NSW Australians of the Year Tour of Honour.

Bowral High School was honoured to host the Tour of Honour for 2015 NSW Australians of the Year on 29 July 2015. Our school held a special Assembly for our guests, Genevieve Clay-Smith (2015 NSW Young Australian of the Year), Deborra-lee Furness (2015 NSW Australian of the Year), Rev Graham Long (2014 NSW Australian of the Year Local Hero) and Corey Payne (2013 NSW Young Australian of the Year).

Every student was offered the opportunity to participate in the assembly by completing an ‘expression of interest’. Our student leadership groups (Prefects, SRC and Interact students) also attended as did a number of English classes (who have been studying a unit on 'Heroes' and Genevieve Clay Smith's short film 'Be My Brother').

At the assembly, our students, together with parents, guests and students invited from our partner primary schools and Moss Vale High School, listened to the inspirational stories from our NSW Australians of the Year. Students also participated in a Q&A session with our honoured guests.

In order to generate questions for the Q&A, all students who participated in the assembly underwent a pre-visit workshop with Mr Staats or their English teacher where they looked at the history of the Australian of the Year and the achievements of each of our visiting dignitaries. Students also investigated the art of asking and generating 'open-ended, high-gain' questions. Students created a list of more than 200 questions from which a panel of teachers and students selected a pool of around 20. From this short-list, Corey Payne selected the questions to be asked on the day.

This was an exciting and unique opportunity, not only for our school but also for the local community.

After the assembly, the NSW Australians of the Year had lunch in our school cafe ('Cafe Bowral'), run by our hospitality students. The feedback from the group on the quality of the dining experience was 'exceptional'.

Bowral High School has plans continue our links with these NSW Australians of the Year. Their work is a source of inspiration for our long standing commitment to students ‘making a difference’ in their communities through the activities of our SRC, Interact Club, our Speak Act Lead Student Leadership Program and the 40 Day Kindness Project (which launches later this term).

Mr Staats
Deputy Principal

(Please see more photos from this event on the next page)
Pictured clockwise from the top is:
Genevieve Clay-Smith (at the podium) and
Corey Payne at the podium.

Genevieve Clay-Smith, Debora-lee Furness,
Margaret Turner (our School Education
Director), Kim Paviour and Reverend Graham
Long from the Wayside Chapel, enjoying the
beautiful lunch provided by Home Economic
Faculty and our Hospitality students;

Corey Payne, who hosted the Question and
Answer session.
Year 7 Education Week Showcase

On Thursday 30 July, more than 300 parents, students and teachers attended our annual Year 7 Education Week Showcase.

The evening previewed the exciting programs the school offers to Year 7 in Project-based learning, our university linkage program (ASPIRE) and our Stage 4 Student Leadership Program, Speak Act Lead.

The evening showcased the work of Year 7 and their teachers. Static displays of each classes’ work opened the night with students proudly displaying example of the project work that reflects each Year 7 classes’ designated interest/learning focus. The talent of Year 7 Art students was also on display, with their work adorning the walls of the hall.

The evening’s entertainment was provided by students of 7L (the Performing Arts Class), with solos by Olivia Chang and Talitha Ward, and a class ensemble piece ‘Chasing Cars’. Thank you to Mr Donaldson, Ms Ware and Ms Karakasch-Hawker for ably preparing our performers.

Mrs Reay, Mrs Cohn and our hospitality students provided hot pies, cake, biscuits and beverages on the night and the School Interact Club ran a sausage sizzle.

The formal part of the night featured short trailer films made by each class to introduce their class projects (due for completion in Term 4. Students from every class took to the microphone and proudly announced their projects to the world.

The evening also saw the announcement of the 2015 Speak Act Lead (SAL) project and the 40 Day Kindness Program (the ‘40DayKP’).

SAL & the 40 Day KP kicks off later this term with a fabulous camp at Wooglemai Environment Education Centre. Last year the students made a difference in the world by constructing 20 prosthetic hands for land mine victims around the world. This year the Speak Act Lead project will involve another (as yet secret) project of equal significance for making a difference in the world. This act of kindness marks the start of the 40 Day KP where our students transform themselves and other through five random acts of kindness per day for forty days. The project is about unlocking the power of the ‘kindness ripple’ and ‘paying kindness forward’.

