



Moss Vale High School

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Respectful, Safe and Responsible Learners

28 November 2014



Dates for your Calendar

Tuesday, 9 December - Presentation Evening Moss Vale High School Hall

Monday, 15 to Wednesday, 17 December - Activity Week
(students not attending an Activity must have completed an exemption form or have a written note from their carer explaining their absence.)

Thursday, 18 & Friday, 19 - Staff Development Days

School resumes for 2015 -

Tuesday, 27 January - Staff Development Day

Wednesday, 28 January - Year 7 & Year 11 students only

Thursday, 29 January - Years 8 to 10 & Year 12 commence.



Students Making A Difference

Year 11

Dylan Palmer-Quigg for showing compassion and understanding while playing school cricket

Principal's Report

Sculpture at Hillview

On Saturday, November 15, our students and our school was invited to be part of the Sculpture at Hillview exhibition. The sculpture exhibition which is a biannual event brought together a range of artist and their sculpture that were set in the surrounds of the Hillview estate just near Sutton Forest. Hillview was a retreat for past NSW Governors over a long period of time. A very historical and picturesque location.

Our students were given the role of meeting and greeting guests, introducing patrons to the art work and accompanying the special guest for the event Minister Pru Goward, our local MP. The students were all dressed in full school uniform and looked just wonderful as they did a fantastic job in representing our great school.

It was also a special event because our music students were also invited to perform and entertain our guests, our string ensemble as well as a range of other students who sang and played instruments performed for a very appreciative audience. The students who performed were just amazing!

I would like to congratulate all the students who participated in this major event. They represented the school with great distinction. I also want to acknowledge and say 'thank you' to all the staff involved and who attended the event to support the involvement of our school – the staff at our school are very special.

Enjoy the photos that are part of the newsletter.

Presentation Night

As our school is working towards the end of the year, we are all looking forward to our school presentation night at school on 9 December 2014. This will be a very special event as we get to acknowledge and recognise the wonderful achievements of all our students and many others over what has been a great year for our school. The positive culture continues to grow from strength to strength, and we have achieved so much.

I want to encourage all our parents and community to come along and help celebrate with us on Tuesday, 9 December 2014 at 6:30pm in the school hall. I hope to see you there.

School Planning

Last week our school planning team (which I led) met to further develop our school plan for 2015 – 2017. Our new school plan will have three strategic directions. The strategic directions will be : Our Positive Self, Innovative and Relevant Teaching and Learning, and Strong Partnerships – Unlimited Horizons. The focus of our school plan will be to continue building on the growth and development that has taken place across all areas of our school over recent years. This is a very exciting time.

I urge you to contact me should you have any questions regarding our school plan and I look forward to updating our parents and community on its development.

Reports

In a couple of weeks time students, across Years 7 – 10 will take home their end of year reports. Our staff is currently working very hard on these reports to ensure that they accurately reflect the level that each student has achieved. The reports will also set the direction for students and their focus areas for the following school year. I want to encourage all parents to enjoy reading their children's reports and make sure that you contact the relevant class teachers if you would like to make any enquiries about your child's progress.

I look forward to the remaining few weeks of school as we continue to work hard and develop our plans for what no doubt will be a very exciting 2015.

Please contact the school should you have any enquiries in regards to your child's education.

Best Wishes

Peter Macbeth
Principal

Deputy Principal's Report

Uniform

It is important that all students and parents are aware that we have come to the end of the three year change over period after the initial introduction of the new uniform at the start of 2012. The uniform policy has been fully endorsed by the P&C and wider school community. In particular, the girls need to be in the two pleated tartan skirt or tartan shorts which are provided through the school's uniform shop. In 2015, no girl should be wearing the plain navy skirt or shorts. Please refer to the full uniform overview that follows and contact the school if you have any questions.

