

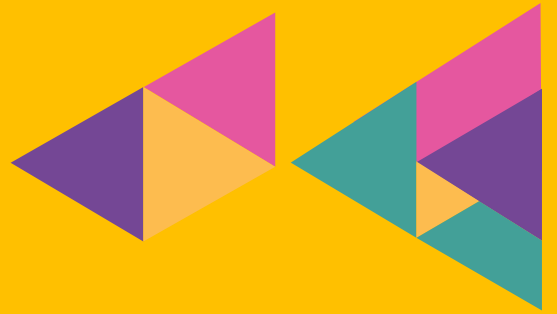


Youth chronicles

2021 Issue 2



"Stories of young people achieving great things in our region"



Welcome to the Youth Chronicles Magazine

Here you can find the latest news direct from our region's young people!

This publication is produced through a partnership between Bundaberg Regional Council, our region's high schools and youth service providers. The Youth Chronicles is released three times a year in May, August and November and contains stories about some of the great things our region's young people are doing and achieving.

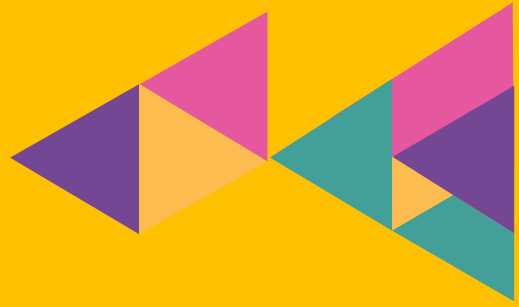
Through region-wide collaboration, stories are shared not only from our regions' high school students, but also from those young people who are no longer attending school. Every high school in the region is given the opportunity to provide two pages for each edition, with many schools getting the students involved in designing the pages, writing the stories and taking the photos. Youth service providers are also providing stories and photos which are compiled on two pages.

The Youth Chronicles magazine is made available online at www.bundaberg.qld.gov.au/youth. An electronic copy is sent to each school to share and a limited number are printed and distributed throughout the community.

We would really appreciate your feedback on the content and quality, along with your thoughts on the projects youth have been involved in. The feedback is valuable in ensuring continuous improvement, as well as allowing the young people in our community to hear a different narrative about their contributions to the community they live in.

To provide feedback or if you would like more information, please contact our Community Development Officer on 1300 883 699 or comdev@bundaberg.qld.gov.au





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ISIS DISTRICT

State High School

Cancer fight goes by the book as IDSHS students Write a book in one day!

On Wednesday 23 June, 28 dedicated students from Years 8 -11 participated in writing a book in one day for children's cancer research.

It was all part of *Write a Book in a Day*, an annual competition promoting literacy, collaboration and creativity, administered by independent national charity, The Kids' Cancer Project.

This year, Isis District State High School was privileged to enter three separate teams in the competition. On the designated writing day, the

teams were given a set of unique parameters detailing the characters, setting, and issue to be used as stimulus for their individual story. Within the hours of the school day they wrote, illustrated, and submitted a storybook targeted to a youth audience. In a remarkable feat, our three wonderful teams each successfully rose to the challenge and completed an original story of 3500 words with fully illustrated front and back covers and complimentary illustrations throughout.

The completed books were then uploaded to an online library to give access to children undergoing treatment in hospitals across the country.

This event gave our students the opportunity to develop skills that will set them up for life such as teamwork, problem-solving and leadership and it was truly heart-warming to see our kids helping other kids.

Here's what the students had to say about the day...