Congratulations to Year 7 and their teachers, and we look forward to the Year 7 Showcase Finale in Term 4 at Bowral Empire Cinemas.

John Staats - Deputy Principal
Bowral’s Got Talent? ….. Yes we do!

Over 150 students rock the school with Bowral’s Got Talent! 2015

An audience of over 400 were treated to a great evening of talent from over 150 performers at this year’s Bowral’s Got Talent, which was held on Friday 31 July at Bowral High School.

Students from our partner primary schools provided entertaining items throughout the night, along with solo, small and large ensemble performances from Bowral High students.

Artworks were displayed around the hall, and Entertainment and Hospitality students worked with their teachers to support the event with technical expertise and great food!

The evening raised funds for the BHS Interact group’s charities: Camp Quality and the purchase of a Shelter Box for Nepal.

(Photos courtesy of Brian Rapsey - Rhapsody Pictures)

Bowral’s Got Talent concluded with a massed concert band with 50 students from Bowral High as well as Mittagong and Colo Vale Public Schools. What a great way to finish a terrific night which celebrated the diverse talents of our Community of Schools.

Congratulations to all staff and students involved in this year’s concert!

Ms Michelle Ware  - CAPA Faculty
Bowral High School celebrated NAIDOC Day on Monday 27 July. We started the day with an assembly led by Carla Souter-May and William Armstrong. The whole school experienced a smoking celebration performed by Mr Brad Bevis and accompanied by Mr Jestyn Nand with the didgeridoo (assisted on the side of the Hall by Mr Aaron Cooke and Mr Michael Cooper). This was led by cultural dancers from Years 7-9 (Hannah Taylor, Emma Moloney, Carla Souter-May, Felicity Walsh, Zoe Cole-Gee). Mr Larry Whiper, a long time Council member, spoke to the students of the significance of NAIDOC Day. Mr Bob Simpson, grandfather to Emily (Yr12) and Hannah (Yr9), gave a presentation on the local sites of cultural significance. Mr Matt Rose from Aboriginal Affairs and Ms Melissa Wiya (Aboriginal Community Development Officer from the Wingecarribee Shire Council) were present to help us celebrate this important event and we thank them for their attendance and support.

After the ceremony, our guests shared a lovely morning tea prepared in Café Bowral with our Koori students, (thanks to Mrs Reay and her Hospitality team) Students from Year 7 and 8 then participated in a selection of traditional sporting and cultural activities until lunch time. A sausage sizzle was provided by the SRC for the Koori kids and our guests, followed by a yarn session to end the day. Our special thanks go to all of our guests who supported this day of celebration. The day was made possible by the continued support of Bob Simpson and Elizabeth Taylor who have worked tirelessly with the Koori Kids Club throughout the year. Thanks also go to for Mrs Angie Harmey for her organisation of all things practical on the day, and last but not least to the great group of kids who have banded together in the Koori kids Club to learn about and celebrate their culture.

Linda Langton - Deputy Principal
Bowral High School Interact Club Annual report 2015
As this year’s President, my main aim has been to make Bowral High Interact Club an integral part of the school community. At present I am on target for this to occur. I would like to let you know everything we have done as a Club, since January this year.

