

Term 3 Week 10
26 September 2025

WHS NEWS

Knowledge conquers all



WHAT'S ON?

LAST DAY OF TERM 3
FRI 26 SEP

FIRST DAY OF TERM 4
TUES 14 OCT

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Farewell Year 12!!
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SPECIAL MENTIONS



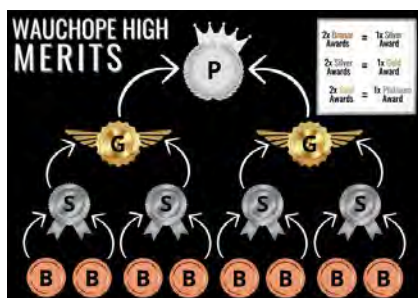
Bago Small Schools Soccer Gala Day Referees

Thank you to our students who volunteered to be referees for the Bago Small Schools soccer gala day. Your time and effort helped make the game fair and fun for everyone.

You showed great responsibility and kindness by supporting younger students, and your help made a big difference.

We appreciate your hard work and dedication!

**WELL
DONE**



Bronze
10
merits

Silver
20
merits

Gold
50
merits

Platinum
100
merits

Students receive merits by consistent demonstration of the School's Core Values (Best Effort, Care and, Respect and Safety)

Receiving these awards gives you a chance to get an invite to our annual Reward Day!!

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IN THE SCHOOL KITCHEN



COOKING TIME



YEAR
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YEAR 12 FINAL ASSEMBLY

On Thursday 25th September, Wauchope High School gathered to celebrate the remarkable journey of our Year 12 students. It was a bittersweet event, filled with laughter, tears, and heartfelt memories, as we honoured their achievements, resilience, and growth over the years. Year Adviser, Ms Hinshelwood gave a sincere and passionate tribute to this graduating class, with barely a dry eye in the audience.

Special congratulations go to our major award recipients. Their accomplishments reflect not only personal brilliance but the spirit of their entire cohort. Thank you to the honoured dignitaries who supported these presentations.

At the conclusion of the formalities, teachers proudly formed a guard of honour for the final Year 12 Roll Call; a moving farewell, symbolising the legacy this graduating class leaves behind. It was especially lovely to see so many family members and friends in attendance, their support echoing through every cheer and embrace.

To the Class of 2025: your future is bright and the Wauchope High School community will always be cheering you on.

PS: You still have five or six HSC exams to get through!



YEAR 12 FINAL ASSEMBLY

Major Award 2025 recipients

Mid Coast Connect Award: Calleigh P
 Federal Members' School Community Service Award: Sophie S
 ADFA Long Tan Award: Lilyan B
 Ben Cullen Memorial Award: Marney R
 Ritchies Citizenship Award: Miah A
 Gabriel Mathematics Award - Advanced: Lana C
 Gabriel Mathematics Award - Standard: Marney R
 Reuben F Scarf Award: Jack G
 Wauchope Garden Club Awards: Dylan T & Emily J
 Ampol All Rounder Award: Lana C
 ADF Future Innovator Award: Jayden L
 Year 12 Year Advisor Award: Lucy C & Calleigh P
 WHS Outstanding Achiever: Lana C
 CWA Hospitality Award: Eleanore J
 UNE Vice Chancellors High Achievement Award: Marney R
 University of Newcastle Scholarships: Miah A & Sophie S
 Rotary Club of Wauchope Award: Lucy C & Lucas P
 Lions Club of Wauchope Award: Lana C & Miah A
 CAPA Award: Emily W



YEAR 12 FINAL ASSEMBLY



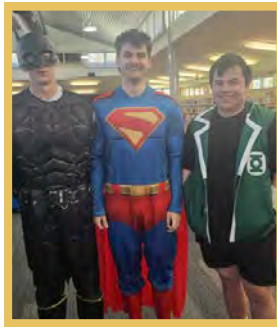
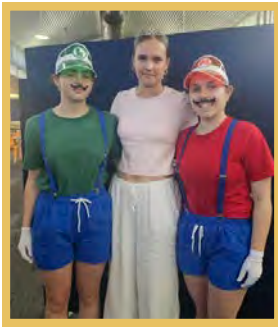
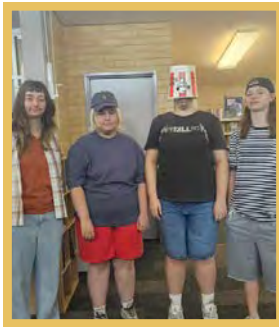
2026 SCHOOL LEADERS



