

The Summit Times

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National Reconciliation Week



As part of our school's National Reconciliation Morning Tea, Year 12 Aboriginal Studies students Julia Stevens and Lara Young addressed the staff, sharing their perspectives on reconciliation. Julia's heartfelt speech is below. "This week, we

reflect on what reconciliation means not just as a word, but as a commitment. The theme for this year's National Reconciliation Week, "Bridging Now to Next" invites us all to consider the past, recognise where we stand in the present, and take responsibility for shaping a better future together. This theme speaks directly to the truth of our experience. We are the oldest living culture in the world over 65,000 years of connection to Country, community, and culture. But in the short span of modern Australian history, that deep continuity has been disrupted by dispossession, violence, and policies that sought to erase who we are. Despite this, our cultures have survived. Our communities have endured. And our voices are growing stronger every day. When we talk about bridging now to next, we're talking about confronting hard truths, the impacts of colonisation, the injustices still faced by our people, the legacy of the Stolen Generations, and the gaps in health, education, and justice that continue to divide us. But this theme also challenges the wider Australian community to walk with us, to understand that reconciliation isn't something that belongs to history. It's something that must live in the present and guide our future. Now is where we stand, a place shaped by both truth and injustice. Our communities still carry the weight of colonisation, of stolen lands, broken families, and systems that continue to disadvantage us. But now is also where we find strength, in our voices, in our survival, and in the growing recognition of the importance of First Nations culture, leadership, and resilience. Next is the future we are building, not just for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, but for all Australians. A future where the truth is not hidden, where our stories are taught and understood, and where our rights are not debated, but respected. But there is no next without taking real action in the now. Bridging now to next means listening, not just hearing our stories, but truly understanding them. It means truth-telling, even when the truth is hard to face. It means making space for our voices, our knowledge, and our leadership to shape this country's future.



Reconciliation is not just a word. It is a commitment to justice, to equity, and to healing. It belongs to all of us. And it starts with honest reflection, respectful dialogue, and collective action".



EXPO@UHS a celebration of learning

Our Term 2 EXPO@UHS was a spectacular showcase of our students' diverse talents and hard work. This event highlighted the unique learning journeys of each student. The EXPO featured a wide array of interactive workshops and exhibits. Students participated in engaging Circus and Dance Workshops, demonstrating their creativity and physical skills. Year 10 Science students presented their research projects, offering insights into various scientific inquiries. The Marine Studies labs were open to visitors, providing a glimpse into the practical applications of marine science. The event also featured a variety of food stalls, each offering unique culinary experiences. Year 9 and 10 International Studies students delighted attendees with their homemade Dubai Chocolate, which sold out quickly due to its popularity. Big Picture students served Vietnamese Bánh Mi, showcasing their cultural studies through cuisine. Year 12 students served refreshing Spider drinks, adding a



sweet touch to the evening. Milumba students and teachers provided an elegant High Tea, complete with scones, baked cheesecake, and delicious homemade jams, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere. The EXPO also featured displays from the Languages department, highlighting the linguistic talents of our students. Year 10 Food Technology students impressed visitors with their incredible decorated cakes, showcasing their skills

in culinary arts. These exhibits not only displayed the students' talents but also their dedication and passion for their subjects. The success of the EXPO was a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students and staff. Over 30 projects and displays were presented, spanning



across years 7 to 11. The event was a collaborative effort that brought together students, teachers, and the community, fostering a sense of pride and accomplishment. We have incredible learners at UHS,

Congratulations to both students and teachers. Well done!

Careers

Pathways to Purpose – An innovative mentoring program How It Began

Pathways to Purpose began as part of the Youth Road Map project in March this year. Students from Years 9, 10, and 11 were invited to participate in focus groups held at the Dunn Lewis Centre, with the goal of empowering young people to have a voice in shaping the future of their community. Among those who attended were



Annie-Maree Martin and Jaya Pimm. Inspired by the focus groups, they eagerly signed up for a two-day youth leadership conference the following week. Fuelled by their enthusiasm and encouragement from mentors at the event, the vision for Pathways to Purpose began to take shape. On the second day of the conference, they pitched their project idea to a panel of community leaders – and were awarded a grant to bring it to life.

Post-Conference Momentum

Since the conference, Annie and Jaya's passion has continued to grow. One of their mentors, Justine Cox from Leadership Change Room, was so impressed by their vision that she invited them to the book launch of *Women Living Fearlessly* – an anthology of personal stories from women who have faced fear with courage and determination. Justine is one of the featured authors. In addition, Dr. Nici Sweaney from *Al Her Way*, who will be the keynote speaker at this year's Career & Community Showcase, has expressed interest in mentoring Annie and Jaya. They've also been offered support from Mel Louth (Think Regional) and Carly McTavish (Country University Centre). Annie and Jaya will also work closely with the Ulladulla High School Careers team to strengthen existing partnerships and opportunities. To date, 15 potential mentors have already expressed interest in supporting the initiative. Will you be number 16??