- The club was invited by the school to march for ANZAC Day as part of Bowral High school’s leadership group at both dawn and day services
- We sponsored Victoria Morris and Ben Forbes on their trip to Nepal in the Easter holidays where they helped to build classroom at a school. When Nepal was struck by an earthquake, both Ben and Victoria, along with a few other students led the way for the school to raise money to benefit Nepal. This was done through a spare change bucket at the canteen for a number of weeks, a benefit concert (where again Interact helped out behind the scenes and some of us were able to perform) and an SRC sausage sizzle.
- Our members have collected for Red Cross and Legacy
- We have become a part of the student committee for PBS (Positive Behaviour for Success) and we also managed to not only help Mrs Young on the face painting station, we also had fun participating in the school’s PBS day which was last Friday (our roll call had a 99.9% attendance, which showed our enthusiasm).
- We partnered with the CAPA Faculty for Bowral’s Got Talent, raising approximately $2200 but not all costs have come out as yet. From this night, we will be using $1000 to buy a Rotary Shelter Box and sending it Nepal. We will also be sponsoring Bill van Dieman $500 for his Bush Bash for Camp Quality in support of our local camp at Fitzroy Falls
- Members of our clubs have participated in Breakfast Club as participants. We also clean up (we are now all fantastic under water ceramic detailers) and of course have helped finance it as it is our school based project.
- Members have promoted the club through the school’s assemblies talking about RYPEN, the club and its aims. By accident we have discovered Shianne Taylor is a great public speaker who is now our Publicity Officer and has surprised not only us but staff as well.
- We are now seen as part of student leadership within the school and as such attended an assembly for NSW Australians of the Year where Debora-lee Furness, Rev Graham Long, Genevieve Clay-Smith and Corey Payne spoke about how they were nominated and they inspired us to give back to our community.

Our aims for 2015 – 2016
- Deciding on possible plans for getting a water fountain at school for students to refill their water bottles like the ones in Corbett Plaza and Bundanoon
- Participating in upcoming Relay for Life with SRC and Prefects
- Improve and create relationships between Rotarians by having Rotarians as our guest speakers at Interact meetings as well as having Interact members attend Rotary meetings more often
- Host a Trivia night and Bowling night to continue to create better relationships between our two Rotary clubs, Rotaract and ourselves

Breakfast Club will also be running for another year successfully due to the RSL Grant of $5000. I will also like to acknowledge Mrs Lee for writing the application to the RSL on behalf of our club as we are under 18.

As Year 11 are leaving us at the end of this year, we also will have a membership drive to gain more members.

Caitlin Lindsay - Bowral High Interact President
Year 9 Great Aussie Bush Camp report

If the opportunity to head to a destination a little warmer than the Southern Highlands in winter can’t awaken your soul, I don’t know what else will!

Unless of course you were one of the 70 students and four teachers that seized the opportunity for mud, kayaking, high ropes, giant swings and slides in Week 2.

The “Great Aussie Bush Camp” at Tea Gardens hosted us for three days of experiences. We all tried to reach to a limit that we have never thought we could, including me, who went on the giant swing. The mud challenge was hilarious, even though a little cold but the Hilton was never promised.

The majority of students received challenges openly and I know from talking with them, many experienced activities they have not had before and conquered fears they thought not possible.

One of the highlights was a bus ride to the sand dunes of Bennett’s Beach at Hawks Nest. The dunes are part of the National Park and Aboriginal people use this destination as an area for meetings and corroboree. We had the opportunity to kick a ball, jump the dunes and take some amazing photos whilst bonding with one another.

I am very honoured to have taken such a wonderful group of students away and am more than pleased to honestly report that we did not have any issues. Thank you to Mrs Harmey, Mr Bleasdale and Mr Van Bentum for making this trip memorable for our year group.

Nicole Reay - Year 9 Advisor
Some Calendar Dates for Term 3 2015

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Seat belts on buses: recently Berrima Buses contacted the school to remind students and parents that if a bus has seat belts which some now do, students are legally required to put the seat belt on. Any student who refuses to do this is at risk of having their bus pass confiscated.

Upcoming Events

UOW Southern Highlands OPEN NIGHT
Wed 19 August, 6pm
UOW Southern Highlands Campus
Kirkham Street
Moss Vale

Join us for our OPEN NIGHT to find out more about:
- Why go to University?
- Local Study Options
- Entry Requirements
- Pathways to University
- Costs and Scholarships
- University Admissions Centre Applications for all Unis 2016
- Gap Year Study

Dates for P&C Meetings 2015
The P&C meet every third Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the Staff Common Room. All parents and interested citizens are warmly invited to come along and be involved in Bowral High School and our students’ education. Here are the dates for meetings this year:

19 August, 16 September, 21 October, 18 November