander - Discus
- Conna Bownds - Discus and Shot Put
- Georgie Griffin - Shot put and Javelin
- Bella Griffin - Discus
- Charlotte Dunlop - Javelin
- Alice Gleeson - 400m and Long Jump
- 4x100m 14 year boys relay team - Zak Hubner, Ben Dunlop, Dannshen Mira and Beau Alexander
- 4x100m 15 years boys relay team - Sam Paton, Blake Baxter, Lincoln Sharpley and Dan Bell

It was an exceptionally long day with delays in the program, wet conditions along with an early start and late finish, and we thank all the students for their positive attitude and excellent behaviour throughout the day.

CHS COMPETITION UPDATE

Open Boys Softball - Sydney

Our Open Boys Softball team headed to Sydney in Week 2 to play the originally postponed state finals. The boys played a friendly game on Tuesday morning against Leumeah High School, coming away with the win and then played our state final games on Wednesday, in which the conditions were windy and raining. But the boys held strong and won their first game against Sylvania followed by narrow losses to Cherrybrook and Engadine High Schools. The boys finished 7th in the State, the highest place of a Macintyre team to date - great work boys.



As the tradition stands, there are a number of awards presented to students at the end of the finals tournament and on one of our shopping trips, Watto purchased a team mascot that has become the 'Spirit of Macintyre' Award, presented to a player who consistently demonstrated exceptional teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the tournament.

Our award recipients for 2025 were:

- Best & Fairest - Landyn Doak
- Coach's Award - Dan Bell
- Most Improved - Cooper Martin
- Players Player - Henry Oliver
- Spirit of Macintyre (Mascot Award) - Harry Gower



SPORT REPORT CONTINUED

CHS COMPETITION UPDATE CONTINUED

Open Boys Softball - Sydney continued

An interesting trip to say the least, with a 2 hour stop over on the way day at the Wyong twin service centre, waiting for roadside assistance to fix a tyre along with our 3 hour stop in traffic due to the Murrurrundi siege resulting in us heading backwards and staying the night in Scone. Massive thank you to Mrs Sinclair for securing us accommodation and to Mrs Ting and Mrs Chapple for their assistance and support back at school.

Thank you to Nathan Fenton for coming along as our male representative and assisting the boys with their warm up and helping throughout the entire excursion. Thank you also to Mr Gleeson and Mr Ting for meeting in Tamworth to bring the softball boys home after a very long week. We would also like to acknowledge the boys for their fantastic attitude and behaviour throughout all our 'adventures'. They were exceptional ambassadors of the school under very unique and frustrating circumstances. Thank you boys.

-Miss McKenzie

CHS Rugby 7's

On Wednesday 23 July, our 16s squad braved the elements in Armidale. A cold, wet and muddy environment didn't deter our students from participating and their determination paid off as they secured an impressive second place in a competitive tournament featuring schools from across the North West region. This terrific achievement is a testament to the incredible teamwork and resilience demonstrated by all the girls. Well done, champions!

The action continued on Friday 25 July when our 18s team ventured to Narrabri for the school knockout rounds. With the morning temperatures below minus, our first challenge was to figure out the heating in our new transporter! After a quick stop and a brisk walk to Sawn Rocks, the team took to the field with unwavering spirit. Playing without substitutes, they delivered a convincing performance over Narrabri with a commanding score of 59-0! The girls progressed to the finals in Sydney.

-Mrs Gleeson



Open Boys and Girls Volleyball - Sydney

At the start of the term, we travelled to Sydney with our Boys' and Girls' Volleyball teams. It was an early start and a long journey – a 13-hour trip involving two coaches, a public bus, and all our luggage during peak hour. We eventually arrived at our accommodation in Sydney Olympic Park, settled in, and had a quiet evening with dinner in the area.

Wednesday was game day. The competition was tough, with many strong teams warming up around us. The boys played Morisset High School first and secured a confident win in two sets. Their second match was a win by default due to a forfeit. The next two games were extremely close but ended in narrow losses to Fairvale and Rooty Hill High Schools.

The girls also won their first match by default due to a forfeit and followed this up with a great win against Moorefield High School. Their next games, against Whitebridge and Ryde High Schools, were also extremely close, but they just missed out on the wins.