I enjoyed the day because of the great cause. I would definitely do it next year and it has given me a taste of what being an author is like and it's very cool. I highly recommend it!
[Armani, Year 8]

I really enjoyed expressing myself creatively, especially since it is such an amazing cause!
[Taliah, Year 10]

As an aspiring writer, I felt that Write a Book in a Day made me realise that writing is something that I want to do in the future.
[Jasmine, Year 11]

It was a bit stressful at times but definitely worth it. I had lots of fun with my friends and it was all for a great cause.
[Emily, Year 8]

The 2021 Write a Book in a Day was an eventful and enjoyable day. A great bunch of girls joined together to create an exciting story

to provide happiness to kids with cancer. I loved working as a team and spending awesome time together to make our school proud!
[Ebony, Year 9]





Curious Minds: Girls excelling in STEM

Over the past 6 months two of our students, Chloe and Sarah, have been participating in the Curious Minds program. Curious Minds is a hands-on extension and mentoring program that aims to ignite girls' passion in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Participants have the opportunity to make new friends, be exposed to outstanding role models, practise new skills, and deepen their understanding of what their future may hold in STEM. Both Chloe and Sarah have been interviewed on ABC Wide Bay about their experiences.

"I was selected to participate in the 2020-2021 Curious Minds Program as a result of my participation in the 2019 Australian Mathematics Competition in which I received a High Distinction. The program was comprised of two virtual camps, one occurring in December 2020 and the other in July 2021. In the space between these two camps I was assigned to a STEM coach and we worked on a project in an area I was interested in.

My STEM coach was Hannah Ryan, a PhD student with the University of Melbourne who is studying the deadly Tuberculosis disease. We caught up over zoom every three weeks or so and worked together on my project whilst also chatting about a range of other topics...

My project was about different pain relief drugs, focusing on common pain relievers, the pain pathway and emerging pain treatments. I chose to work on this project because I work in the local chemist and wasn't really sure of the difference and side effects of the different drugs. This project really opened up my eyes about all of the different pain relievers and all of the discoveries being made in the medical field every day.

I really loved the program because I met so many other girls my age who have similar passions in science... I was also exposed to a wide range of careers in a number of different fields and heard huge success stories from a number of published scientists and a range of university students from

rural and urban areas. It was an amazing program and I will always value the experiences, knowledge and friendships that I have gained".

Sarah, Year 10 Student

"The Curious Minds program took place from December 2020 to July 2021 with 200 girls from across Australia. Through the virtual camps and catch-ups I was exposed to new elements and areas in Stem. We were privileged enough to meet the Chief Scientist of Australia along with many other women in science and hear their stories. With the help of coaches, we completed a project related to an area of science we are interested in. My coach was Renee Goreham and over the six months we completed a research investigation focusing on the research question: Is nature or nurture more prevalent in causing many of the brain abnormalities and traits held by organised serial killers and narcissists?

We then presented our projects to our peers at the final camp. Through the supercharge sessions we grew our confidence in areas of science, made lasting friendships and completed numerous experiments such as programming a micro bit and dismantling and recycling a hard drive. It is an opportunity I would recommend to anyone, regardless of whether you think your good at science, there is bound to be something that interests you and the experience was truly enlightening to the endless possibilities for a future in science".

Chloe, Year 11 Student

Career Crossroads

On Wednesday 14 July Isis District State High School hosted its annual Careers Expo, Career Crossroads. The day consisted of an expo under the resource centre where all students had the opportunity to interact with education and industry professionals and talks and workshops upstairs in the Resource Centre for the Year 12 cohort. Thank you to the following exhibitors who had a display at the expo:

- Australian Defence Force
- QLD Police Service Recruitment
- Bundaberg Regional Council (HR)
- Wide Bay Hospital & Health Services (HR)

- Isis Mill
- MEGT
- Bust at Work
- Sarina Russo
- University of the Sunshine Coast
- Central Queensland University
- TAFE Bundaberg
- Student One Accommodation
- Link & Launch
- My Gov & Centrelink Support Desk





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Student News



SPORTS

BDSSS ATHLETICS

This term, students from Shalom College attended the BDSSS Track and Field Carnival competing against secondary schools from throughout the region.

