



COFFS HARBOUR HIGH SCHOOL

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newsletter

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Term 3 – 2023/5

21 August, 2023

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

New Staff

We have three new permanently appointed staff to our school as of this term. Each of them brings unique skills, talents, and perspectives that will undoubtedly enhance our school. We welcome them to Coffs Harbour High School.

- Ms Casey Whitton who is now working Wednesdays and Thursdays in our Support unit.
- Ms Sue McKee who has been permanently appointed as a Mathematics teacher.
- Mr Edward Townsend our Student Support Officer.

NAIDOC week assembly

This year's NAIDOC week assembly was celebrated with pride at Coffs Harbour High School. Students, staff and community members were welcomed with a smoking ceremony and ochre.



Uncle Troy with the Smoking Ceremony

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The assembly chaired by Ryhkyn Alderman-Parter and Hayley Davis started with a touching Welcome to Country by Uncle Barry Hoskins, who later gave inspiring words to remind us of the importance of respect, reconciliation and understanding.



Aunt Heather, Hayley Davis, Uncle Merv and Ryhkyn Alderman-Parter

There were traditional and contemporary dances performed by a dance group made up of students from not only Coffs Harbour High School but also Orara and Toormina High Schools. The dance and didge group have been working on these over the last term.



Dance ensemble



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Indigenous student's achievements were recognised and the SLIK team were presented with their badges. A special tribute was paid to local elders, with their story through a slide show.

Kaine Belcher closed the assembly playing his didge.



Crystal Cole



Kaine Belcher

The celebration concluded with a BBQ and cake for our elders, students, their families, and community. The Year 12 Aboriginal Studies class had a display of their Major Projects for public viewing during the BBQ.

Together we celebrated diversity and unity, leaving a lasting impact on our school community.

A huge thankyou to everyone involved. It is through teamwork and commitment that events such this one a success.

ANGELA KELLAHAN

Deputy Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

15 - 25 August	HSC Trials
23 - 24 August	Science and Engineering Challenge Finals
28 August – 1 September	Year 11 Final Exams
2 September	Spanish Beginners HSC Exam
5 September	Parent Teacher Night Years 7-12
22 September	Year 12 Graduation Last Day Term 3
11 October to 3 November	HSC Exams
27 October	Years 7 & 8 Vaccinations, Years 10 & 11 Catch Up Vaccinations
7 November	Year 7 2024 Information Night
12 – 18 November	Heron Island Excursion
28 November	Year 7 Orientation Day

P & C REPORT

FROM THE P & C

Hi parents, carers and families.

Coffs Harbour High School has a wonderful Canteen and an attached Uniform Shop managed by the P&C. These are capably run by Michelle, Amanda and Tara and we thank them for their diligence and hard work. All of the students and staff appreciate the Canteen and the choices they have for healthy, convenient food.

The P&C gives parents the chance to be in touch with the school and the impacts on their child's education and wellbeing.

We need new members to carry on our good work. Come and say hi!

Email us at chhspandc@gmail.com with any questions or feedback.

Cheers

Caitlin Mackie- P&C President

Janet Austin- P&C Vice President

Lisa Townsend- P&C Secretary



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



YOUR P&C NEEDS YOU ON THE COMMITTEE

The Coffs Harbour High School Parents and Citizens' Association are desperately seeking a Treasurer to join the Committee

We are also seeking expressions of interest to fill the position of President from 2024 as our current president will no longer have children attending the school

Come to the next P&C Meeting to see what it's all about. Next meeting 7pm
4 September 2024 in the front
meeting room at Coffs Harbour High
School

CONTACT US NOW FOR MORE INFORMATION

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COFFS HARBOUR HIGH SCHOOL P&C MEETING 7:00PM 4 SEPTEMBER 2023

Please RSVP to: chhsbandc@gmail.com
to ensure we hold the meeting in an appropriate sized room

Reminder: The P&C Meeting is not parent/teacher interviews

ABORIGINAL PROGRAMS

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

Thursday 3rd of August we held a games day down at the Jetty Oval. This was a celebration day of bringing our students together for NAIDOC WEEK. Everyone loves this time of year it brings everyone together to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.