Launch Event

Annie and Jaya will officially launch Pathways to Purpose at the Ulladulla Career and Community Showcase on Thursday, 5th June. These two inspiring young leaders are already making a powerful impact – and this is just the beginning. So what is Pathways to Purpose and how can I become involved?? Pathways to Purpose is a mentorship initiative designed to connect students with local professionals, community leaders, and real-world experts to help them discover and pursue their passions. By offering group occupational talks and one-on-one mentorship opportunities, the program bridges the gap between education and future careers, providing students with guidance, Inspiration, and a clearer sense of purpose.



Push Up Challenge

Ulladulla High School will be taking part in The Push-Up Challenge from 4-26 June, 2025 and would love you to get involved, too! This includes both students and teachers. Each participant in The Push-Up Challenge is challenged to complete 3,249 push-ups (or the half target – 1,625) in 24 days to raise funds and awareness for mental health in Australia. You can do alternative exercises too, like sit-ups and squats. It is free to take part and there is a handy app which makes it easy for you to bank your push-ups each day. You'll receive a daily push-up target and corresponding mental health fact. Last year, UHS completed 97 679 push ups as a school and raised \$2031 for Lifeline! We hope to get your help once again to raise funds for such a great cause and awareness about mental health.



UHS Touch Football

On Tuesday, May 20th, Ulladulla High School sent both a boys' and girls' Touch Football team to Yass for an exciting day of touch football. The teams woke up early, boarded the bus, and were ready to compete in a round-robin format. The girls' team showcased their skills and teamwork throughout the day. They achieved



impressive victories against Yass, Mulwaree, Corimal, and Warilla, demonstrating their determination and talent on the field. Their only setback came in a match against Kiama, but their strong performance secured them a spot in the top 20 knockout round. This is a fantastic achievement, and we look forward to seeing how they progress! The boys' team played a total of six games, achieving wins against Warilla, Mulwaree, and Bulli. They also managed to draw a competitive game against Batemans Bay. Unfortunately, they faced defeats against Kiama and Yass, which means they will not progress to the next round. Despite this, the boys displayed great sportsmanship and camaraderie throughout the day. Overall,

the Touch Football Gala Day was a great experience for all players involved. It was not just about the competition; it was also an opportunity to bond, make memories, and enjoy the spirit of sportsmanship. We are proud of both teams and look forward to more exciting events in the future! Go Ulladulla High!



ULLADULLA
HIGH SCHOOL
Strive for the Summit

BIG PICTURE INFORMATION SESSION

Wednesday 11 June @ 5pm

For Year 8 and 9 parents and students
interested in learning more about
Big Picture Learning

Venue: TLS - enter via South Street gates

Please check your email for an invitation
and RSVP information

NSW Public Schools Student Survey

This term, we are offering our students the opportunity to take part in the NSW Public Schools Student Survey. This important initiative gives students a voice – allowing them to share their thoughts on learning, wellbeing, and school life. Their feedback helps us to understand what's working well and where we can continue to grow and improve. The survey is confidential, takes 10 – 15 minutes, and will be conducted during school hours. Participation is voluntary. If you would prefer your child not to participate, an **opt-out consent form** has been sent via email – please complete the form if required.

Koori Korner

As part of Ulladulla High School's ongoing commitment to learning and respecting our shared history and rich cultural heritage of First Nations Peoples, the school marked Reconciliation Week 2025 with a special morning tea that brought staff and students together. This year's theme, "Now More Than Ever," served as a powerful reminder that the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples must continue with urgency and resolve. Special guest Auntie Nellie Mooney, proudly wearing her recently awarded OAM, presented by Governor-General Sam Mostyn, was proud to see our kids shine in their contributions. The Miribi Bunbal didgeridoo group delivered a moving original composition.



Water in the World Excursion

Last week, Year 7 students went out to the water in world excursion to investigate how our water services are coordinated across the region. While visiting the Kings Point sewerage treatment centre may not sound glamorous it is interesting to see the end point of our water network. In addition, the students learn about the interplay in the regions dam systems with the Shoalhaven River, how our water is treated to make it world class and they also scientifically tested the water quality from Millard's Creek. In contrast, the students have been reading a book about the Sudanese 'Lost Boys' who were displaced during the Sudanese civil war and learning about the role water played in their epic saga and the difference that the



introduction of local wells made to the impoverished local people. As a bonus we spent the day outside in the beautiful south autumn sun with our friends. A massive thank you to the teachers and Mr Pearson for running the water workshops all day.

Who we are Photo *What we value...*
What we believe... *What we think...*



Country Universities Centre FREE PARENTS EVENING

04.06.25 WEDNESDAY
FROM 5.30PM

Country Universities Centre Southern Shoalhaven (CUCSS) has partnered with Ulladulla High School (UHS), to create an event just for parents of UHS students.