A successful day for Shalom College, we won the overall Junior Division and Senior Division which was an incredible effort by all of our students. We also had two Age Champions - Lana Grant (13 Years Girls) and Kharla Hills (17 Years Girls), along with several runners-up (Lachlan Campbell, Layla Collins, Riley Dingle, Taylor Driver, and Hannah Parton).

Over the two days, records were also broken by our students. Kharla Hills set a new 400m record of 1:01.33 breaking the record set from 2013, and the Girls 4x100m Relay team set a new record of 54.03secs breaking the old record set from 2001.

We would like to congratulate all students from throughout the region who competed at BDSSS Track and Field. It was a great two days of tough competition from all schools involved.

Performing Arts



FOOTLOOSE: SHALOM COLLEGE MUSICAL

Last term, we held our College Musical - Footloose. With four sold-out performances and over 1,500 audience members, the show was a great success. Thank you to everyone who came to support our students.

QUEENSLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL EVENT: ABSOLUTELY EVERYBODY

50 students from the Shalom Choir travelled to Brisbane to sing at the Queensland Music Festival event 'Absolutely Everybody' last term. Led by the renowned Dr Jonathon Welch AM, a group of over 800 singers from all across Australia performed the Vanessa Amorosi classic at River Stage to create a music video. The choir had been learning the song since Term 1, and were thrilled to be able to participate in this amazing experience.

ST PETERS LUTHERAN COLLEGE AND BUNDABERG COMBINED SCHOOLS STRING WORKSHOP CONCERT

With approximately 90 string students and seven string teachers representing the eight high schools in our region along with 25 students from the St Peters Lutheran College touring ensemble, we recently held a combined schools string workshop where students worked together for the day to produce an exciting program of music for parents and friends to enjoy in a twilight concert onstage at Shalom College.



NAIDOC Parade

On Friday 30 July our Bundaberg State High Students, staff and community members attended a very special NAIDOC celebration held at our school.



The event began with a dance performance from our students who have been working with the River Nations Indigenous Corporation to learn traditional dances and receive invaluable mentoring from local Indigenous community members. We thank Norelle Watson and her amazing team at the Corporation as well as the very talented Uncle Raymond for giving up so much of their time to work with our students.

During this celebration, numerous Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students were acknowledged for their academic, sporting and cultural efforts. We were also very privileged to learn more about this year's theme, *Heal Country*, from Uncle Shayne Blackman.

Our celebration concluded with a cutting of the NAIDOC celebratory cake by our wonderful Indigenous Year 12 students followed by a Yarning Circle led by our Elder, Aunty Dianna Fatiaki.

Tertiary Mentorship Program



Past students who are currently attending UQ, QUT or CQU returned to Bundaberg State High on Thursday 15 July as part of our Tertiary Mentorship Program. Peter Sajko, Isaac Newbold, Brooklyn Davis, Katie McCord, Tiarn Johannesen, Swasna Chad, Natalia Frick and Kirsten Buckholz spoke with students from Years 8, 9, 11 and 12 interested in undertaking a university pathway. In a question and answer panel interview our **students were able to get the 'real story' on a wide range** of topics that they were curious about such as accommodation, travel, student clubs and societies, sport, making friends, university websites, university applications, scholarships. Other topics included Centrelink, working while at university, time management, mental health, security/safety at university, plagiarism, university services, O-Week, classes and changing degrees. It was a privilege to welcome these fine young people back to school and it was so rewarding to see their willingness to give back to the school and pass their experiences on to other cohorts.

Media Arts Workshop



Academy Award-winning cinematographer Greg Huglin spent a day with our Year 10 Media Arts students in an intensive workshop that allowed students the opportunity to experience being a part of a rigorous film shoot. Through Greg's Noosa Film Academy, students were able to get first-hand experience using cameras and movie equipment, and ultimately produced their own short film.

Students began the day viewing a movie montage of Greg's past work before taking part in a production meeting to discuss the process of making a short film

in the space of four sessions. In a team effort, students became directors, producers, script writers, actors, sound technicians, and clapperboard operators. The end of the workshop featured a cinema style viewing of their finished work.

