

Batemans Bay High School

School Matters



United Nations Youth Forum

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Calendar

Term 2, Week 6

Mon 4 June	RAGE
Tues 5 June	UOW Future Finder, Year 10
Tues 5 June	Acting Up, Year 10
Tues 5 June	Links to Learning, Year 8
Wed 6 June	School Athletics Carnival
Wed 6 June	Links to Learning, Year 9

Term 2, Week 7

Mon 11 June	RAGE
Tues 12 June	NAIDOC Debating Workshops
Tues 12 June	Links to Learning, Year 8
Wed 13 June	Links to Learning, Year 9
Thur 14 June	Girl Campaign, Year 7
Fri 15 June	Superstar STEM, Years 9-12

Term 2, Week 8

Mon 18 June	RAGE
18 – 19 June	Y-PEP, Year 9
Tues 5 June	Links to Learning, Year 8
Wed 13 June	Links to Learning, Year 9
20 – 12 June	Y-PEP, Year10
Thurs 21 June	Girl Campaign, Year 7
Fri 22 June	Zone Athletics Carnival

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Feature Photo



UN Youth Forum, 28 May 2018

Looking for school documents?

Please note that most of our school documents such as newsletters, information booklets etc can be found on our school website.

The screenshot shows the school's website with the following elements:

- Header:** Batemans Bay High School, Bridge to the Future, 2 George Bass Drive, Batehaven NSW 2536, Phone: (02) 4478 3600.
- Navigation:** Home, Our school, Curriculum & activities, Caring for students, Timetables, eGuide.
- Menu:** NEWS, NEWSLETTERS, CALENDAR, GALLERY, CONTACT US, MAKE A PAYMENT, Search site...
- Image:** Three students working together at a table.
- Text:** Batemans Bay High School is on the South Coast of NSW. Our consistent results and achievements are the result of the efforts of our committed staff and motivated students. Parents, carers and community members are very active in school activities.
- eGuide Section:** The school eGuide is an online handbook aimed at new students and parents and is accessible through the our Moodle server. It is regularly updated with all the school specific information you need to know. Click [here](#) to access the guide (select 'Login as a guest' if you do not have an account).

Download our school app – School Enews



Principal's Message



School is more than the curriculum

There is an incredible amount happening in the school at present. Last week alone, students across all years participated in:

- the UN Youth Forum,
- the Premier's Sporting Challenge,
- the Acting Up! drama festival,
- the RAGE course,
- the University of Sydney Outreach program,
- volleyball finals,
- Links 2 Learning,
- a league tag gala day,
- an excursion to Sydney Jewish Museum,
- AFL,
- regional cross country,
- Poetry in Action,
- a visit to Yumaro, and
- a school social.

And these are just the activities I have spoken to students about. You could assume that this was an extraordinary week, but when I look at the school calendar, it seems quite typical. You might also wonder how students ever find the time to learn with so much going on. Regular classes continued unabated, but it works. The key point to realise is that everything on offer at school represents a learning opportunity.

I think we strike the right balance between curricular and extracurricular activities. Some schools have wound back the number of extracurricular activities they offer because of the pressures associated with NAPLAN and the HSC. I actually believe this is counterproductive. Busy students are successful students. Through involvement in physically and mentally stimulating outlets, students can find new and personal meanings in school. They grow as human beings and are more equipped for the academic challenges ahead.

Importantly, students have a choice. They can focus their attention when necessary. When the time comes to focus on assessment tasks, those students who have led "busy but balanced" lives will be the ones that cope best.

Three schools, shared values, common goals

The Batemans Bay Community of Schools is looking to students from Year 5 to Year 8 to help shape our identity. Students are invited to develop a graphic symbol that can be used to link and promote the three Batemans Bay public schools and our core values known as "The Bay Way". It is not necessary to produce a professional logo—a simple sketch or description that illustrates the concept would be sufficient.

One \$50 gift voucher, kindly donated by Harvey Norman Batemans Bay, will be awarded in each school, with the principals selecting the overall winner. Entries are due to the respective principals at the end of Term 2.

Student Assistance Scheme

The school has a limited student assistance fund to assist families in need with educational essentials. The most common request is for uniforms, particularly during Terms 2 and 3 with the onset of cold weather. We have had a higher than usual number of requests for assistance this year and, as a result, assistance applications will be prioritised according to the level of need.

If you are able to assist by donating any old unused uniforms, please pass on any appropriate items of clothing to the front office.

Mr Greg McDonald
Principal

Uniform Pool

Do you have any unused school uniforms? Any articles of clothing to our uniform pool would be greatly appreciated by families in need.