Uncle Merv and Crossy covered boomerang throwing and other cultural games. Auntie Heather shared stories while we sat with our girls weaving and decorating boomerangs and other arts and craft. Mrs Bevand & Ms Bonney also enjoyed the fun.

To finish the morning, we played a game of touch football, as always is highly competitive (the girls won) (;



HEATHER DUNCAN

APPLICATIONS OPEN – NSW GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE TRAINEESHIP

The NSW Government's Infrastructure Traineeship is perfect for Year 12 students interested in developing their professional skills in the infrastructure industry, as well as having the potential to make a difference to communities across NSW.

The two-year Traineeship provides a pathway for young school leavers to work and study at the same time.

Trainees can obtain valuable on-the-job experience and training while completing their TAFE studies. Over the two-year traineeship, participants will study one day per week with NSW TAFE towards a Certificate IV in Business, Project Management Practice and Procurement and Contracting while working in different roles across government, private industry and consultancy firms. It is an excellent way to gain nationally recognised qualifications and on-the job experience.

Why apply?

- As an infrastructure trainee, you would be entering an industry that is growing and looking for young workers.
- You will be contributing to the community by building the infrastructure for NSW's future.
- There are many opportunities to progress in the infrastructure and construction sector – in government, private industry or consultancies.
- A TAFE NSW qualification will let you pursue further qualifications or to use your newly acquired skills to find other employment during the program or after you graduate.

Don't delay! Be one of the first to apply for the NSW Government Infrastructure Traineeship.

For more information about the program and how to apply, see the Infrastructure Traineeship website at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/career-and-study-pathways/infrastructure-traineeships/about-infrastructure-traineeships>

NSW Department of Education



Finished Year 12? Looking to secure your future?

A NSW Infrastructure Traineeship can give you a headstart in your future career.

How does the NSW Infrastructure Traineeship work?

- The two-year traineeship program combines practical work while studying for a Certificate IV at TAFE NSW.
- The infrastructure sector includes private companies in construction, infrastructure, real estate and property, as well as local councils and a range of NSW government agencies, such as Transport for NSW, NSW Health, and NSW Department of Education.
- Trainees get experience over the two years with three eight-month work placements – in government, in industry, and in consultancy.
- Trainees will be able to study for a Certificate IV in Business, Project Management Practice, Procurement and Contracting.

Who is this program for?

This program is for you, if you are:

- a school student finishing year 12 or
- have finished year 12 and are unsure what to do next.

What Traineeship graduates say

"It's an awesome program if you're unsure of what you're doing outside of school!"

Samuil Angelkoski, Traineeship Graduate



"I gained a whole world of experience and knowledge firsthand in the construction industry while learning about it."

Amanda Bruhn, Traineeship Graduate



More information

To receive updates about the NSW Infrastructure Traineeships contact us by email: traineeship@det.nsw.edu.au

Visit the Infrastructure Traineeships website by scanning this code:



What are the benefits?



Two years full-time paid work while studying 1-2 days per week



Nationally recognised Certificate IV qualification from TAFE NSW



Practical workplace experience you can take anywhere

Get experience in the growing industry of infrastructure

DEBATING

Congratulations to Coffs Harbour High School's stage five debating team who have secured second place for our region out of a total of six competing schools. All students involved participated with gusto, putting aside any nerves they had to deliver an array of clear and effective arguments for each topic after only a single hour of preparation time. Each and every student improved dramatically throughout the Premier's Debating Challenge. By their final debate, each speaker was delivering a speech in excess of six minutes without the opportunity to rehearse. A fantastic result. Mr Lawson, the Debating Coordinator, is proud of them all.



KAI LAWSON

Year Ten Year Adviser 2023
Classroom Teacher - English

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Regional Industry Education Partnerships program (RIEP)



Health Pathways – 2 day program

Are you interested in a Career in Health? Be involved in our 2 day Health Pathways program - learn practical skills and be connected with Health Services guest speakers in the industry that have Traineeship opportunities available for students (schools leavers and school based).