Moss Vale Subway

I would like to thank Sheree Sheather and Moss Vale Subway for generously sponsoring our school merit system and Vivo online rewards. Students accumulate vivo points for achieving in a variety of academic and extra-curricular areas at school, and these points can be used to purchase items from the Vivo shop. Sheree has donated vouchers for students which can be redeemed for a 'foot long sub', drink and cookie. The school community greatly appreciates this generous sponsorship.



Positive Behaviour for Success and White Ribbon Day

In an effort to raise awareness of the White Ribbon Campaign, which is held each year on November 25, students read and discussed fact sheets around the issue of violence against women and how this negatively impacts on families and our wider society. Students were able to explore reasons behind such violence and what we can all do to make a positive difference.

What is the White Ribbon Campaign?

White Ribbon is Australia's only national, male led Campaign to end men's violence against women. Its **vision** is for all women to live in safety free from all forms of men's violence. The **mission** is to make women's safety a man's issue too. The campaign works through primary prevention initiatives involving awareness raising and education, and programs with youth, schools, workplaces and across the broader community.

Globally, White Ribbon is the world's largest male-led movement to end men's violence against women. Originating in Canada in 1991, White Ribbon is now active in more than [60 countries](#). White Ribbon began in Australia in 2003 as part of UNIFEM (now UN Women), formally becoming a Foundation in 2007.

I would like to thank our roll call teachers for leading the exploration and discussion of this very important issue and its campaign to end such violence.



Positive Behaviour for Success (PBS)

The PBS Team at Moss Vale High are celebrating the success of the PBS lessons held during rollcall. These lessons support the school rules and are practical exercises that assist students and staff to understand the expectations required of students for being responsible learners. The current task focused on students being Attentive Listeners. By listening attentively to their teacher's verbal instructions, origami projects of a hat and penguin were attempted. Students were then asked to reflect on whether they were to produce the item: why or why not? Were you listening to the instructions? How can I improve my learning ... by being an Attentive Listener!

The following task is an example of one of the excellent lessons designed by Mrs Wells and Ms Lidgard:

Roll Call Task: Be an Attentive Listener

Task: This task is a **visualisation** task. Hand out a piece of A4 paper to all students, ensuring they write their name and roll call in the top right hand corner and ask them to take note of the three questions on the back. Read the descriptive passage below to your roll class and allow them time to draw the images they visualised as the passage was read.

Please be sure to read at an appropriate pace to ensure effective communication. Please **follow up this task** by asking students to complete the reverse side and discuss the need to be **attentive listeners** for success to occur. When completed, select the three most outstanding images that best represent the passage read.

The beach

The beach smells fresh, almost like a new ocean breeze air freshener. The sand is hot and looks like gold blended in with little white specks. Water runs off the swimmer's back. Not far from the shore, you can see the coral sitting still in the wild and shallow water. Turtles drift in and out. The palm trees sway in the air from the forceful wind. In the distance, a blue house is beautifully placed right by the water. A young girl and her brother are laughing and playing in the sand with a bucket and spade. From a far distance the ocean is a deep navy blue with waves coming in crashing against the shore, washing the night's debris onto the land. Golden sand covers the floor as far as your eyes can see. Soothing, a gentle breeze rustles through your hair. The red, blue and yellow beach shops prepare for their day of excited customers bustling in and out of their small seafront shops. Opening their doors they bring out all their welcome signs, tables and chairs. A woman with short and curly brown hair takes out her black binoculars and gazes across the still water. Strands of hair cross her face as her feet fumble across a number of multi-coloured sea shells. A number of seagulls peck at the rubbish left by yesterday's visitors. Wrappers, half-eaten sandwiches, cans and bottles are scattered between the crevices.

Platinum Award Recipients

I would like to congratulate a number of outstanding students for reaching the most prestigious award that was available in the merit system of 2014, the Platinum Award! This award required students to accumulate 960 Vivo points for academic achievement and excellence in a variety of extra-curricular activities, including community service. Next year we are introducing the Diamond Award which will take 3,000 Vivo points to achieve. This will give all of our students a goal to work towards throughout their school career.