The Year 10 students then had the opportunity to see their edited production screened on the silver screen at the Moncrieff Entertainment Centre on Saturday night at a red-carpet event.

Treetop Challenge and Wildlife

Forty-five Year 11 and 12 students pushed their fears to the limit as they experienced the Treetops Challenge on the Sunshine Coast. Throughout this adventure students experienced 120 exciting high-rope games while gliding along 12 ziplines spanning from 20m to 140m in length. It was fantastic to see our students encouraging their teammates and communicating effectively to help each other complete the different courses. Many showed great determination, resilience, and a new sense of pride in their ability to overcome physical challenges and their fear of heights.



An Interview with Our New Principal, Mr Chris Gill



Where did you work before coming to Bundaberg State High?

For the past five years I was Principal at Isis District State High School. Before that I was Deputy Principal here at Bundaberg State High for eight years and before that I was Head of the Mathematics Department here. I was also a teacher at Bundaberg North State High for ten years and a teacher at Alice Springs High School.

What is different about Bundaberg State High since you left in 2015?

Bundaberg State High has always been a school with a great tradition and a very strong reputation in the community, and I am very pleased to say that the school is in great shape. I have been really impressed with the friendly and respectful attitude of students. The atmosphere around the school is very positive which is a credit to the way the staff have gone about creating a safe and supportive environment. As I walk around the school I see all classrooms with students engaged in learning activities in a calm and orderly environment. I have also been impressed with the incredible range of opportunities available to our students in a broad range of curricular and extra-curricular opportunities. Pretty much anything students want to have a go at is available to them.

What are your plans for the school?

Firstly, I can't wait to see our magnificent new building open at the start of next term, providing state of the art learning spaces for our students. The school will be developing a new Strategic Plan in 2022 following a School Review. This will be an exciting opportunity to get feedback on our school from a large selection of our community members to inform the direction of the school for the next four years. I am committed to continuing to provide as many opportunities for our students as possible and to engage with our broader community to ensure all students have the opportunity to access viable pathways for their future.

Queensland Titration Team Representatives

Congratulations to Jorja M., Ella K. and Owen L. who were highly successful at the Queensland Schools Titration Competition. These three students will now represent Queensland in the National Finals Titration Competition later this year.



Goreng Cultural Dance

Our Indigenous students were honoured to have the opportunity to display their cultural knowledge and perform local Goreng cultural dances at the Maroons Fan Day.



Laylani S., Karmaleai T., Olivia R., Kaitlyn C., Delysha T., Chloe T., Cayleb J., Hobie G., Isaiah F., Darius F. and Declan B. practiced for ten weeks leading up to the event, connecting with local Elders and benefiting from mentoring as part of the experience. Not only did our learn

dances, but the Elders shared their stories as well as important cultural knowledge about being on country, tribal lore, native flora, fauna and their uses, and kinship connections.

This empowered our students to be able to perform at the Maroons Fan Day in front of a crowd of thousands and, significantly, the 2021 Queensland State of Origin Maroons pre-game display. A huge thank you to River Nations Indigenous Corporation and the Bundaberg Regional Council for providing our students with this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Working Bee

A project by members of our Junior Representative Council this year was to transform the Besser Block retaining wall into an anti-bullying mural. Students are sending a strong message to the Bundaberg community about our **school's zero tolerance of bullying**.

The eager group, staff members and a small group of parents turned out for a working bee to paint the mural background. Street artist Jay has been commissioned to paint the actual mural with the help of the project team. All painting supplies have been kindly donated by Taubmans Paint.





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CO2 Drag Racers

During Term 2, students worked hard on designing their ultimate racers, ready for Race Day at the end of the term. It was a fantastic day of friendly competition between both staff and students. The best part of the day was when student, Braden, broke the 10 second barrier and set a new record for BYLC! No pressure for next year now, right?!