Where Kempsey & Coffs Harbour programs available
When Dates to be confirmed.
RSVP Students should complete an Expression of Interest via this link:
<https://forms.office.com/r/nLViRWg2jX>

Regional Industry Education Partnerships program (RIEP)

Sam Palise – Senior Project Officer - RIEP

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CHESS CLUB

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Game On! Our chess team is in full-throttle prep mode for the big competition. The focus is unreal as they plot each move, riding the waves of victory and setbacks. Moments of triumph shine with infectious energy, but occasional frustration also reminds us of the game's human essence. Let's rally behind our chess stars as they embrace strategy, skill, and emotion on their path to victory! ✨🏆♟️



HELEN MAHONEY

Maths Teacher

INVESTIGATING WORLD ORDER AND A LEGAL WORKING FUTURE

Our Year 12 Legal Studies students are up to their last topic before moving into focused preparation for the HSC – but with a twist. The class have divided into teams as current and emerging world powers to participate in a model UN styled role play during our double period classes. With background materials, formal agendas and resolutions to debate, not only are they learning syllabus content, but they are also participating in formal meeting procedure, developing communication skills and keeping up to date with current events that will help them in the HSC and beyond.



Another unique opportunity for our students was last Tuesday 25 July. Thanks to the efforts of our careers advisor Dionne Court and the experiences of our very own Emma Chaffey, CHHS students gained specific legal career information. Emma finished her HSC at CHHS in 2020 and is now completing her studies in Criminology and Law at the University of Newcastle. Following a general presentation about studying at Newcastle, Emma specifically went into detail with a group of our Year 11 and 12 Legal Studies students about the structure of her degree and the extra curricula legal programs she has been able to participate in. Emma then answered questions as straightforward as what lectures were like to more unexpected ones such as her thoughts on what AI will mean for the law in the future! CHHS are so grateful for what Emma was able to share and wish her every success in her future.



ARCHAEOLOGY ON GUMBAYNGGIRR COUNTRY

Our Year 11 Ancient History class have been learning about Ancient Australia this term. After a brief survey of Australian sites generally and an explanation of protocols and consultation processes, we very quickly took the focus onto Gumbaynggirr country. We have been particularly privileged to have had Uncle Tony Perkins from the Jagun Elders Group present this material over the past few weeks. He has been very generous with his time and he has made sure that what we learnt was culturally safe. Our students are much better equipped to move into a career in archaeology thanks to his efforts. Thank you Uncle Tony!



RAY POBJOY

HSIE Teacher



FACT SHEET FOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND CARERS

WHAT IS THE NCCD?

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) takes place every year.

The NCCD is a collection that counts:

- the number of school students receiving an adjustment or 'help' due to disability
- the level of adjustment they are receiving to access education on the same basis as other students.

Students are counted in the NCCD if they receive ongoing adjustments at school due to disability. This 'help' allows them to access education on the same basis as a child without disability. The NCCD uses the definition of disability in the [Disability Discrimination Act 1992](#).

Schools provide this information to education authorities.

Go to *What is a reasonable adjustment?* below to learn about adjustments.

WHY IS THIS DATA BEING COLLECTED?

All schools in Australia must collect information about students with disability.

The NCCD:

- ensures that the information collected is transparent, consistent and reliable
- provides better information that improves understanding of students with disability
- allows parents, guardians, carers, teachers, principals, education authorities and government to better support students with disability.

Student with disability loading

Funding from the Australian Government for students with disability is based on the NCCD through the student with disability loading.

Students with disability who are counted in the top three levels of the NCCD (extensive, substantial and supplementary) attract the loading. Funding is based on a per-student amount at each of the three levels of additional support. The amount of the loading reflects the level of support students with disability need to participate fully in school, with higher funding for those who need higher levels of support.

Australian Government recurrent school funding is provided as a lump sum to school authorities including state and territory governments, which can then distribute the funding to their member schools according to their own needs-based arrangements.

The Government expects schools and school systems to consider their funding from all sources (ie Australian Government, state and territory and private) and prioritise their spending to meet the educational needs of all of their students, including students with disability.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE NCCD FOR STUDENTS?

The information collected by the NCCD helps teachers, principals, education authorities and governments to better support students with disability at school.

The NCCD encourages schools to review their learning and support systems and processes. This helps schools to continually improve education outcomes for all students.