SPORT REPORT CONTINUED

CHS COMPETITION UPDATE CONTINUED

Open Boys and Girls Volleyball - Sydney continued

That evening, we took the ferry into Circular Quay and made the most of the sunset for some great Instagram photos. We visited the Opera House and Harbour Bridge, then grabbed dinner before heading back to the accommodation for an early night. For some students, it was their first time on a train – a very memorable moment!

On Thursday, we returned for finals day. The boys had an outstanding run, winning both of their games against Ulladulla and Orara High Schools. They were exciting and high-energy matches to watch. The girls also played two more thrilling and very close games, showing great determination, but unfortunately didn't come away with wins.

Final Results:

Boys – 9th Place

Girls – 12th Place

One of the highlights of the trip for many students was our visit to Westfield. We went shopping, had dinner, visited Timezone and some students even went to the cinema. It was a fun night full of laughter, stories and shopping hauls.

After a massive week, we made our way home by train and coach. The 18 students were outstanding representatives of the school and their families, and I was incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

A big thank you to Brooke Thomas and Danny Lansdowne for joining the trip and helping to coach the teams – we had a fantastic week! A special shout-out also goes to Mr Adrian Gersbach for his consistent effort and dedication in training the students. Their growth and improvement this season has been truly impressive.

-Miss McLachlan



SPORT REPORT CONTINUED

CHS COMPETITION UPDATE CONTINUED

Under 15's Basketball

Term 3 has seen the commencement of the U15 Boys and Girls Basketball teams campaign in the North West Knockout. On Tuesday 29 July, the girls team started their first game in the competition against Inverell High School. It was a very closely matched start with the first quarter at 10-10. The girls found their groove a little better in the second quarter and started to settle the ball taking the lead 23-16. By half time, the girls had a game plan holding the lead and communicated excellently as a team to keep the momentum going and the ball in our possession. They owned the court and ran away with the win 64 – 33. A fantastic game and sportsmanship by each and every girl on the team.



On Tuesday 12 August, the boys kicked off the knockout pool game travelling to Glen Innes. They had 2 games to win in order to make it through to the next round. First up the boys played Glen Innes High School. This was a very physical game and the boys struggled to slow the ball and find a rhythm. Glen Innes were man to man defence but the boys slowly started to find a rhythm and start pushing through the defence to score baskets. It took until the last half of the game for the boys to really settle and work together to drive to the basket ending with 53-12.

Our second game we knew was going to be the toughest game against our rivals of Inverell High School. The boys started the game strategically with a goal to get an early lead and hold a strong zone defence. They had outstanding communication in defence and locked Inverell out of the key early. The boys continued to build their lead in the game and intercepting the loose balls and using them to their advantage running away with a very comfortable win of 52 – 28.

-Mrs Gehrke



REPRESENTATIVE SPORT UPDATE

State Cross Country

Tuesday 22 July was the State Cross Country carnival and two of our very own travelled down to Sydney to compete in this event. Annabelle Hynes and Blake Baxter represented Macintyre High School with pride and showed great determination throughout the event. Whilst they may not have placed, both students knocked time off their personal best with 2 minutes for Annabelle and just shy of 3 minutes for Blake which is a fantastic achievement.



Well done to both students for making it to the State carnival. A truly awesome achievement.

Australian Schools Rugby Championships

Ella Gleeson of Year 11 spent the first week of the July holidays soaking up the sun on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland, in camp and competing at the Australian Schools Rugby Championships.

Ella received a call-up to play for the NSW Schools Rugby U18s 1s team, following her initial selection in the NSWSRU 18s 2s Team after trials in Sydney.



SPORT REPORT CONTINUED

REPRESENTATIVE SPORT UPDATE CONTINUED

Australian Schools Rugby Championships continued

The NSW 1s team had an impressive run, clinching victories against ACT, VIC, WA, QLD White, QLD Maroon, and NSW 2s during the competition rounds.

However, in the fast-paced game of 7s rugby, things changed swiftly during the grand final and they faced a narrow defeat against QLD Maroon in the final moments of the championship. Nonetheless, this experience was invaluable for Ella, providing her with opportunities for growth and learning in the sport and still walking away with second place overall in the Australian Schools Rugby Championships.

Congratulations Ella this is a huge achievement!



OTHER SCHOOL SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES

Netball - Schools Cup

On Thursday 25 July Inverell hosted the Schools Cup Netball carnival down at the complex with Macintyre fielding 5 teams for the competition.