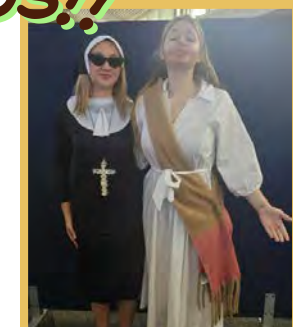
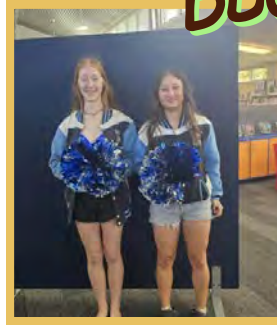
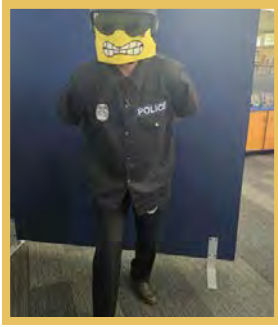
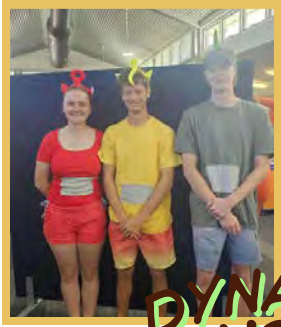
LEADERSHIP

We are delighted to announce our 2025 School Leadership Team. Congratulations to our School Captains, Denny M and Rodney B, and our Vice-Captains, Shelby H and Chloe Mc. These students have been recognised for their leadership skills, school spirit, and ability to act as positive role models for their peers. As Captains and Vice-Captains, they will play a vital role in representing our student body, supporting whole-school events, and working closely with staff and students to strengthen our school community. We are confident that Denny, Rodney, Shelby and Chloe will bring energy, dedication, and a strong sense of responsibility to their roles, and we look forward to the many ways they will contribute to school life throughout the year.

YEAR 12 FUN DAYS



DYNAMIC DUOS!!



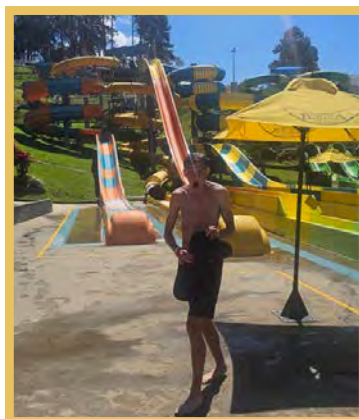
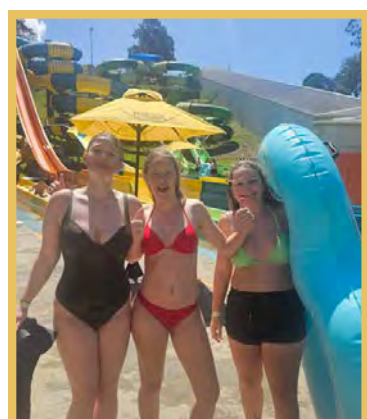
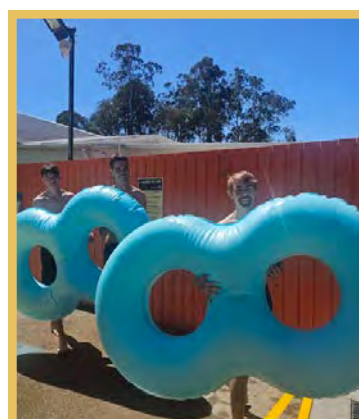
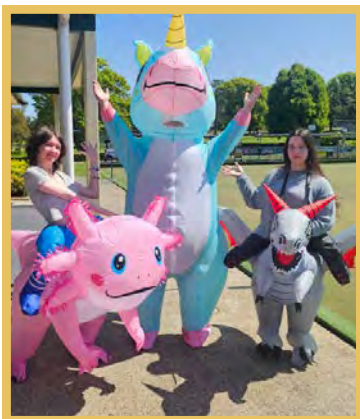
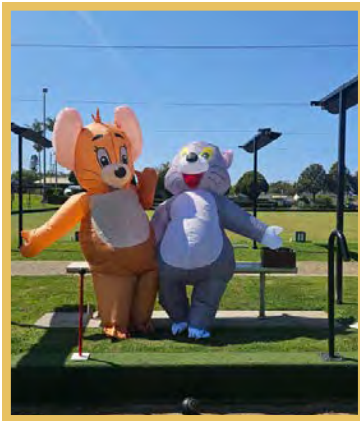
DYNAMIC DUOS!!