Volunteers Expo at BYLC!



On the 14th of June, BYLC held a Volunteering Expo as part of student's Active Volunteering Certificate, in alignment with Council's Community Resilience Program. The aim of the initiative and certificate is to build community connection and resilience in the community of young people.

Fun fact we all learnt: there is over 310 years of volunteer experience amongst staff here at BYLC. Go team!

Work Experience spotlight:

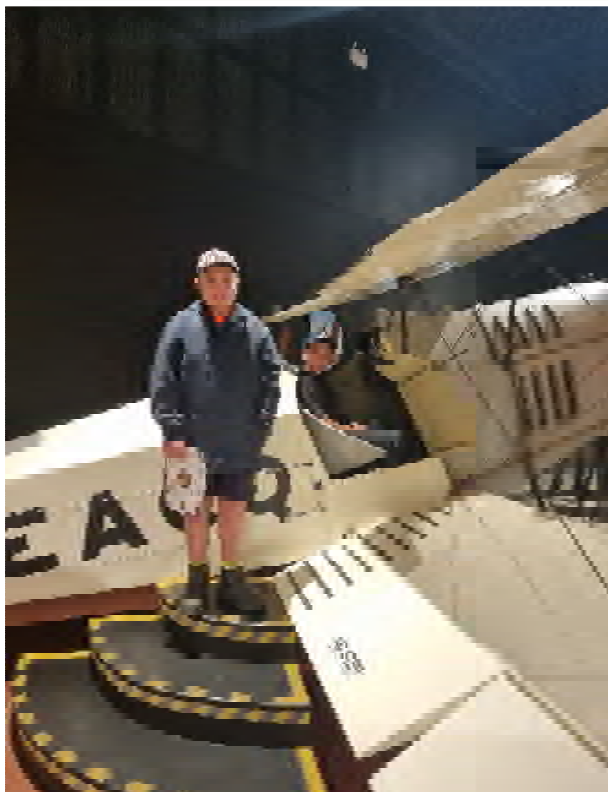
We've said it before, and we'll say it again – being at BYLC is not meant to be a place to stay and settle in for our students. No, it is hoped to be a period of rest, recovery and transition with the intention that, through our program, students transition on to either further education or gainful employment.

That is why we are here to celebrate the success of our seniors completing work experience as part of that transition process.

Shout out to all our students and special mention to Sam, who did so well in her work experience, she was then offered a job!



A visit to the Hinkler Hall of Aviation



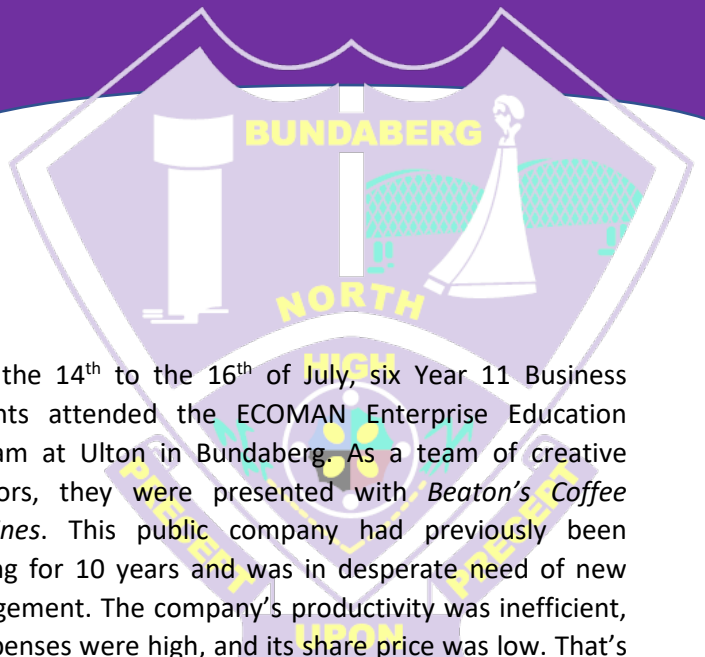
It's official – BYLC is developing their Middle School program and what better way to kick it off then with a class excursion to the Hinkler Hall of Aviation as part of their project-based study on the forces of flight.