Congratulations on achieving Platinum:

Year 7	Joel Hinchcliffe
Year 8	Leah Drayton, Amy Fitzgerald, Margaret Fitzgerald, Rebecca Heyhorn, Jack Moore, Megan Mulcahy
Year 9	Josh Huggett, David Sims, Luke Webb, Olivia Yearsley
Year 10	Samantha Drayton, Charlotte Fitzgerald, Briana Handley, Laura Mulcahy
Year 11	Alix Harper

Patricia Holmes
Deputy Principal.



Uniform Requirements

FOR ALL STUDENTS : Approved Moss Vale High School -

- Mid blue shirt
- Navy blue woollen jumper
- Navy blue jacket
- Navy scarf
- Tie (optional)



GIRLS

- 2-pleated tartan skirt
- Tartan shorts (no plain blue shorts)
- Plain navy blue slacks (no track pants)
- White socks

N.B: Straight tartan and plain navy blue skirt is NO longer part of Moss Vale High School uniform for any year group.

Year 10, 11 and 12 Year Jerseys are to be worn for the students' Year Group only.

BOYS

- Plain grey pants or shorts (no track pants)
- Grey or white socks

SPORTS UNIFORM Note: Not to be worn during student photo sessions

- Moss Vale High School red / navy blue sports polo shirt
- Moss Vale High School navy blue with red piping shorts
- Moss Vale High School navy blue with red piping track pants
- Moss Vale High School navy blue red piping tracksuit jacket
- Suitable sports shoes or joggers (no Rabens or canvas lace-ups)
- Girls white socks - Boys white or grey socks



SHOES

The Work, Health and Safety requirement of the Department of Education and Communities, for all areas of the school, is that enclosed leather shoes are to be worn. This includes solid leather top and tongue (this is requirement even on mufti days). The school colour for shoes is black, no coloured trims or logos. Leather shoes have to be bought to school on sports days.



REQUIREMENTS

1. NO LOGOS ON ANY ITEM OF CLOTHING OTHER THAN Moss Vale High School.
2. Plain means no logos or stripes.
3. No hooded tops.

Free Breakfast on Monday Mornings



Every Monday morning students are provided with an opportunity to have a free breakfast. There is a range of items: cornflakes with milk, yoghurt cups, Milo and milk, muesli bars, choice of juices, hot toasties- cheese, baked beans or spaghetti and Nutella toast.

The breakfast is manned by school Chaplain, Mrs Jensen, who is assisted each week by students. Thank you to **Luke, Jamira and Phaedra** who are regulars and to **Zac, Amelia and Andrew** who have helped on occasion.

Approximately 100 toasties are produced and eaten each week, with between 100-120 students participating.



UOW Summer Master Class

This term our Year 11 students were provided with the opportunity to apply for the University of Wollongong Summer Master Class program. This program provides an opportunity for students to study HSC related topics at a variety of university campuses in the January holidays.

The following students were successful in their applications.

Jenny Dyer
India Wallbridge
Ashlee Garske
Allie Sims
David Connick
Hayley Jeffery
Dominic Sabben

I would like to take the time to congratulate each of these students. I am sure they will gain much from this experience.

