At the end of last year Tyler Hampton went to New Zealand to play in the Australian Indigenous U16 Oztag team. The team played several gruelling games in three days, becoming the undefeated champions. Tyler played in all seven matches and scored several tries.

Tyler's team played the Aotearoa Maori, Cook Islands, Samoa and Niue teams on their way to victory. All the games were close. Tyler said the hardest game was the semi-final against Samoa. He scored the winning try just before full time. After experiencing several hakas from opposition teams, the Australian team decided to perform their own war cry before their grand final match against the Aotearoa Maori Team. The war cry was a mixture of traditional dance and language. The Australian team went on to win 10-7.

Tyler is a proud young Indigenous leader at our campus. He was the only representative on the team from regional NSW.

Tyler learnt about local culture including experiencing a hangi where he learned to cook pulled pork wraps and traditional seafood chowder. Tyler's family supported him on his trip which he thoroughly enjoyed. Tyler will be doing some coaching with our Clontarf Academy boys to help them develop their skills.

Well done Tyler!
Welcome To 2017

From Reliving Principal Kylee Owens

I would like to welcome back all of our students and families at Hastings Secondary College Port Macquarie Campus. We extend this welcome also to our many new students and families who are joining us for 2017. This includes a special welcome to our new Year 7 cohort who have been busily getting organised - very ably assisted by Mrs Newbound and Mrs Smith. We wish them a wonderful first year of high school.

We also welcome our seniors as they embark on a critical time in their learning careers. We look forward to guiding and supporting them with opportunities such as our Year 11 Orientation Day this week.

For Years 8, 9 and 10, we are ready for another year of excellence, innovation, opportunity and success for each and every one of you. We have high expectations and are working busily to ensure each of you are able to meet them.

I welcome new staff to the school on temporary engagements and congratulate those current staff who are taking on new roles in our campus.

This includes some executive roles.

Kylee Owen will be taking the position of College Deputy Principal and Ms Joanne Bourke will be in the position of Deputy Principal for Years 7, 9 and 11. Mr Geoff Duck will be Deputy Principal for Years 8, 10 and 12. In the role of Head Teacher Science is Mrs Annette Riethmuller and the Head Teacher PDHPE position is being filled by Mr Damien Huens. I look forward to working with this outstanding team in 2017.

High Expectations

The senior executive team is committed to a year of quality learning experiences for all students. As a result, students have been made aware very clearly and explicitly of the expectations required to ensure all students have the opportunity to learn. This includes appropriate behaviours in the playground and in the classroom.

They have been guided through the consequences for regularly meeting these expectations – that is the Port Macquarie Campus merit system. They have also been clearly guided through the consequences for failing to meet these expectations – the Port Macquarie Campus Student Responsibility System.

They are given the opportunity to self-monitor these expectations on a 5 week basis and are also monitored by staff. The staff monitoring system is currently being formalised into a communication system with parents which will be formally introduced in the coming weeks.

Outstanding HSC Results

2016 was a truly exciting year for Port Macquarie Campus with the launch of our Flexible Learning Opportunities including: Academies in Sport, Creative Industries and STEM; LEAP program; Personal Interest (PIP classes); and our Zenith class.

These results were the product of a recipe which included commitment, perseverance, focus and passion

These students are invited to attend our Dux Assembly this Friday and will be acknowledged for their outstanding achievements.
Outstanding results include:
Rhys Marquez 97.1, Sahara Hargraves 96.95
Rachel Alger 96.6, Steph Mackedie 95.25,
Oliver Cowan 92.6

Brandon Conway – Cyclist Extraordinaire

Brandon, who is in Year 12, is a very talented young sportsman. His sport is cycling and he has been travelling extensively to pursue his passion. Last weekend he raced in the Under 19 State Criterion at Eastern Creek in Sydney.

He finished in the lead group and came 10th. One of the biggest races Brandon has been in is the Tour of Bright (Victoria) involving 3 stages. Day 1 was a time trial. Day 2 was a road race with a mountain top finish. Day 3 was another road race finishing at the top of Mt. Hotham. In the general classification Brandon came 11th out of 50 competitors. In the Mt. Hotham section he was 5th. It took Brandon and his family 10 hours to travel from Port Macquarie to Bright. Brandon thanks his parents and his coach for all the support they give him. He was the only competitor from Port Macquarie.

Brandon loves his cycling; it gives him the opportunity to challenge himself.

Although the racing can cause pain and discomfort, he wants to see how much faster he can go. Brandon also enjoys the variety in the sport.

His next big race is the Oceania International race in Canberra in March followed by the Mersey Valley meet in Tasmania. His school is very proud of Brandon’s achievements.

COAL Score Initiative

Attached with the Newsletter is The Introduction To the COAL Score Initiative document

The Parental Portal

An email has been sent to all families inviting them to register on our school Parent Portal.

The Portal gives you access to your children’s progress at school. You can see attendance records, the daily notices, daily class timetables, and any messages the teachers have sent your child and any activities set. You can message your child’s teacher.

If you have not received an email invitation please call the school office and confirm your email address. We will then arrange a new email that provides you with details on how to register.

Student semester reports will also be available via the Parent Portal in 2017.

Thank you, Jeff Appleby, HT Welfare
Agriculture Fundraiser

Bunnings BBQ Saturday 25th February, 2017
Please come along to Bunnings on Saturday 25th February, 2017 and support our dedicated Miniature Horse Team by buying a delicious sausage sandwich and/or a drink.

The team is trying to raise money to purchase new equipment to present their animals at the local Agricultural Shows and would really appreciate your support. Thanks a million!

Friday 10 February 2017
- Dux Assembly
- Boys/Girls Zone Volleyball Trials-Wauchope
- Regional University Roadshow excursion Yr12

Wednesday 15 February 2017
- Bravissimo – Glasshouse

Thursday 16 February 2017
- Whole school swimming carnival
- Please note: the school canteen and uniform shop will be closed.
- Boys/Girls Zone Basketball

Monday 20 February 2017
- Zone Swimming

Tuesday 21 February 2017
- P & C Meeting to be held at the Function room at Settlers Inn Hotel, 101 Hastings River Drive.
  5.30pm Sub Committee Meeting
  6.30pm General Meeting

Wednesday 22 February 2017
- Zone AFL

Thursday 23 February 2017
- School photos

Breakfast Club Help Needed

The breakfast Club operates Monday to Friday mornings between 7:30 am to 8:10 am

We are desperately seeking some volunteer helpers who could assist a teacher to run this program for one morning a week.

If you could spare an hour a week, could you please contact the school and leave your name and phone number.

Mick O’Brien, Learning and support teacher

COMMITTEE NEWS

Port Macquarie Sharks Junior Rugby League is a family friendly club which believes in making it fun for kids of ALL abilities. Registration is now open! For more information go online!

http://websites.sportstg.com/club_info.cgi?c=1-2181-110019-0-0&sID=345952

Australian Navy Cadets

TS Rushcutter
Australian Navy Cadets
Have a Recruiting night On Tuesday Feb 28th Between 6-9pm
Unit 5 47/49 Munster Street Port Macquarie,Tuesday nights 6-9pm in school terms
For more information contact Commanding Officer Narelle Clarke 0402 175 306 or 043 999 7015
CONGRATULATIONS!!!
You’ve won a free ski trip to Cairns.
Claim now: bit.ly/XQ127f6HM.

A free skiing trip does sound awesome, but it may be tricky in the tropics.
If something doesn’t seem right, ask a friend out loud before clicking.

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