This term, students have learnt about thrust, drag, lift and weight and how they all work together to allow flight – from the beginning flyers of Icarus and the Wright Brothers to the craft we have today – students are putting their knowledge to the test with their very own paper plane competition.

The question is does the “world's best glider” according to Google, actually live up to its name? We are on the case!

(Who knew learning could be so fun?!)

Burnett Youth Learning Centre: *Accept the challenge... Succeed with hope.*



Ecoman



From the 14th to the 16th of July, six Year 11 Business students attended the ECOMAN Enterprise Education Program at Ulton in Bundaberg. As a team of creative directors, they were presented with *Beaton's Coffee Machines*. This public company had previously been running for 10 years and was in desperate need of new management. The company's productivity was inefficient, its expenses were high, and its share price was low. That's where the five year 11 BNSHS Business students came in. They rebranded the company to Asterix Coffee Co., and completely took over the management and decision making of the company. They were given five 90-minute trading periods where they could experiment with logistics

such as number of employees, retail price of product, inventory amounts, material orders, training, research and development, debt repayment, and much more.



Here are some words from Byron Lerch, one of the students who participated in this program.

"The three days were so insightful and engaging, I could not imagine a more immersive business environment. The facilities were nice, it made us feel very professional. Overall, I would recommend the ECOMAN Program to any student with aspirations in Business, Accounting and/or Economics. I had so much fun during those three days, and I have come out of it with so much new knowledge of the world of business."



At the end of the program the six students had to sit down for an interview and were asked questions, including, if they recommend the ECOMAN Program for any other students. They all believe that the ECOMAN brought them closer as a team and would definitely recommend it for anyone who is interested in the business industry.



Central Qld Schools Regatta

On the first weekend of the holidays the Central Queensland Schools Regatta was held at Bucca. Over 300 competitors came from as far as Townsville and Brisbane. The weather pulled out the absolute worst with miserable rain and wind, and rough water lasting the whole weekend. Despite the weather North High sculler, Sarah, achieved a gold medal in the girls year 8 and single, and a bronze alongside Piper, in the year 9 double.

Instrumental Music

Three of our ensemble students attended the combined high schools Strings Workshop at Shalom last Tuesday. All of the Bundaberg high schools were invited to participate in this amazing event, which featured the top string ensemble from St Peter's Lutheran in Brisbane. All the Bundaberg students (and teachers) were inspired by the visiting ensemble. The St Peter's students practise on average between 1 to 5 hrs per day, and most of them would be considered professional standard.



Byron, Rebecca, and Kim had a fantastic day. They started playing 9am in the morning, and continued rehearsing until the performance at 6pm that night!

Fast and furious

Design and Technology classrooms (DAT09) turned into a fast and furious raceway. This term students have been very busy designing, making and testing prototypes in order to manufacture the best CO2 Dragsters. Their designs were very creative and the speeds of these dragsters were very competitive, a high percentage were under a second for 20 metres.



Congratulation to the following students:

Outright Class Champion - Jeannie

Second Place - Tierra

Third Place - Nash

Judges' choice award - Talitha

Inter-house Athletics

Each year North students compete in our annual athletics carnival which is held over two days. The house that took out the trophy for the 2021 Athletics Carnival was ... TIRROAN with a whopping 1748 points.

Congratulations to all age champion winners and a special congratulations to the following students that broke records:

- Tamara – 12year girls 100m, 200m, and Long Jump
- Bethany – 15year girls 400m. Smashing the previous record that was set back in 1979!
- Shannon – Open girls Shot Put, Discus and smashing the previous javelin record which was set back in 1989!