Mrs Pepping
Year Adviser

Message from the School Administrative Manager

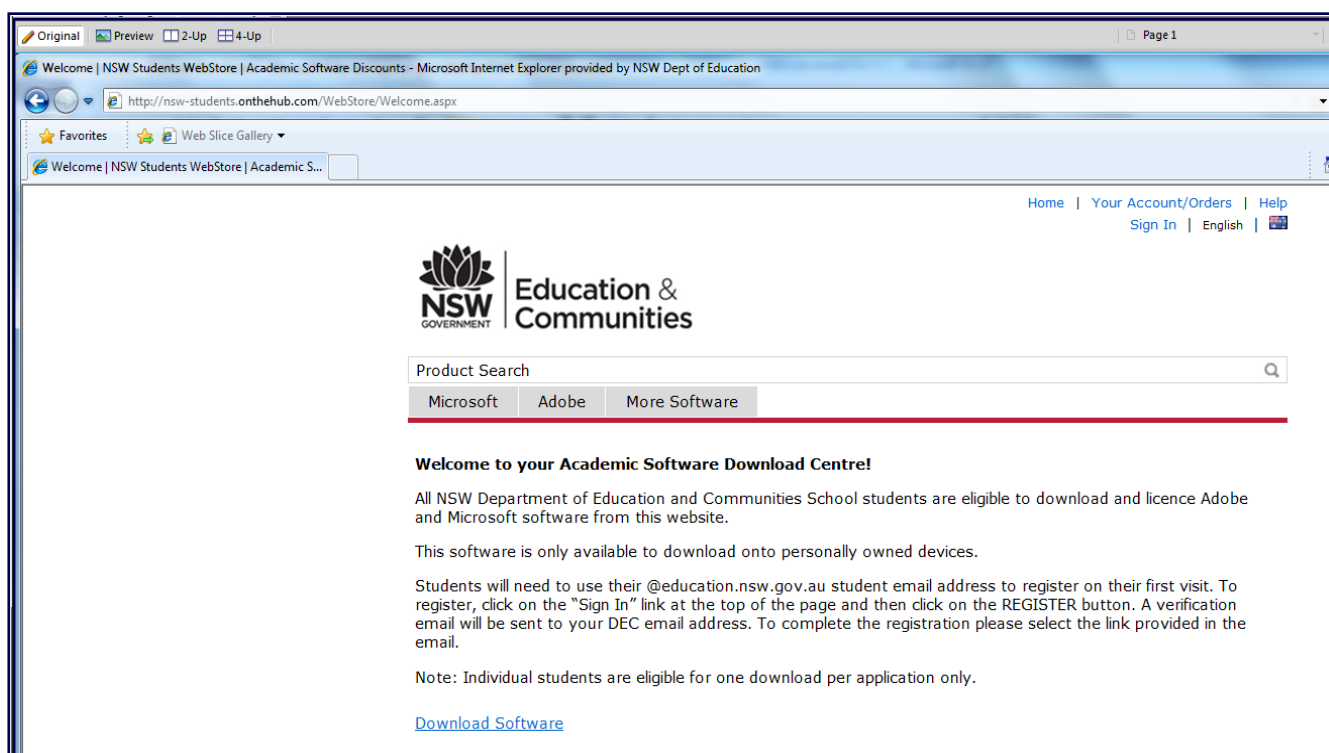
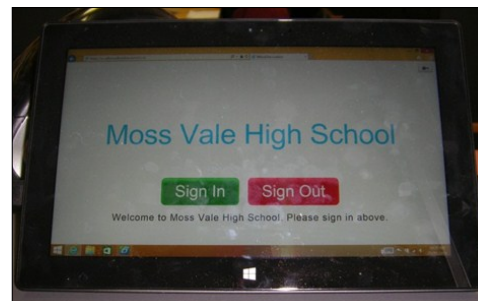
Moss Vale High School has recently introduced a new Visitor Sign In system. This is a simple, electronic way for visitors to the school to be recorded and have an identification label printed. It allows the staff member they are visiting to be notified and in the case of an emergency evacuation all visitors will be accounted for. Once you have signed in for the first time, the system will remember you next time you visit.


Who should sign in?

All visitors, including parents and trades people, who have reason to go further than the front foyer should sign in and sign out when they leave.

Should you require help, please ask our friendly front office staff.

Maureen Sinclair
School Administrative Manager





2015 Open Holiday Workshop

Monday 19 - Friday 23 January, 2015

How to put on a show...in 5 days!

Who says you can't put on a show in 5 days!!!
Just watch us...ARGHHH!!!

If you're aged 8-17 years, join us and be a part of this unique experience.
This workshop is designed to teach students how to put on a production from start to finish in just five days in a fun and relaxed atmosphere.
The participants will learn a variety of theatre skills from acting, choreography, singing, costuming to backstage...