From the Deputies

A Deputy Principal can very easily become caught-up managing the day-to-day activities that come through the door and with all that occurs constantly, it is even more essential that we do not lose touch with the main goal, quality teaching and learning. High school is many things to many people, but it is still the most beneficial and essential stepping-stone to a brighter and more independent future.

Learning

A large factor in effective teaching and learning within any school is to have parents/carers who are supportive of the school and informed about what their children are doing in the classroom. Parents/carers need access to information so they can support their children to achieve and grow at school, and part of our job is to communicate directly with the parents to re-engage or redirect students back to the classroom where they can learn the essential skills needed for the workforce or further study.

Part of that essential communication between the school and parents is this newsletter, the School Enews app and the student/parent portal. The portal is a very powerful tool that allows parents to view their child's timetables, attendance data, positive referrals and assessment dates. Past reports and NAPLAN data are also available on the portal when needed and this makes it very convenient to reprint reports at home. As parents and educators, we find this information very useful to keep a finger on the pulse of our children's school life. Parents/carers can access the portal through the school website underneath the timetables heading or type the following url:

<http://web3.batemansbah.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal/login>

School

We all know that high school begins in Year 7 and finishes in Year 12, but did you know that these six years are broken into three stages. It may seem like a long journey but each year of high school is an important step in preparing students for the HSC and beyond.

The term stage refers to each block of learning and covers 2 years of school. Students begin high school at stage 4 and finish Year 12 after completing stage 6, others will take alternative pathways after Year 10 and will either seek further education through TAFE or leave school and join the workforce.

The stages

Stage 4 - consists of Year 7 and 8

Stage 5 - consists of Year 9 and 10

Stage 6 - consists of Year 11 and 12

Each stage builds upon the one before and is essential for the steady flow or progression of knowledge and skills up to and including the HSC. Students who attend school regularly and build a strong work ethic in stages 4 and 5 are much more likely to succeed in Stage 6 and achieve high outcomes in the HSC. Breaking learning into stages allows educators and parents to track the development of students as they progress through high school. Each stage has a specific syllabus for the subjects available for study and is available on the NESA website. <https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/home>

Acknowledging Students and Staff

To all the students who attended our school social last Wednesday night, your positive behaviour was a credit to the school. Attendance on the night was well over 120 students and it was fantastic to see students enjoying the music and the atmosphere.

Thank you to all the staff who attended the night, without your efforts these events would not be possible. A special thank you to **Mrs Bass** and the **SRC** members for their organisation on the night. They spent a large amount of time advertising and selling tickets during their lunch and recess time.

Ms Fiona Saunders and Mr Gerard O'Keeffe
Deputy Principals

Student Achievement

Katelyn Allison, Year 11

We have many high level sporting representatives, but we often remember the players and forget the officials. Katelyn has been umpiring representative netball for a number of years and recently officiated for the South Coast Primary Schools Sports Association.



Australian Army Cadets

Joseph has been involved with the Australian Army Cadets over the last 11 months. He started as a new recruit, being promoted to a full cadet and is now a Lance Corporal. To be able to move up the ranks, Joseph has had to prove that he is a hard worker, that he attends every training session (which is every Tuesday) and that he follows all requirements including physical training and ability.

Some of the more fun things Joseph has been able to get involved in are camps, using firearms and learning new skills such as rock climbing, abseiling, how to give instructions and bush survival techniques.

Joseph says that he has gained so much from his involvement in the army cadets and it has allowed him to develop leadership skills, the capacity to react calmly and responsibly in stressful situations (first aid) and it has changed him physically and mentally (in a good way!). He has been able to transfer this knowledge and his skills to school and is an incredibly respectful young man.

Joseph loves the social side of the training too. It is great fun and he highly recommends it to others.

The training takes place at Carrol College on Tuesday evenings from 6.30pm to 9.00pm.

Joseph Nikiforos, Year 9
Ms Fiona Saunders
Deputy Principal



Basketball Report

The open boys basketball team travelled to the Snakepit in Wollongong to try to progress even further in the CHS Basketball Knockout competition. The team consisted of **James Gunson, Lockie Armstrong, Blayne Abela, Dylan Art, Alex Graham, Harry O'Keeffe, and Braithen Samuels.**

The boys started really well and opened up a 21-10 lead after the first quarter. Confidence soared after some sensational outside shooting by James. At half time the boys had a 43-29 lead. The third quarter had a similar vibe and the team had a 20 point lead. And then...disaster struck. One of the Moorebank players hurled up a left handed half court prayer... which was answered, right on the third quarter buzzer. This proved to be a momentum shift and into the fourth quarter they gradually reeled in the deficit. It suddenly was even at 66-66 with less than two minutes to go. PANIC STATIONS! No. Harry stopped the scoring drought before some crucial shots from Lockie sealed a brilliant victory 72-66.