Kepnock at a Glance



Keeping the Spirit of Kokoda Alive

The Kokoda Youth Foundation (KYF) supports Australians by inspiring them to do extraordinary things, through hiking endurance events, youth programs and an outdoor education camp. These incredible opportunities seek to challenge their beliefs, allow limits and abilities to be explored, and provide options for growth.

This year our school participated in the Clarrie Meredith 30km School Cup. The event took place in Brisbane on the 5th of June 2021. To participate in this charity event, each team had to raise a total of \$180. The students did this by selling delicious chocolates before, during, and after school hours. In total our school raised an amazing \$540!

There were three successful teams named Kingsbury, Kenna, and Chowne. Aptly named after the men who received the Victoria Cross award for their efforts during the Kokoda Track Campaign during World War II. Each team consisted of four students and was led by a teacher.

Congratulations to all twelve students and three teachers who participated, there was a huge amount of effort given to participate.

By Dana



Lions Youth of the Year

A partnership of over 45 years

Lions Youth of the Year is an interactive experience, enabling growth and development amongst the students involved. It provides opportunities for those who have an interest in public speaking and wish to extend their confidence and level of interactive personal skills. This opportunity encourages students to step out of their comfort zone and talk about imperative topics pertaining to our society in front of a panel of judges, giving the students some healthy competition and a goal to strive towards.

For this year's competition, the students involved included; Lakaya, Mitchell, Breeann, Caitlin, Allyra and Alana, with Breeann taking out the achievement of the public speaking awardee and Lakaya and Allyra advancing to the next round. This is one of the many spaces where Kepnock students are striving for success.

By Elise



1 We are the only secondary school in Bundaberg to offer all five Arts and all five Technologies areas from Year 7 to Year 12.

2 We provide a safe and supportive, inclusive learning environment that caters for diversity.

3 We are a Gateway School in Agribusiness and the only state school in Bundaberg to offer training in the Agricultural Sciences.

4 We pride ourselves on our extra-curricular involvement including Instrumental Music, Cheerleading and Fish Tank program.



World's Great Shave

The World's Greatest Shave Student Leadership team succeeded again in running its annual Shave for a Cure fundraiser for the Leukaemia Foundation. Driven by their connection and passion towards this charity, students combined the Cancer Council with Purple Dress Day to create catalyst for significant change. A number of students and brave teachers shaved their heads, along with several daring boys who discovered the joy of leg waxing. This year, Kepnock SHS raised \$7098 for the Leukaemia Foundation for this amazing cause!

The team have worked tirelessly on this event with countless meetings to promote it which made the success of the event so much more rewarding. To see the way the school community rallied around the event was a heart-warming moment. Ms Amey said she was blown away by the student's efforts which made her quietly confident her team of great leaders would pull off the event.

All the money collected will go towards research needed to find more effective treatments for all related blood cancers. These funds also provide families with a free home-away-from-home near the hospital during treatment and specialist emotional care if things become a challenging. It was fantastic to see the school community get behind this cause in such an incredible way.

By Taya



Building Blocks of the Future

Year 10 Block Training is an exclusive and beneficial four-week course provided for free to all Year 10 students at Kepnock. By completing the course each eligible student is given a legitimate National Certificate II qualification in their desired course. The selection options are determined by courses that will fill predicted job vacancies in the area over the next ten years, giving students an extremely high opportunity of securing a job now and once we leave high school.

These incredible opportunities include Engineering, Hospitality, Outdoor Sport and Recreation, Automotive, Tourism courses which all provide unique prospects for students to grow in those areas.

Overall, Year 10 Block Training is an amazing experience that opens up many career pathways for Bundaberg's future workforce.

