The Bowral High Singers performed at the lighting of the Christmas tree in Corbett Plaza on Monday night. The event, which was opened by the Mayor, attracted over 100 people. Our singers performed many cherished carols and helped set the Christmas spirit alight.  (Photo courtesy of Southern Highland News)

Ms Ware - CAPA

Wishing students, parents and the extended Bowral High School community, a very happy Christmas and New Year. Have safe and relaxing holidays!
University of Wollongong (UOW)
Important Information

UOW College and UOW 2016 Option's Day

UOW College will again be exhibiting at the annual 2016 UOW Option's Day to be held on the 5th of January at the UOW Wollongong Campus. We will be on hand to provide information about Alternative Pathways to UOW, Career-Ready Qualifications, Payment Options, Scholarships and much more! Students, Parents and Career Advisors can register at the UOW Upcoming Events website.

Are you ready to kick-start your career?

UOW College has a number of career-ready qualifications in Nursing, Early Childhood, Legal Services, Fitness, Business and Community Services. We offer courses ranging from Certificate III to Diploma-level to help you get where you are going in no time at all! Contact us at uowc-vocational@uow.edu.au or 1300 885 395 for more information. Also ask us about In2Uni and Smart & Skilled Scholarship Opportunities.

Are you Worried About Your ATAR? UOW College has got you covered!!

UOW College has been helping students achieve their study goals and gain entry into UOW Bachelor degrees for over 25 years. We offer alternative pathways to most Bachelor* programs at the University of Wollongong. Some of our programs can also be listed as one of your 9 Preferences in the Universities Admissions Centre online offer system. Visit the UAC website for information on our programs on offer and how to elect a preference. For further information contact UOW Future Students via 1300 367 869 or via future-students@uow.edu.au.

*Subject to meeting UOW entry requirements.

STEP to UOW Program in 2016

The UOW College would like to remind you of their STEP to UOW Program for any students who may have experienced or be experiencing disadvantage during their secondary schooling, particularly Years 10-12. Eligibility criteria and course information can be found at the UOW College website or by contacting Miss Sherien Khachiche via sherien@uow.edu.au or on (02) 4221 3950.

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Invitation to the 2015 Year 9 Awards Convocation

On Friday 11 December at 12.50pm in the school hall we will be celebrating the conclusion of Year 9 in preparation for our students’ transition into senior school which, at Bowral High School, begins in Year 10.

This celebration will include the acknowledgement of academic and sporting achievements, presentation of School Reports and Year Jerseys, as well as student performances.

All students are required to wear full school uniform NOT sports uniform. (Only students wearing full school uniform will receive their award on stage).

Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend and we would love to see you there.

Any enquiries please direct to Christine Beasley, Careers Advisor and Convocation Co-ordinator, during school hours on 48 612255.

Linda Langton
Deputy Principal

Nicole Reay
Year 9 Advisor

John Staats
Deputy Principal
Artexpress Success!

Congratulations to Raphael Lee. His final HSC Body of Work for Visual Arts has been selected to be part of the 2015 Artexpress Exhibition. His work is a series of ceramic pieces that are a fusion of John Brack’s “Collins Street at 5.30” and the playground at Bowral High. The works will be exhibited at Hazlehurst Regional Gallery in Sydney and Wagga Wagga Regional Gallery. Both exhibitions will be in the new year.

2015 Throsby Active Citizenship Awardee

Congratulations to Caitlin Stephens of Year 11, who was recently a recipient of the above award. Caitlin was nominated for this award as she is an outstanding member of both the Bowral High School community and the broader community. At school, Caitlin is involved in numerous groups and activities including Interact, Breakfast Club, Tulip Time and fundraising for the Shelter Box. She was the school representative for the Bowral High ANZAC Memorial Garden Project and participated in the Kangaroo March re-enactment. Caitlin has also been a member of the Senior Debating Team and represented the school in the Youth Environment Network. In the broader community, Caitlin amongst other things, is a Red Cross volunteer and has raised funds for Legacy, also as a volunteer. Caitlin is an exemplary and active citizen and we congratulate her on receiving the above award.

Yarran Cox - Year 11 Advisor

Sydney Opera House Excursion

The Bowral High Dance students had the opportunity to go to the Sydney Opera House to see the Australian Ballet Company. The program was a mix of American greats and a new Australian choreographer.

The students enjoyed the physicality of the Modern Ballet by George Balanchine and In The Upper Room by Twyla Tharp. However, the intense, fast and aggressive Filigree and Shadow and were the works most loved by the students.

The dance students will again have the opportunity of extending their appreciation of Contemporary and Aboriginal Dance with excursions to see The Sydney Dance Company and Bangarra Dance Theatre in 2016.

Amber White - Dance Teacher
Girls Group Update
The past fortnight in the Year 8 girls group we have had a session on the impact of cyber bullying. The girls watched short film called 'Best Enemies'. Best Enemies is a new cyber safety education program which uses an engaging and confronting film to provide resources on cyber safety to young people. Based on true events, it retells the story of how quickly friends can turn on each other and through the cyber world can spread vicious lies and rumours which can have devastating and tragic consequences. As a group, the girls discussed their own experiences with cyber bullying and ways in which they combat these obstacles and feelings.

Our other session focussed on the story of Malala Yousafzai and her struggle with the Taliban and the rights for girls to go to school. Through discussion we also looked at the basic rights, health and wellbeing of girls in developing countries. The girls were deeply touched by the lack of health supplies for girls/women in these developing countries and are organising ways in which they can donate some basic necessities. I applaud the girls for their empathy and generosity.

Book Club
The book club Kindles are up and running and the girls are loving them!

We are currently reading 'Before I Fall' by Lauren Oliver. For popular high school senior Samantha Kingston, February 12—“Cupid Day”—should be one big party, a day of valentines and roses, and the privileges that come with being at the top of the social pyramid. And it is…until she dies in a terrible accident that night. However, she still wakes up the next morning. In fact, Sam lives the last day of her life seven times, until she realises that by making even the slightest changes, she may hold more power than she ever imagined.

We meet every Monday at lunch for a chat and sweet treats! Please feel free to come and see me if you would like to join.

Mrs Karakash-Hawker

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School resumes in 2016 on Thursday 28 January for years 7, 11 and 12 and Friday 29 January for the rest of the school.

Don’t forget the Performing Arts Night on TUESDAY 8 December 6pm at the Hall and also Presentation Night on Wednesday 9 December at 7pm, again in the Hall.