The team is now top 16 in the state and plays Terrigal in the next round to try to progress to the final 8. Well done boys. This is the furthest Batemans Bay High School have ever reached in this tournament and needless to say I am extremely proud of this group of players.

Mr Rod Hatton
PDHPE Teacher / Coach



P&C Contribution

The 'School Lunchbox' manager **Maria** was very happy to receive a new cook top that the BBHS P & C Association purchased for our school canteen.

Mr Terry Paranthoiene
P & C President



Jewish Holocaust Museum Excursion

On Wednesday 30 May, 42 Year 10 students made their way up to Sydney to visit the Jewish Museum.

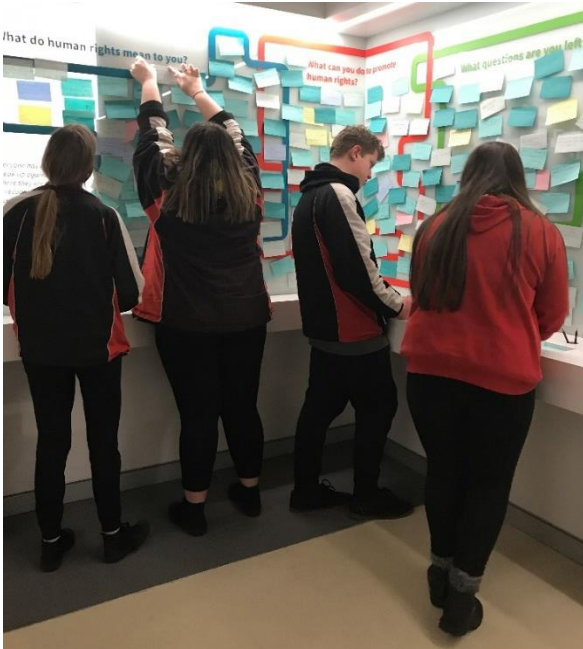
We were all up early in the morning for a 6.00am start. We arrived midmorning and we had a holocaust survivor give us an inspiring speech of his experiences of the traumatic time. After this we had a mini workshop about the lead up to the holocaust.

To conclude our visit we enjoyed a guided tour of the museum where we learnt about events such as Kristellnacht, death camps, ghettos and the final solution.

Unfortunately we had to leave early due to the miserable weather and we arrived back to school at 8.30pm, this included a macca's run of course and all most likely slept well after such a big day.

On behalf of all the students, I would like to give a huge thankyou to the staff at the museum, our bus driver **Wayne**, and **Miss Harper** and **Mr Pecovnik** for organising an experience we will never forget.

Marcus Cristallo
Year 10



Waiawaani Gardens

On Tuesday 29 May a group of students went down to the Koori Garden. We planted native plants and bushtucker plants which were donated by **Emma Patyus** from Eurobodalla Shire Council Land Care Environmental Department.

Students were assisted by **Mr Paranthoieni**, **Mrs Joelene Brierley** and two senior students **Nathan Hardy** and **Rohan McArdle**.

Lisa-Marie Reynolds and Tayissa Brierley
Year 8



From left to right Jay-Lee Bishop, Mrs Joelene Brierley, Tiffany Large, Malakai Guerin, Kynan Bond, Destiny Bond, Mr Terry Paranthoieni, Takalah Harrison, and Tysen Simon

The Figure In Action

As part of their studies in Visual Arts, Year 7 create a sculpture based on people in action. The first step is to draw each other in action poses, then decide on the best one for their sculpture. Following this are several stages where students learn a variety of sculptural techniques. An initial wire 'skeleton' is built, which is then reinforced with coiled wire. Next follows a covering of plaster bandage. When this is dry it is painted black and finished with a dry-brush coating of copper paint. The final effect is of a bronze sculpture capturing the figure in action. The students also learn about the concept of distortion and research the work of the famous sculptor **Giacometti** whose work inspires this unit.

Jane Fowler
CAPA Teacher



Jackson Thomas Year 7



Kayley McCloughan, Anjelica Ward, Destiny Bond Year 7

United Nations Youth Forum

On Monday 28 May, a group of students ranging from Years 9-12 joined together with a group of Australian National University students who are members of a non-government organisation of the United Nations. Students discussed and workshopped the issue of conflict and ways of dealing with conflict situations at the domestic, national and international level.