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SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

Good luck to the 30 Year 10 Science students competing in the state final of the Science and Engineering Challenge in Newcastle on the 23rd and 24th of August. After an outstanding result, showing off Coffs Harbour High School is the top performing Science school in our region. We wish the team success at the state level.



0 - Final Score

Tuesday, 4 April 2023

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	Information: Scores from lowest to highest are proportionally distributed as follows: 10 - 100 points for Half Day activities 20 - 200 points for Full Day activities Non-attendance = 10 Disqualification = 0 The final score sum of all individual activity scores. Maximum possible score is 1600.			Morning	Confounding Communications	ElectraCITY	Grasping At Straws	Helter Skelter Shelter	Job Juggle	Return to Mars	Stringways	Afternoon	Confounding Communications	ElectraCITY	Grasping At Straws	Helter Skelter Shelter	Job Juggle	Return to Mars	Stringways	Full Day	Bridge
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6	1092.86	Clarence Valley Anglican School			5	5	5	8	6	1	1		6	7	2	7	8	3	6		
7	1029.02	Woolgoolga High School			8	6	1	3	4	7	8		1	8	4	5	7	7	2		
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TRAVIS MACKAY

Science Teacher

AGSTRAVAGANZA

The Science Staff have been busy again! In Week 3 this term we held the school's annual "Agstravaganza". This event has been running at CHHS since 2009!

All students in Year 8 Science are currently doing an Agriculture unit, and this event was conducted especially for them. The Agstravaganza supports many components of the Stage 4 Science Curriculum.

The school farm was a hive of activity with all students involved in various fun and educational activities including:

- Camp fire and damper cooking with Ms Hoban
- Farm Games with Practicum Teacher Miss Rogers
- Tractor Driving presentation by Mr. Roder, assisted by Ms Abood
- Animals presented by Miss Joyce (rabbits, chickens, sheep, calves)
- Working in their plots with Mr. Hundle
- Free BBQ catered for by Ms King, Ms Creighton, and Mr MacDonald
- Fancy dress competition – won by Jacob Hubbard

It was wonderful to see so many family members come and join in on the day, thank you so much to all those who were able to come. A special thank you to the Year 9 Garden Club and Year 10 Agriculture students who assisted on the day.

Finally, thank you to all of the teachers involved, especially our farm assistant Mr Roder and science assistant Ms King, who both supported all the activities on the day. Also thanks to our presenters and the students themselves for all the work they did to make the Agstravaganza such a huge success. Congratulations!



SCIENCE FACULTY



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YEAR 11 AUSBIOTA EXCURSION

The Year 11 Biology class attended the Ausbiota event at the Coffs Harbour Botanical Gardens on the 1st of July. Presentations included hands-on activities led by Taronga Zoo and also the Australian Museum. The students were able to access valuable course content in a fun and informative way, and a great day was had by all.



UNE FARMING FUTURES –

AGRICULTURE/GARDEN CLUB/SELF SELECT SCIENCE

Students from Year 10 Agriculture, the CHHS Garden Club, and the Self Select Science Program were fortunate to attend a three day excursion during Week 1 of this term.

Day One – Wednesday 19th July

Students travelled by bus making their first stop at the Dorrigo National Park Visitor Information Centre and Skywalk Lookout. Skywalk Lookout offers a bird's eye view of the world heritage national park right down the Bellinger Valley to the coast. Students were treated to perfect conditions on the day allowing them to see right to the ocean. They were also given time to take in the presentations at the visitor centre.

The next stop was Wollomombi Falls where students were able to take in the breathtaking 220 metre drop of the water fall there and participate in a quick hike through the beautiful forest.

Upon arrival to Armidale the students settled in to 'uni life' by setting up their rooms in the dorms at Robb College at U.N.E. and then having dinner in the dining hall there. Trivia teams then battled it out in a fierce contest pitting their wits against each other.

Day Two – Thursday 20th July

Farming Futures is designed to open an avenue for industry connections, exposing relevant agricultural topics to secondary students via special guests and various industry representatives. Students from Coffs Harbour High School were able to have conversations with experts surrounding agricultural ideas and opportunities within the sector.