In the girls competition, we had 2 teams in the Years 7/8 division both of which played exceptionally well in all of their games. Our competitive side came up against many strong teams, securing one win for the day, whilst our social side had three wins throughout the day. Our 9/10 girls side came away with 3 wins, finishing third in the competition, just missing out on a spot in the regional finals.

In the boys competition, our 7/8 team, having only just enough to take the court, our boys played well and finished third for the day with one win and qualified for the regional finals. The 9/10 boys faced a strong competition throughout the day, but made progress each game, finishing second for the day with three wins and will now progress to the Northwest Regional Finals to be played in Tamworth on 10 September.

Massive thank you to Layla Ting, Gabi Tickle and Gabby Steinhardt who attended the day as our officials - greatly appreciate your support on the day. Thanks also to Maddie, Pauline, Mrs Bayley and Mr Reynolds for coming along as coaches for our various teams.

-Miss McKenzie



SPORT REPORT CONTINUED

OTHER SCHOOL SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES

3 x 3 Basketball

On Thursday 14 August, a group of 29 students travelled to Armidale to take part in a 3x3 Basketball Inter-school day run by Basketball NSW.

From the streets to the Olympics, 3x3 basketball is the number one urban team sport that's taking the world by storm! It's a fast, exciting game inspired by different forms of streetball that came from humble beginnings to now being recognised as an official Olympic sport! 3x3 has simple rules and can be played by anybody - all you need is a half-court, and a hoop!

Students were in charge of scoring games, umpiring and managing their team to ensure they stuck to game times and organised. The day consisted of each team playing 5 rounds of games against other schools in their pool in order to make it to the final. All Macintyre teams played exceptionally well showing great sportsmanship over the day. When it came time for the grand finals, Macintyre had 3 teams competing – 7/8 Boys team: The Pilots and 2 girls 7-11 teams: Hoopsters and Rim Runners. Well done teams! The Pilots ended up winning their final game and taking the 7/8 boys podium. Hoopsters ended up victorious over the Rim Runners with both taking the podium as winners and runner up.

Huge thanks to Nathan, Joffiah, Mr Gersbach and Ms Gehrke for attending and supervising the day! A fantastic opportunity for students to partake in sport days like this by Basketball NSW.



Soccer Representation

Rhyley Matterson-Smith of Year 9 travelled across to Germany as part of the Rali Rasics Joey Mini World Cup team. Here is his report on his adventures and experience.

We left for Germany from Brisbane Airport on 22 June, landing in Frankfurt, then travelled by bus for 2 hours to Braunshausen. On 27 June we played Borussia Spiesen, winning 4-1, followed by games against Hasborn and Bliesen which were both 3-0 wins. Then on 30 June we travelled to Duisburg located in West Germany and played Holzwickede on 1 July, winning 4-1. We then had a few days off in which we did some sightseeing as the tourists we were including Brandenburg Gate and Palace of Tears. Our next game was on 8 July against SV Straelen, which was a very intense game for a friendly. I scored my first goal, but sadly it was not enough for us to win, going down 4-3. Then on 9 July we journeyed to Cottbus in East Germany in time for the next round of games.



SPORT REPORT CONTINUED

OTHER SCHOOL SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUED

Soccer Representation continued

On 10 July, I played two games, one for the U16 where we won 3-0 against VFB Cottbus and then I was called on to fill in for the Open women's side as they needed players and we won 9-1 against Energie Cottbus. It was in this game that I scored my second goal of the tournament. In the final days of the competition, we played Frankfurt on 11 July, going down 2-0. Then on the final day of competition, we took to the field against Lubolz, winning 2-0 and then the final game of the tour was against Grun-Weib Lubben, in which through some interesting refereeing we lost 2-1.



We congratulate Rhyley on the fantastic achievement of being selected in the side and his many wins throughout the tournament, including his 2 goals. A truly remarkable opportunity and worldly experiences. Well Done!

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WHEN: Thursday Nights
TIME: 5:30pm
WHERE: Inverell Aquatic Centre

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Fill out this quick survey before Monday 8th September for a chance to win one of three \$50 vouchers!*

Your ideas will help form the Youth Strategy, to plan how young people can be supported to live, grow and play in Inverell Shire.



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