It's amazing what can be achieved in just 5 days...
FOR ALL DETAILS & REGISTRATION: www.shyac.org.au

At: Chevalier College, Performing Arts Centre, 566 Moss Vale Rd, Burradoo

Moss Vale High introduces the BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE PROGRAM



2015 will see the beginning of a new era of education at Moss Vale High School. Students will be encouraged to bring their own technology to school to **assist** with their classroom learning experiences. This program is running in many schools across NSW, Australia and worldwide and is a component of 21st Century Learning.

It is essential that parents and students understand the following **two key points** to this program:

- A computer device will **not be mandatory** for all students at Moss Vale High in 2015, it is a tool for students and teachers to utilise to assist with learning.
- A computer device will **not replace pens or books** in any subject in 2015, writing is a vital skill in brain development during the teenager years and computers will not be replacing this skill any time soon.

Documentation regarding this program was sent home with students from Friday the 31st October. These documents consisted of:

- A **user charter** that must be read by both parents/caregivers and students.
- A **student agreement** (a pink form) that must be read, ticked and signed by both parents/caregivers and students and returned to the school office before a student brings their own device to school in 2015.
- A **device recommendations** checklist to ensure the device purchased is suitable as a learning tool at Moss Vale High. It is essential that all parents/caregivers read this document before making decisions regarding the type of device they may choose to purchase for their son/daughter.

Students who have been using their own device at school during 2014 will need to sign and return the *Student Agreement Form* along with all other students. When a student returns this form they will be issued with instructions regarding how to set up their device to access the Internet through the DEC network.

Families who have difficulties meeting financial obligations can contact the school to find out how the school can support the technological needs of their son/daughter, as written in the *Equity Policy* for the BYOD program.

Copies of all documents can be located on the school website or at the administration office in the school grounds.

Further information or questions can be answered by contacting the school.



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BYOD Device Recommendations Checklist

Students may consider tablets or laptops however the following recommendations have been made to ensure the device purchased suits the requirements for 21st Century Learning.

Hardware

Wireless Connectivity	Devices purchased for school use must support 5Ghz dual band wireless or 802.11 a/b/g/n. Make sure it supports both 'a' and 'n'.
Battery Life	Battery life will need to last a minimum of 6 hours. The school will not support the charging of devices within classrooms.
RAM (primary memory)	2GB or more of RAM will be required to ensure the device is fast enough to keep pace with the work requirements.
Hard Drive (application and file storage)	16GB or more is recommended to ensure students have the capacity to store application software as well as files required for each subject.
Screen Size	At least an 8 inch (approximately 20cm or above) screen is recommended to ensure ease of use throughout the day for the student and teacher.
Keyboard	It is highly recommended and preferred that students have access to an external keyboard for ease of use during class activities. However this is not an essential feature.
Camera and microphone	A good quality camera and microphone will enable students to participate effectively in 21 st learning activities.
Weight	Consider how heavy the device will be in the students bag and how much space it will take up inside the bag. Maximum weight should not exceed 2kg.
Case	A tough and sturdy case is recommended to ensure any rough treatment of school bags will not cause damage to the device.
Durability	Consider the overall durability of the device, look for a tough outer shell or case, screen protectors and keyboards that will not easily lose their keys.

Software

Operating System	To ensure the latest software applications will run effectively we recommend the latest operating system be installed on the device.
Web Browser	Any current web browser will suit.
Office Package	Students will need a word processor, spread sheet, presentation and other related applications.
Adobe Reader	Students will need a current Adobe Reader installed on the device.
Security Software	It is highly recommended that devices have up-to-date anti-virus software installed and other security measures such as user logons and firewalls to prevent malicious use of the device.

Further Considerations

Insurance	It is recommended that you cover your child's device under your home insurance as the school will take no responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged devices.
Warranty	Make sure you consider purchasing an extended warranty to reduce further repair costs as the devices will be used extensively.