Students attended four sessions:

Agronomy – students gained an understanding of how agronomy applies to soil, water and plant science, and how we grow crops effectively and profitably, while conserving natural resources and protecting the environment

Agricultural Technology – students were exposed to the importance of technology in agriculture and career opportunities available through the use of drones in contributing to increased productivity within agricultural systems.

Agribusiness – students workshopped and had conversations surrounding the principal of supply and demand affects the management of agricultural products, including the importance of understanding economic and business principles within agriculture.

Animal Science – with a focus on ducks, students discussed that by producing healthy and productive animals, more meat, milk, eggs, fibre, etc can be produced within the animal industry. Students dove into how nutrition, feeding, breeding, health, disease,

environment and economics can affect animal production. And also what influence the consumer can have on this.

Students finished the day once again enjoying dinner in the dining hall followed by watching the Matilda's play Ireland in the FIFA Women's World Cup and playing board games.

Day Three – Friday 21st July

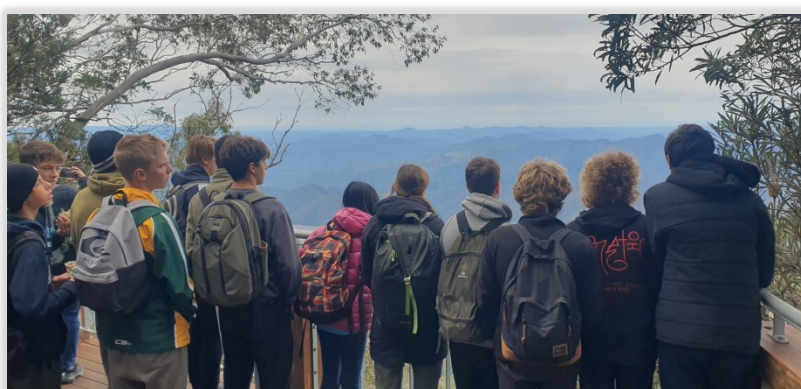
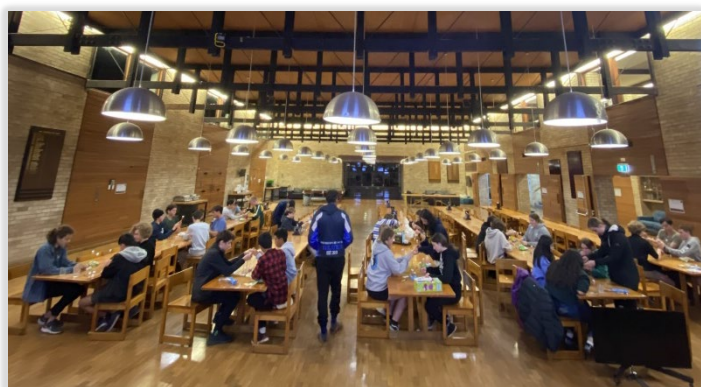
The group travelled to Dutton Trout Hatchery at Ebor. The hatchery is a NSW Government facility for breeding and rearing premier cold water sport fish. It has operated for over fifty years and produces two fish species: Rainbow Trout and Brown Trout. The fish are bred from hatchery broodstock and grown out to fry (small fish), when they are released into selected cold water public rivers and lakes of NSW. Both rainbow and brown trout are bred for release into public waterways in the New England and Central Tablelands and Southern Highlands with 2 million fish bred annually. Students were treated to an excellent guided tour of the facilities on site and the processes carried out there.

The final destination was Point Lookout to take in the panoramic views of New England National Park and to meet National Park Ranger Jane Gerbert. She took the group on a guided tour outlining the interesting geological history of the area as well as the landscape, flora and fauna present there today.

Mr Hundle and Miss Joyce would like to thank the students involved in the excursion. Chris, the bus driver accompanying us for the whole three day excursion, commented it was one of the loveliest groups he had ever taken away.



SCIENCE FACULTY



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AMANDA JOYCE

Science, Agriculture, &
Marine Studies Teacher

NSW ALLSCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY 2023

Congratulations to our four cross country runners who achieved fantastic results at the NSW All Schools Cross Country at Eastern Creek on Friday the 21st of July 2023.