Inflatable Dudes



YEAR 12 FUN DAYS

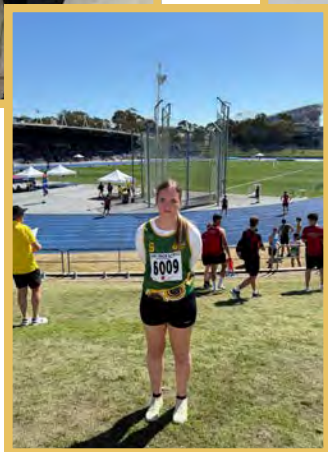


Year 12 enjoyed celebrating their last few days of school together at some fun excursions.

Monday they walked through the main street of Wauchope in their inflatable costumes to the Country Club to participate in Barefoot Bowls. The inflatables were a great sight but the most impressive part of the day was the students who bowled in their costumes.

Tuesday our students dressed as dynamic duos and travelled to the Big Banana for epic Water Slide fun. Lots of fun was had and hopefully some fond memories of Wauchope High School as these students embark on the next chapter of their lives.

STATE ATHLETICS



Three Wauchope High School students qualified to attend the CHS (State) Athletics Carnival at Homebush from the 10th to the 12th of September. Zara, Riley and Emily all competed in throwing events, with Zara and Emily completing Shot Put, and Riley and Emily participating in Discus. All three tried their best, but each found that at State level, there are some very large human beings that also have personal coaches. Well done to each of them for representing our school with distinction.

LNC FUTSAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



Our U14 boys futsal team represented the school with outstanding skill and sportsmanship at the Lower North Coast Championships. Their conduct on and off the court was commended by staff and spectators.

The boys started strongly with a 5-1 win over Melville High before producing the game of the day in a thrilling 3-2 victory against Camden Haven High. Trailing 2-0 with just three minutes to play, the team showed incredible determination to fight back and claim the win. They followed this up with a dominant 10-1 win against Westport and a 5-0 win over Eastport.

In the final, the boys saved their best performance, defeating Melville High 5-0 with some outstanding teamwork and goals.

The team now progresses to the North Coast Finals in Coffs Harbour on 28 October.

Congratulations to the boys on their fantastic achievement and best of luck for the next stage!



HARRY WELLS 9S RUGBY LEAGUE



The 14s girls played amazing, taking on Camden Haven High, Kempsey High, Kempsey Adventist, and Melville High School. They were very close games having our girls won 2 out of 4 games, giving their all every step of the way. There was no complaining, just hard work, great sportsmanship, and teamwork. Keep an eye on this team — they're coming together beautifully 3 points went to Clancy, 2 points for Peyton & Leilani & Shakiylah for 1 point.



On the 23rd of September, the WHS U16'S boys Rugby League nines side faced four strong sides. They were lucky enough to snag a win against Chatham, but unfortunately went down against St Clare's, Regional, and Hastings. Player's player went to Matthew C for his seamless transition into hooker. Honourable mentions go to Sam H for his dominance in defence, Xavier H for his 'back fence' hit-ups, and Harley G for his grit and determination.



The 14s Boys team performed above expectations throughout the day, as we had four players who had never played in an organised rugby league game before. They only lost by a try in each of the first two games against Macleay Valley Adventist College and Kempsey High. In the third game, they scored a convincing win against Melville and then ran up against a hot Taree High side who had a bit more experience across the park.

Our best and fairest across the 4 games was Kale, with Jaxzyn next best. Peytyn and Conner also played strongly in each game, and Mayson made some strong charges with the ball. Each of the soccer players made at least one hit-up and a couple of tackles to give them a taste of the oval ball game. Tyrone pulled off the tackle of the day against Kempsey, something he will remember for a long time.



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



Four months after the initial date, we finally held our school Athletics Carnival on an absolutely perfect Spring day. It seemed a perfect way for Year 12 to finish their school careers, and they celebrated in style with an amazing variety of colourful inflatable costumes.