Talk with local university students, community members who have pivoted to new career paths, university representatives from various universities, and TAFENSW and Defence reps to discuss alternative pathways to university. Topics include:

- How much does uni really cost? HELP/ HECS, scholarships, realistic budgets
- Why go to university? VET or uni, future of work, lifetime earning capacities
- What does CUCSS offer? Benefits of study online for regional people
- What does life on university campus look like day-to-day?
- Alternative Pathways to University including non-ATAR pathways, TAFE and Defence, university colleges and bridging courses
- Equity Support Services - how do universities support Regional and Remote, Neurodiverse and First Nations students?

Canapés and refreshments provided, limited spaces, please RSVP to secure your spot.

WHERE

Country Universities Centre
Southern Shoalhaven
146 Princes Highway, Ulladulla

RSVP



Year 8 Students of the Week



Vanessa Davison

Vanessa impressed in her first debate on Tuesday, earning praise from the adjudicator for her strong performance and teamwork. Her support for the team stood out, and she continues to shine as a dedicated representative of Year 8 in the SRC. Well done, Vanessa!

Noah Craft

Despite a recent injury, Noah has shown incredible grit, determination, and a consistently positive attitude. He remains actively involved in everything he can, setting a strong example of resilience and school spirit. His enthusiasm and perseverance inspire those around him. Keep it up, Noah!



Congratulations we are very proud of you!

Ulladulla High School's Biggest Morning Tea!

Teachers and Students are invited to a cuppa and a cause! This year, Ulladulla High School is proud to host a Biggest Morning Tea to support the Cancer Council and raise vital funds for people impacted by cancer. It's a meaningful way to come together, enjoy some tasty treats, and help work towards a cancer-free future.

When: Tuesday, 3rd June at 11:40 AM (Break 2)

Where: Ulladulla High School

Entry: Please make a donation to our fundraising page via the link: <https://tinyurl.com/2zb8przt>






Mon - Thur
8am - 11am

Uniform Shop Hours

Entry via St Vincent Street bottom gate

STUDY CENTRE

IN THE LIBRARY



THE STUDY CENTRE
TUES & WED
AFTERNOONS
3:00PM - 5:00PM

UHS UNIFORM SWAP SHOP



Looking for Donations!

Open Wednesdays
during the school term
8:15am - 8:45am




Free Toast!

UHS has a free breakfast program that runs every morning!



Weekly Specials

WEEK SIX

Meatball Sub \$5.00

Kale Caesar Salad \$6.00

Order at the Canteen and available through Flexischools

Available everyday of the week
Break 2 until sold out.







ULLADULLA CAREER & COMMUNITY SHOWCASE

Thurs June 5th
9am - 3pm

Ulladulla High School
Main Hall (MPC)
St Vincent Street Entrance

Building Futures Together

Discover, Connect & Inspire



Special Keynote Speaker:
Dr Nici Sweaney
Will be opening the event

Dr. Nici Sweaney is a **globally recognised AI consultant, educator, and thought leader** with nearly two decades of experience in ethical innovation and inclusive digital strategy.

Nici has delivered keynotes and workshops at **over 50 global events**, including TEDx, and featured in Forbes, Her Canberra, and The Little National Post.

Dr. Nici also appeared on The Quicly Podcast, **one of Australia's top 15 podcasts**, reaching 200,000+ listeners per episode. In 2024, **Microsoft News named her one of the Top 10 Trailblazing Entrepreneurs in AI** - the only Australian on the list.

WHY should I attend?

- Meet Employers & Experts:** Connect with local businesses and industries, TAFE, Universities, and Australian Defence Force
- Explore Career Paths:** Discover apprenticeships, further education, career pathways and future opportunities
- Build Community Connections:** See how local businesses & industries shape future careers
- Hands-On Experiences:** Interactive displays and expert talks to inspire the future

For more information or to be involved, Visit:
careersshowcase.com.au








	Dates to remember
	Term 2, 2025
Tues 3 June	Biggest Morning Tea
Wed 4 June	First Nations Defence Force Experience
	Girls Can Too Trade Day
Thur 5 June	Country University Centre Parent Info Night
Mon 9 June	Community Careers Showcase
Tues 10 June	Public Holiday
Wed 11 June	Yr 8, 9 & 10 Trade Readiness 3 Day Course
	Worlds Greatest Shave - Break 2
	Big Picture Information Evening 5pm TLS
Thur 12 June	Year 8 Red RPM Hike
Fri 13 June	Year 7 Vaccinations
	Regional Cross Country
Mon 16 June	Year 9 OED Rock Climbing Excursion
Thur 19 June	Year 8 Green RPM Hike
	DV Cup Program
Mon 23 June - Fri 4 July	Year 12 Trial HSC Exams
Thur 26 June	Year 8 Indigo RPM Hike
Fri 27 June	Coondoo Classic
Thur 3 July	Year 8 Orange RPM Hike

Day Loan Laptop Reminder

Reminding students that Day Loan Laptops are to be returned to the Library before 2:50 on the day that they have been borrowed. Day loan laptops are not to go home.