12 / 13 Years Girls	Distance	Time	Allschools	CHS
Zoe Tarlington	3000m	14.50.3 seconds	23/81	G-12 place 12/81
Poppy Barclay	3000m	13.46.9 seconds	47/80	G-13 place 28/80
Brooke Stoltz	3000m	14.50.3 seconds	83/80	G-13 place 63/80
18+ Years Boys				
Hudson Barry	8000m	33.07.5 seconds	22/82	G-18 place 10/82



MNC ATHLETICS REPORT 2023

During the previous term, several students participated in the MNC Athletics competition. If you have qualified for the North Coast Championships, congratulations!

Notable achievements from the event include the 12-year-old women's relay team, composed of Jessica Morris, Natalie Nawauwi, Zoe Tarlington, and Marli Bishof, who secured first place. The 16-year-old men's relay team, comprised of Angus Webster, Mark Macarthy, Koby Clarke, and Rami Omer, achieved second place.

Congratulations to Zane Guthrie for achieving a record-breaking point score and becoming the 13 Years men's Age Champion.

Top Ten Individual Results

2nd	Zoe Tarlington	12 Yrs Girls
3rd	Jessics Morris	12 Yrs Girls
7th	Natalie Nawauwi	12 Yrs Girls
8th	Brooke Stoltz	12 Yrs Girls
1st	Zane Guthrie	13 Yrs Boys
5th	Orlando Maling	13 Yrs Boys
7th	Riley Dickin	13 Yrs Boys
7th	Dersim Kenjo	14 Yrs Boys
4th	Dan Craig	15 Yrs Boys
2nd	Mark Macarthy	16 Yrs Boys
8th	Hudson Barry	18 Yrs Boys

NORTH COAST ATHLETIC RESULTS 2023

Congratulations to the following students for their amazing results at the North Coast Athletics Championships held at CEX Stadium on 4th August, 2023. We wish the top two placegetters good luck in their events at NSWCHS Athletics in Sydney in September.

Name	Event	Place	Result
Jessica Morris	100m	1st	13.93s
	200m	1st	29.27s
Zoe Tarlington	800m	1st	2.52.49s
	Discus	7th	12.20m
Zane Guthrie	800m	2nd	2.29.89s
	1500m	2nd	5.04.99s
	Javelin	1st	26.57m
	High Jump	3rd	1.55m
Dersim Kenjo	Shot Put	6th	10.47m
Orlando Maling	Long Jump	8th	5.00m
Riley Dickin	Javelin	2nd	30.12m
Riley Elks	High Jump	3rd	1.65m
Riley Nikolich	High Jump	6th	1.45m
Titan Barry	1500m	6th	5.19.52s
Ayden Hunt	Shot Put	2nd	10.19m
Mark McCarthy	Long Jump	3rd	5.63m
Hudson Barry	1500m	1st	4.45.37
	3000m	2nd	10.19.23
Zoe Tarlington, Jessica Morris Natalie Nawauwi ,Marli Bischof	12 Yrs Girls Relay	1st	63.24s
Mark McCarthy,Rami Omer Mesera Getahun, Kaleb Pallas	16 Yrs Boys Relay	6th	56.25s



Australian **Air League**

NSW Group

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Since 1934 the Australian Air League has been teaching young boys and girls nationwide all about aviation, while helping them develop important life skills like leadership, discipline, self confidence and teamwork. When you join the league you will make new friends and take part in fun and exciting activities, on the ground and in the air.

Each week you will attend your local squadron where you will learn valuable skills and take part in fun and interesting activities and classes. Some of our classes include Meteorology, Navigation, Photography and Community Service. Squadrons also attend training camps, sport and recreational days, flying experiences and ceremonial drill.

We welcome boys and girls from the age of 8 years old from all different cultures and backgrounds. Parents and families are welcome to support or even join their local squadron as a volunteer. All adult members and volunteers are Working with Children Checked.

The Australian Air League is running both a fun and educational programme that is making fine citizens out of our young Australians.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE AUSTRALIAN AIR LEAGUE AND YOUR CLOSEST SQUADRON PLEASE CONTACT

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