The level of participation from all the students in attendance was terrific, with many attempting every event during the day. There were some terrific performances from our best athletes, with some impressive times and distances achieved. Staff were very impressed with the excellent school spirit demonstrated throughout the day, with minimal behaviour issues and a relaxed, happy vibe.

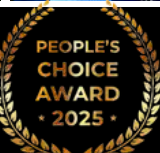
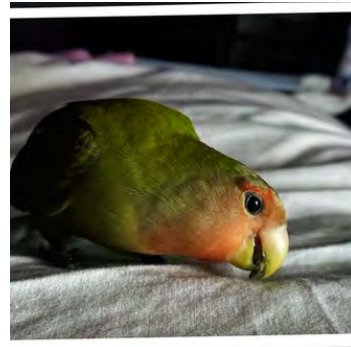
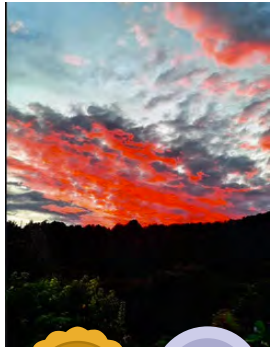
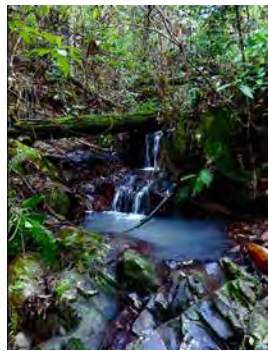
Our Supported Learning students also enjoyed the opportunity to participate in a number of events, including a massive 60 metre race.

Year 12 also ran a successful Dominos Pizza fundraiser, as well as selling soft drinks and Zooper Doopers.

Thanks to all of the staff for their efforts during the day, many of whom operated with little or no breaks.



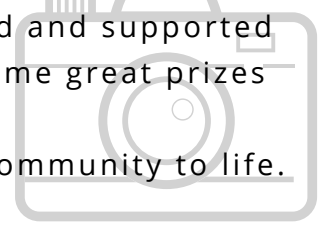
PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



Congratulations on all students & staff who entered our photography competition. We had almost 100 entries!!

We encourage all students to keep exploring photography and expressing themselves creatively. Thank you to everyone who participated and supported this wonderful initiative, there were some great prizes for our winners.

Your creativity truly brings our school community to life.



THEATRE BITES



WHS Drama Stars Shine at Theatre Bites! Congratulations to Calleigh P, Jaccinta G, Abigail G, Abby-Rose F and Brooke L, who represented Wauchope High School at the Theatre Bites HSC Drama Showcase on the Mid North Coast.

Our students wowed the audience with their creativity, passion, and performance skills, proudly showcasing the incredible talent and dedication behind their HSC work.

Well done — you've made WHS shine!



DEMENTIA AWARENESS WEEK



On Thursday 18th September, the HSC 'Communities and Families Studies' class visited the Bain Park Senior's Hub to acknowledge and commemorate 'National Dementia Awareness' week. Students participated in a range of activities with local members of the hub, learning about their lives and also about living with Dementia.

Our students came away having learned that 'that everyone with dementia has a different story and is affected differently', and that they were surprised at 'how many people are involved in volunteering and bringing the community together'.

Our students would like to thank 'Omnicare', 'The Seniors Hub' and 'Dementia Friendly Community Port Macquarie' for so generously involving us in your event and spending time with us.



SCHOOL INFORMATION



The holidays are here! It is time to take a break from school. Have fun, rest, and enjoy time with your family and friends. Try new activities and get ready to come back to school feeling happy and full of energy. Have a great holiday! We can't wait to see you again soon.



WORD WIZARD

Farewell (*verb*)

mark the departure or retirement of (someone) with a ceremony or party

QUOTE CORNER

QUOTE

"Your education is a dress rehearsal for a life that is yours to lead."

“

Nora Ephron

GOTCHA!

Congratulations to the term 3 week 8 winners of the \$5 Gotcha canteen vouchers:

Garrick P - Year 10	Luke C - Year 10
James B - Year 7	Austyn W - Year 7
Jecinta C - Year 7	Zain C - Year 7

Gotchas are awarded for doing the right thing and respecting our school values.

