# The Summit Times

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# We welcome our 'Friends of the School'

To our incredible community of volunteers, supporters, advocates, mentors, coaches, and all those who work tirelessly behind the scenes - we extend our heartfelt thanks. Our 2024 'Friends of the School' High Tea was nothing short of spectacular. Our Year 11 Hospitality students greeted guests with expertly crafted barista-style coffee and yummy punch, while our Year 10 Food Technology classes prepared a stunning selection of savoury treats, cakes, slices, and specialties. It was a beautiful morning, filled with the warmth of community and the joy of coming together. Guests were treated to the finest hospitality that UHS has to offer, as students and supporters shared in the experience. A special thank you and congratulations go to our Hospitality staff and students for their exceptional efforts, ensuring the event was a resounding success with professionalism and skill.



# West Nowra Recycling and Waste Depot

Like many communities across Australia, Shoalhaven City Council is facing challenges with the management of solid waste. Changes in policy nationally and internationally are affecting many of these challenges in addition to greater community expectations for the Council to manage waste more sustainably.



Year 12 Earth and Environmental Science students visited the West Nowra Recycling and Waste Depot as part of their Depth Study on Resource Management. The aim of the excursion was to evaluate the sustainability of a waste management option that they experienced at the waste depot. Students

were shown the raw recycled material from household waste and saw first hand how that waste is turned into useable material that is sent to industry to use in new products. A great example is the use of waste textiles that are turned into sturdy tiles for flooring.





Celebrating Sporting Excellence at the Sports Assembly

The recent Sports Assembly on Monday 2 December, brought together students, parents, and special guests to celebrate the outstanding sporting achievements of Ulladulla High School in 2024. This event recognised students who reached South Coast representation or competed for UHS at the state level and highlighted exceptional performances across various sports. Zone Blues Awards were presented to Jessica Kann, Annabelle Healey, and Aliyah Healey for their outstanding achievements, while Ella Colusso received a Regional Blues Award. Sportspersons of the Year Ella Colusso and Aliyah

Healey were each awarded a \$250 scholarship sponsored by Anytime Fitness from the AFL Dockers Club for incredible individual sporting achievements and contributions to sport at UHS. Team of the Year was awarded to the 7/8 Girls Touch Football Team, coached by Ms. Curtis, for their remarkable teamwork and success - placing 6th at state. The assembly also



Sports Persons of the Year: Ella Colusso & Aliyah Healey

recognised our talented athletes in Swimming, Cross Country, and Athletics, as well as special achievements by the Surfing Team (who reached the state finals for the first time), 7/8 Girls Touch, Boys Volleyball, and Ten Pin Bowling teams. The event featured vibrant performances by the Dance Group and Year 12 Aerialist Group, showcasing the creative talents of our students. Daringyan House emerged as the overall winner of the Swimming, Athletics, and Cross Country carnivals congratulations! Mr. Youens received the Wooden Spoon Award, and Mrs. Dower was named Coach of the Year. Sports MVPs were awarded watches in recognition of their extraordinary consistent efforts. We want to also apologise for not formally acknowledging the outstanding achievements of our Snowsports athletes who attended State: Freya Bryant, Hayley Grabia, Alexis Hanley, Chloe Grabia, Elsie Foster, Leif Dampney, Jacob Jones, Toby Millard, Cooper Minassian, Hayden Minassian, Noah Wackett, Avla Richards, Kody Upson, Chantelle Garrett. Nationals competitors: Cooper Minassian, Hayden Minassian, Freya Bryant, Hayley Grabia, Alexsis Hanley and our equestrian students Micki Boone who attended 2024 NSW Interschools and Freya Bryant NSW State Interschools. A heartfelt thank you to our PDHPE Team specifically Mr. Pearson and Mrs Henry for the organisation of the event. As well as the efforts of Ms. Grady, Mr. Skinner, and Ms. McCutchen and Mr Hart - for their work in making the event a success. This memorable occasion celebrated the dedication, talent, and spirit of our school's athletes, and we look forward to more achievements in 2025.





# Careers UOW Summer Masterclass.

Congratulations to Year 11/12 students Ivy Lawson and Rome Foots who have been offered a place in the University of

Wollongong Summer Masterclass. They will get a head start on university, completing a subject during the January holidays. Rome is "Exploring Global challenges through Science", whilst Ivy will study "Critical Skills for Literature and Screen."



# First Aid

We are excited to announce that 23 dedicated students have successfully achieved their First Aid qualification! This is a notable accomplishment, demonstrating their commitment to learning essential life-saving skills!



Alumni Event Very excited to welcome UHS Alumni's Ruby Boland and Courtney Fry back to chat Careers, Work, Music, Photography and life after school! Held Tuesday 17 December, session 2 in the MPC.