Final Activity Week Message for 2014

As you know, Activity Week takes place this year between 15 and 17 December. All the hard work of organising by the Activity Week leaders is close to being finalised. Teachers and students will soon be dispersed all over Australia thoroughly enjoying themselves and having a positive schooling experience to finish 2014. Thanks to all parents who have supported Activity Week and mentioned to me how valuable the three days are. It is only available due to teachers and parents supporting the week. To take 30 students out of a school these days requires much preparation. To place 350 students in a wide array of activities is indeed a most challenging, logistical exercise.

Activity Week is indeed a great privilege for students at Moss Vale High School. As has been mentioned many times before, the vast majority of schools finish with three days in the classroom. Students aren't exploring the depths of the ocean completing scuba courses, they aren't brushing up on their artistic talents and they aren't flying around in an indoor wind tunnel which simulates skydiving. Moss Vale High School students are very lucky to have this program. Because of this, student behaviour is expected to be exemplary. Parents and students have signed a behavioural contract for all students attending overnight camps.

There are also many activities that involve swimming or water related participation. DEC guidelines require students to pass a water challenge test before participating in water activities. This test was held at Moss Vale pool on the December 1. Following completion of 'The Challenge' all students have been classified as either proficient swimmers or non-proficient swimmers. Proficient swimmers will be issued with a blue wrist band on Activity Week and will be deemed safe to participate in the aquatic activity. Non-proficient students will be issued with a yellow wrist band and can participate in shallow water activities. **Students must wear these bands for the duration of the water activities. Students who failed to participate in the water challenge day will not be allowed near the water.**

If your child isn't participating in Activity Week, it is expected that they will attend school. Supervision and educational programs will be in place. If your child is away during Activity Week, it's classified as an unexplained absence without a note of explanation. Just remember, the Thursday and Friday of Activity Week are staff development days with the school being closed to students on these days.

I would like to wish all students the very best and safest time on Activity Week. What a way to start your Christmas holidays! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Mr Matt Nash
Activity Week Coordinator

'Movember' Winners



Congratulations to the staff winners of the 'Movember' competition :

Mr Alex Miller - the best moustache grown by a teacher

and

Mrs Gillian Button - who donated the largest amount of money.



Teaching someone to drive can be a **happy** experience.



Come to a **FREE**  **LOG BOOK RUN**

Gain 'real' driving log book time:

- Local drive for learners accompanied by their supervisors (maps & directions provided)
- Clock up some driving experience hours
- Graduated Licencing Scheme's Learner Log Book topics are covered
- Experience a NSW Police RBT set up

Experience a range of driving conditions and tasks such as, roundabouts, highway driving, traffic lights, gravel roads and narrow bridges.

NEXT Log Book Run 10.00am 23 November 2014

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL



Please call 4868 0809 or email melanie.lausz@wsc.nsw.gov.au

This event is conducted by the Wingecarribee Shire Council Road Safety Officer, supported by the RMS.





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Essential Employment and Training (EET) offer the following services for people with disability, illness and injury:

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- Youth Employment Program (YEP)
- Transition to Work (TTW)
- Community Participation (CP)
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- We are experts at linking people with social networks in the broader community
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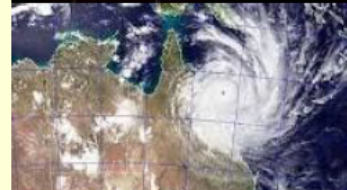
WHERE: Highlands Youth Hub
Park Road, Bowral NSW

WHEN: Thursday 6th November

TIME: 10 am–12 midday

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

PHONE: 4862 1122



TO : <u>MOSS VALE HIGH</u>	<u>NOTE OF ABSENCE</u>
Date : _____	Address : _____ _____
Roll Class : _____ Year : _____	
Please excuse the absence of my son/daughter : _____	
on (dates) _____	
Total number of days absent : _____	
The reason for the absence/s <i>(this reason must be specific, not just "he/she was sick")</i> : _____ _____	
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