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION

ARE YOU READY FOR

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION

**Wauchope High School
warmly welcomes all year 6
students attending high
school in 2026**

SESSIONS WILL INCLUDE

In these sessions, you'll get to try out
taster classes, meet some of your
teachers, explore your timetable, make
new friends, take a tour of the school,
and find out everything you'll need.

IMPORTANT DATES

Week 2 - 23rd October
Week 4 - 5th November
Week 6 - 20th November
Week 8 - 2nd December

Join our Team!

School Learning and Support Officers Wanted

ABOUT THE ROLE

Wauchope High School is seeking enthusiastic and dedicated School Learning and Support Officers to support students with diverse learning needs, including disabilities. Working alongside teachers, you'll help students achieve their educational goals while supporting their wellbeing.

ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS

- Current Working with Children Check Clearance
- Completion of mandatory Department of Education training

SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

- Ability to work effectively as part of a team
- Experience supporting students with emotional, physical, or intellectual disabilities
- Awareness of the needs of students with diverse learning requirements
- Strong communication skills

WHY JOIN US?

- Supportive and collaborative school environment
- Direct impact on student success
- Opportunities to develop your skills
- Work within a dedicated Special Education team

HOW TO APPLY

Send your cover letter addressing the selection criteria and your current resume to:
Mrs Julia James – Julia.storm1@det.nsw.edu.au or call (02) 6585 1400 for more information.

MAKE A MEANINGFUL DIFFERENCE IN STUDENTS' LIVES - APPLY TODAY



At the Library
mnclibrary.org.au

LIBRARY

HSC STUDY

DAYS

Enjoy some quiet study time and exclusive use of the library as you do your preparation for the HSC exams.

Port Macquarie Library
Sunday 12 October + 19 October
1:00 - 5:00pm

Wauchope Library
Sunday 12 October + 19 October
10:00am - 2:00pm

- ★ FREE Wi-Fi
- ★ HSC Resources in our Schools Collection
- ★ Quiet and shared study spaces
- ★ Support from library staff

mnclibrary.org.au/HSC



Wester Year Truck and Machinery Show



**Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th October 2025
at Wauchope Showground, NSW, 2446
Opening 9am-4pm Saturday and 9am-4pm Sunday**

**Admission: \$10 per adult
Children: U/14 Free**

EFTPOS is only available at the front gate. Please pay by cash.

The show will feature historic and late model working trucks, tractors, machinery, stationary engines, Draught horses, working chainsaw display, vintage cars and motorcycles. Entry is free for Exhibitors.

All exhibitors must register at the office with either: NHMA Membership No., Private Public Liability Insurance or Insurance through WYTM

Camping available for exhibitors only
\$10 per night per site
Swap/ Stall sites: \$30 per weekend
Food Stalls: \$50 powered per weekend
See map for vehicle entry details
and keep noise to a minimum please.



Contact information:

Tractor Run: George Proctor: 0413703861
Trucks: Kirby Maxwell 0407594149
Swap/ Stall Sites: Graeme Mears 0408698071
Engines: Glen O'Shea 0458958989
Cars: Grant Smith 0408627550
Email: wylmnc.inc@hotmail.com



Friday 3rd Oct
tractor run leaving from the showground at 8.30am.
Must gather for safety talk 8.15am
Please bring a thermos of hot water and smoko to share. Tea, coffee, sugar, milk supplied. **All tractors must be road registered. They must have rearview mirror and also be fitted with a flashing beacon.**

Sponsorships & Donations:

Robert Hall, Hastings Scrap Metal, Hilliards Haulage, Hayden Timbers P/L, Slade Transport, Expressway Spares, Camden Haven Hardwoods, Inland 4WD & Tractors, Bennetts Steel, AlAuto Parts, Mid North Coast Heavy Vehicle Repairs, Hoffman Group, Hastings Co-Op, Mid Coast Trucks, Kennedy Overnight Express, Mavin Truck Centre, McPhan Cranes & Transport, Goodyear Autocare Wauchope, Signs4Business, Haulers & Fallers P/L, Jim Pearson Transport, Trevor Blanch Truck & Crane Hire, Monaghan Fuel Supplies, MC-Dirt Worx, My Creations, Playtime Childcare, Bowers Heavy Haulage, Melique Beef.