By Shania

What's On

- 12 Aug – Astrophotography
- 24 Aug – Enrolment Evening 1
- 27 Aug – Grin & Tonic Shakespeare
- 7 Sep – Enrolment Evening 2
- 13 Sep – Year 10 Block Training



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Bundaberg Christian College

Education with Wisdom

Celebrating 25 Years



We are family

'From little things, big things grow.' The College commenced operations on 29 January 1996. It was established by a group of Christians with a vision for a Christian School for Christian families and for evangelism, in the area. The primary focus then, as is now, is to lead people to the Lord. The group (some of whom remain on the Board today) worked extremely hard fundraising and lobbying and undertaking all the legalities and documentation that goes along with establishing a school. Today it is a school of just over 700 students and 132 staff that function as a family. Some of our alumni have achieved amazing things after school and we are very proud of them. The value of a school's legacy cannot be underestimated and that lies in human beings, not buildings. The most recent achievements were:

Isaac Cooper: made it into the 2021 Australian Olympic Team for swimming.

David Nelson: made the list of Associated Christian schools' 23 Millennial Influencers who have made a significant positive impact in their career and are now influencing society for the common good.

Maggie-Jean Douglas: her artwork has won the 2021 National NAIDOC week Poster Competition. She was chosen from 259 other entries.

Lilly Rhebein: earned the 2021 AgriFutures Horizon Scholarship.

They truly carry the Pride of the White and Blue.



Isaac Cooper



David Nelson



Maggie-Jean Douglas



Lilly Rhebein

THE PRIDE OF THE WHITE & BLUE

What's happening @ BCC



Join us at our BCC Festival and Preptastic as we celebrate 25 years on the 11th September from 9am to 3pm. There will be rides, food, stalls and many more attractions. Visit bcc.net.au for more details.

Twilight Concert

It was music to the ears of the audience at the Twilight Concert held on the 20th of July. The grade three orchestra and grade five band were given the opportunity to showcase their talent at their very first performance along with the large orchestras, bands and choirs of BCC. They kick-started the evening with the smooth music of the orchestras and danced along with the bands. They even featured a banging performance by the stage band in which a drum stick may have been lost to an overly enthusiastic cow bell player. The Twilight Concert ended with streamers and confetti cannons from the senior Voicework and a dancing audience. The students wish to thank Mrs Udal, Mrs Davern and Mrs Falla for all their hard work to make these amazing performances and for enduring the squeaks and frustrations that came too. Overall, this was a great night for the music program at BCC.



Formal Announcement

Not too long ago, the BCC Seniors couldn't find their Librarian. Instead, they were greeted by the self-proclaimed "Town Crier", who, accompanied by a deafening bell, came bearing good news: invitations to the BCC Senior Formal. In royal fashion, each student was called by name and presented with their 'golden ticket'. The room was filled with laughs and hits of bittersweet nostalgia as our Year 12's realised how far they've come. In short, not only was it a chance for Mrs Ramsay to show off her stellar cosplay skills, but it really was a splendid beginning to an ending for our Seniors. Year 12's, we're in your corner!!

World Scholar's Cup



On a foggy May morning, twenty secondary BCC students wiped the sleep from their eyes. Hopping on a school bus to the Gold Coast, they were headed to one event: the Gold Coast round of the World Scholars Cup - an event held across 70 countries with 50,000+ scholars - 200 at this specific regional round. Over the course of two days, our BCC teams dove into six events: the Scholars Bowl, Collaborative Writing, Scholars Challenge, Team Debate, Scholars Talent Show, and the Awards Ceremony. After the two days had come to an end, our teams left the host school of Hillcrest Christian College covered in smiles, medals and trophies, a few wet eyes, and multiple coloured alpacas named Jerry - WSC's beloved mascot. Overall, it was a fantastic experience - exhilarating, challenging, and endearingly quirky! BCC is proud of each student's effort and conduct, proudly representing our region. A special thank you goes to Mrs Kelk and her hours of preparation for this priceless experience, and Mr Van Der Merve for his hours of driving! Go The White and Blue!