Year 9 and 10

# Sydney School Spectacular

Congratulations to Sarah Fletcher who represented Ulladulla High School at Sydney's School Spectacular All 4 One! Over the weekend. Well done Sarah we at Ulladulla High School are proud of your achievements and hard work!

"Wow, Sydney Schools Spectacular was the best experience of my life! I was able to join the D'Arts Ensemble which has opened my eyes that even if someone has a disability they are so talented and I was so fortunate to be apart of it. I would like to thank Mrs Grady, the choreographers, Chris and Gin, my lovely support worker Calarnie for taking me up and down to Sydney and my wonderful Mum and Dad for being my amazing supports. Coming back home from School Spectacular I have learnt that every single person can dance and I cannot wait for next year! A highlight was being interviewed by Zoe Martin for Channel 7 news! " - Sarah Fletcher Year 11



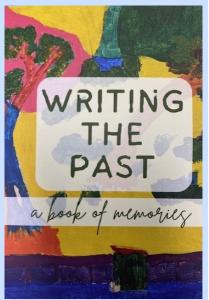
# Year 9 English High Achievers

Year 9 High Achievers were recognised at their Year Assembly. Each of these students scored 100% on their last English Assessment Task. They each received a \$5 canteen voucher courtesy of the English Department.



Year 7 book 'Writing the Past'

Copies of our Year 7 book 'Writing the Past' are now available! Students have written a short memoir about something that is special to them at the beginning of the year creating this book of memories. Pre ordered books can be collected at student services (emails have been sent to parents/ carers as well). Mrs Greenacre will be coming to your class to remind everyone there are only limited copies, so don't miss out!! The books are only \$10 each, perfect as Xmas presents.



# Introducing our Year 12 Senior Executive Team 2025

Back left to right: Will Skinner, Rome Foots, Elsie Foster (Vice Captain), Alex Gunn, Cameron Davies (School Captain), Hayden Minassian, Jacob Jones & Maximus Monaghan. Front left to right: Amy Bruce, Chloe Jeffers, Jordan Magi (School Captain), Bailey Bergin, Marli Roughley, Annabelle Healey (Vice Captain), Sophie Whitmore & Frida Contor



### Koori Korner

Our Year 6 First Nation students had a fantastic afternoon at the high school, kicking off their transition journey with a fun and engaging session alongside our Ochre team. The afternoon was all about getting to know each other,



breaking the ice, and building connections through language games and other activities.

Despite the weather throwing a curveball with a sudden thunderstorm, the students showed incredible enthusiasm and flexibility. Even though some of the games were rained out, everyone stayed positive and made the most of the time together. Their energy and good sportsmanship really stood out, creating a memorable experience for all involved.

A huge shoutout to the high school team for putting together such an important event, and a special thanks to the primary school AEOs for their ongoing support. This afternoon was a valuable step in helping our students feel comfortable and excited about the next chapter in their education journey. We can't wait to see them thrive in high school!

## Transition with Ease

Over the last few weeks, Year 6s have had classroom visits with our Milumba classes for extra transition to High School. Students were excited to take part in learning activities such as cooking, woodwork, music, a mainstream history class, and the maths carnival. Students transitioning into Milumba now feel confident and comfortable in their new learning environment for 2025. Thank you to all involved in putting these experiences together.



Uniform Shop online bookings - January 2025 Our online booking system is now up and running for the January school holiday period. Use the link below: https://daylightschoolwear.au/ulladulla/booking Alternatively you can call Evelyn in the school uniform shop on Ph 4455 1799 Ext #152. Uniform shop hours are Mon - Thu 8 -11am with extended hours during the January period.



### Steady Attendance in 2024, Prepared for 2025!

Dear Parents, Thank you for your support and working with us through 2024 to achieve attendance goals. Our attendance rates and levels remained stable against 2023 improvements and were slightly better against state averages than last year. In 2025, please continue to respond to the text message alert explaining why your child is away. Details like 'sick with gastro', 'medical appointment' help us to understand your child's circumstances and identify where support is needed. If you notice that your child does not want to attend school or you feel concerned about signs of school refusal, there is support available at UHS. Information and strategies about school refusal are available at: https://tinyurl.com/yjfdws2z https://tinyurl.com/282bbh2p

#### https://tinyurl.com/87kk4skj.

In 2025, Mrs Ommundsen will be on maternity leave. Please contact UHS and ask to speak with Mr Ramsden for support. Looking forward to seeing you every day in 2025.



#### Manjushri Buddhist Centre Visit

Buddhism students had a field Trip to the Manjushri Buddhist Centre (MBC) at Milton last Monday.

It was very fruitful and mutually beneficial for all the students that attended, and also for MBC as an organisation to show what they have to offer at their small centre in Milton.

Hopefully now moving forward. the children would feel more comfortable if they returned to the centre in the future should they wish to come to a teaching by one of the very learned Buddhist Masters.