Drawn to Art

with Art Teacher/Artist, Jane Whitfield, BA Fine Arts

Everything you need to know

Where:

Jane's Art Studio
Bay 4/35 Merrigal Road, Port Macquarie

Please Bring:

Snack, drink, paint shirt

Tutor Supplies:

All materials, except where specified

Cost per Workshop:

\$50.00 (Gst Incl) p.p.

Bookings:

All bookings to be on my website

Contact:

www.drawntoart.com.au (from my website)

Terms & Conditions:

Jane 0438 803 992

- All bookings and payments are now to be made on the Website. Bookings must be made at least 48hrs before each workshop commences. Check full Terms & Conditions on Website.
- Your child's spot must be booked in & payments made in order for your child to attend workshops.
- Payments are non-refundable or transferable as materials are purchased prior to the workshops & are included in the cost.



Creative Kids Voucher - Redeemable at Drawn to Art

ALL CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS CAN BE REDEEMED UPON BOOKING ON OUR WEBSITE

Workshop 1 - Dolphin Art

Tuesday, 30th September, 2025
9.30 am - 11.30 am Cost: \$50 (includes materials & tutoring)



In this fun workshop students will use cling wrap & marbling effects with specialised inks & watercolours to achieve a multilayered colourful artwork.

Workshop 2 - Where Sea & Space Meet

Tuesday, 30th September, 2025
1.00 pm - 3.00 pm Cost: \$50 (includes materials & tutoring)

Create your own fusion of colours with gouache & inks to compose a vibrant landscape where the sea meets outer space.



Workshop 3 - Bunny Art

Wednesday, 1st October, 2025
9.30 am - 11.30 am Cost: \$50 (includes materials & tutoring)
Paint a cute bunny using acrylic paints & painting mediums such as texture paste on canvas paper. A textured & painterly depiction of a bunny will be achieved.



Workshop 4 - Underwater Art

Wednesday, 1st October, 2025
1.00 pm - 3.00 pm Cost: \$50 (includes materials & tutoring)
Capture the beautiful world that exists under water using watercolours and paint pens.



Workshop 5 - Charcoal Animals

Thursday, 2nd October, 2025
9.30 am - 11.30 am Cost: \$50 (includes materials & tutoring)
Bring a photo of your favourite animal & learn how to realistically draw your creature capturing the art of observation using lead pencils and charcoals.



Workshop 6 - Wave Art

Thursday, 2nd October, 2025
1.00 pm - 3.00 pm Cost: \$50 (includes materials & tutoring)
Using a diverse range of mixed media materials design your very own pretty wave painting.



Workshop 7 - Rainbow Unicorn Art

Friday, 3rd October, 2025
9.30 am - 11.30 am Cost: \$50 (includes materials & tutoring)
Paint the most stunning & magical unicorn using an endless colour palette of acrylic paints.



Workshop 8 - Superhero Art

Friday, 3rd October, 2025
1.00 pm - 3.00 pm Cost: \$50 (includes materials & tutoring)
Choose your favourite superhero character and create your artwork by using an exciting variety of mixed medias.



Drawn to Art

ART CLASSES

with Art Teacher/Artist, Jane Whitfield. BA Fine Arts

Come & join a friendly local art studio with qualified art teacher, Jane Whitfield. We offer a diverse range of creative outlets in an inclusive environment, where the emphasis is all about creative freedom.

Beginners welcome!

After-school Art & Saturday Classes

Monday 3.30pm—5.30pm
Tuesday 4.00pm—6.00pm
Saturday 1.30pm—3.30pm

Monday Homeschool Classes

Monday 12.00pm—2.00pm

Adult Art Classes

Tuesday 9.30am—11.30am
Wednesday 9.30am—11.30am

NEW!!

Wednesday Evening Classes

Wednesday 5.30pm—7.30pm

1/1 Specialised Art Classes

- Art Parties
- Work Events
- School Holiday Classes
- Gift Vouchers available
- Commissions welcome



BOOKINGS: drawntoart.com.au INQUIRIES: info@drawntoart.com.au



NEW VOLLEYBALL TRAINING

THURSDAY NIGHTS

AT PORT MACQUARIE INDOOR STADIUM
FROM 28TH AUGUST - 25TH SEPTEMBER

- ✓ BEGINNER / UNDER 16 : 4PM - 5PM
- ✓ INTERMEDIATE / UNDER 18 : 5PM - 630PM
- ✓ ADVANCED / OPENS : 630PM - 8PM



\$10 PER SESSION

FOR MORE INFORMATION: [HTTPS://WWW.REVOLUTIONISE.COM.AU/PMHVA/](https://www.revolutionise.com.au/PMHVA/)



PMHVA 5-WEEK VOLLEYBALL TRAINING PROGRAM



Port Macquarie Hastings Volleyball Association (PMHVA) is a growing local sports club dedicated to sharing the love of volleyball with our community.