The day was split into three parts:

Periods 1 and 2. Students were split into two separate groups and they discussed what conflict is and the different ways of resolving it. Another activity involved being put into smaller groups and given different types of conflicts. Students then had to come up with a list of five rules which they had to apply.

Periods 3 and 4. Again in small groups, students were given the role of being neighbourhood council members. There was no government or law enforcement in this neighbourhood. Students were given the task of coming up with ways they could solve different disputes, as well as when they should be allowed to enter someone else's property.

Periods 5 and 6. In two groups, students were given the scenario of two countries, Taiwan and China, where they were having a disagreement over the waterway between each nation. During the scenario role play, the two groups, representing each nation, could either go down the peaceful path or start a war with the other country. At the start, both countries saw peaceful negotiation as the best way to go. However, different situations and events quickly escalated to the point China bombed the American embassy building in Taiwan while the USA President Donald Trump was inside it. Both groups quickly left the idea of peaceful negotiations and instead turned to full on war. This scenario illustrated to the students the power of state sovereignty and that peaceful coexistence is a balancing act between nation states and the international community.

Overall, the day was a great success. Everyone walked away with new knowledge of conflict and ways of dealing with conflict situations. The day was engaging and fun for all students involved.

Thank you to Mr Matuschka for organising the day and to the United Nations Youth students from the Australian National University for taking the time to work with us.

Samantha Hanlon and Caitlin Baumeister
Year 11



Mitchell Jones Year 7

Drama

On Wednesday 30 May, students of the Year 10 Drama class met the Directors of the 'Acting Up' short play festival **Mr Peter Wilkins** and **Peter and Judy Van Rijswijk**. The students were auditioning their piece to see if it is suitable for the festival. We were successful and head off to Canberra next Tuesday 5 June for the festival at the Canberra Theatre.

The festival encompasses students from across Canberra and Country NSW so it is an honour and a privilege to be included. Two Year 9 melodramas and two circus performances are also going to the festival next week.

Sharon McCutcheon
CAPA Teacher





Uniform Shop



Open Tuesday and Thursday
8 – 11am during school term

Agriculture

Welcome to little Alfie, our newest lamb born just last week at Bay High. Unfortunately Alfie was rejected by his mum, so **Mrs Belinda O'Keeffe** is taking over motherly duties. Alfie will be reintroduced to the flock when a little larger.



Parents & Citizens Association



Held third Monday of every month
Next meeting **18 June**
7.00pm in the school library
All are welcome to attend

Our parents & citizens' association brings the school community together. Parents, teachers and community members can help meet the needs of the school community and contribute to decisions about the school.

The P&C also raises funds that help finance improvements to our school and provide additional resources.

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18/5/18**

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AGES 12-18 years welcome. Youth Cafe opens at 3.30pm**

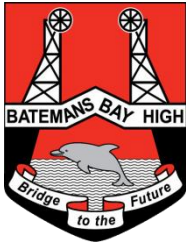
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Australian Youth Orchestra

Applications for the Australian Youth Orchestra's 2019 programs will be open from 12-29 June.

<http://www.ayo.com.au/>



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4 June 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Batemans Bay High School will be holding our annual Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 6 June. The carnival will be held at school and will occur during regular school hours. This is considered a normal school day in terms of expected attendance. Any absenteeism on this day will need to be explained via a written note on the student's return to school.

The carnival gives students the opportunity to compete at a school level in a variety of track and field events, and a chance for talented athletes to represent the school and progress to Zone, Regional and State levels. We encourage students to develop house pride and school spirit through participation in the day's events and through appropriate behaviour.

- DATE:** Wednesday 6 June, 2018
- VENUE:** Batemans Bay High School
- TIME:** 9:00am – 3:00pm (regular school hours)
- WHAT TO WEAR:** Appropriate sportswear, house colours, running shoes, sun protection
(Please note: jeans are not considered appropriate sports attire)
- Houses are - Surname A-C: Acheron (Yellow)
Surname D-J: Burrawarra (Blue)
Surname K-P: Richmond (Red)
Surname Q-Z: Murrumarang (Green)
- WHAT TO BRING:** Hat, sunscreen, water and food, and a positive attitude
- CANTEEN:** The school canteen will operate as normal and the SRC will be running a BBQ on the day

In the event of poor weather, cancellations will be notified via the School Enews app, and on Power FM (104.3) and ABC South-East (103.5) radio.

Mr Rod Hatton
Sports Organiser

Ms Danielle Dunajcik
HT PDHPE

Mr Greg McDonald
Principal