Over the next 5 weeks, PMHVA is offering
**WEEKLY THURSDAY NIGHT TRAINING
SESSIONS FOR ALL SKILL LEVELS.**



When: Thursday Night Weekly from August 28th



Cost: \$10 general entry fee



Who can join? Everyone – all skill levels welcome!
(You do not have to be a PMHVA member to attend)

Please note: PMHVA has not yet secured permanent time slots within Port Macquarie facilities. For now, this is a limited 5-week program, but we hope to expand into regular weekly training sessions soon!

SESSION TIMES

BEGINNERS / UNDER 16S 4PM – 5PM

This session is for those players wanting an introduction into the sport, those semi new to the sport and wanting to explore their passion, and those under 16 at any skill level.

INTERMEDIATE / UNDER 18S 5PM – 630PM

This session is for those players under 18 or those with some experience in the sport but wanting to further their technical skills, further their knowledge in their own position on the court and learn more specific game plays and team techniques.

ADVANCED / OPENS 630PM – 8PM

This session is for those players with lots of experience in volleyball and our D1 athletes who want to add precision to their play and polish their skills.

PLEASE NOTE, THESE SESSIONS ARE FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN.



Mid Coast FC 2026 Trials

Premier Youth League Boys Trials 2026

AGE	Taree Zone Field	Rainbow Beach Lake Cathie	TIME
13s	Tuesday 23rd September	Wednesday 17th September	5:30pm - 6:45pm
14s	Tuesday 23rd September	Wednesday 17th September	7:00pm - 8:15pm
15s	Tuesday 16th September	Wednesday 24th September	5:30pm - 6:45pm
16s	Tuesday 16th September	Wednesday 24th September	6:30pm - 7:45pm
18s	Tuesday 16th September	Wednesday 24th September	7:30pm - 8:45pm

Premier Youth League Girls Trials 2026

AGE	Taree Zone Field	Rainbow Beach Lake Cathie	TIME
13s	Thursday 18th September	Monday 22nd September	5:30pm - 6:45pm
15s	Thursday 18th September	Monday 22nd September	6:30pm - 7:45pm
17s	Thursday 18th September	Monday 22nd September	7:30pm - 8:45pm

All players must attend both trials
Please arrive 15 mins early to sign in
All players to bring boots and shin pads

THINKING ABOUT GETTING YOUR

DRIVER

LICENCE?



Getting a driver licence is an important step in accessing education, employment and health services, as well as connecting with your mob and Country.

There are a number of programs and services available to support you:

Driver Licensing access Program (DLAP)

A free program providing support to people in NSW who face extra challenges in getting a licence.

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/driving-boating-and-transport/driver-and-rider-licences/driver-licences/driver-licensing-access-program>



Driver Knowledge Test (DKT) online

Complete an interactive course about the road rules and test your knowledge online.

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/driver-knowledge-test-online>



Supervising Learner Drivers – the fundamentals

An e-learning course is available to support anyone supervising a learner driver.

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/young-drivers/supervising-learner-drivers>



THINKING ABOUT GETTING YOUR DRIVER LICENCE?

RESOURCES



Services NSW

¹ [Driver licence support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities](#)

- proof of identity
- getting a NSW driver licence



On the move

² [Resources for secondary teachers, students and families](#)

- Find road safety information including:
- Applying for your Learner licence
 - Buying your safest car
 - Breakdown safety



Department of Education information for teachers

³ [Helping young people get their driver's licence](#)
checklists and advice about driver education and driver training.



Web links

¹ <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/services/driver-and-rider-licences/driver-licence-support-for-aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-communities>

² <https://onthemove.nsw.edu.au/families-students>

³ <https://edu.nsw.link/helping-young-people-get-their-drivers-licence>

