

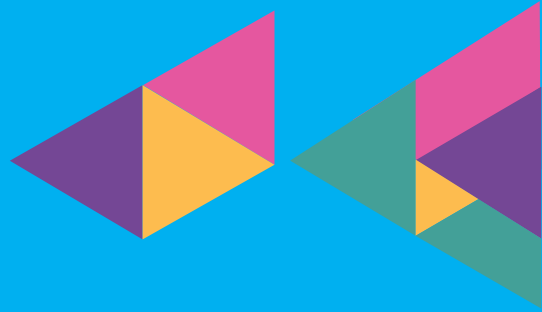


Youth chronicles

Edition 5 - Issue 1



“Stories of young people achieving great things in our region”



Welcome to the Youth Chronicles Magazine

Here you can find the latest news direct from our region's young people.

This publication is produced through a partnership between the region's high schools and youth service providers and is proudly supported by Bundaberg Regional Council. The Youth Chronicles are released three times a year in April, July and October and contains stories about some of the great things our region's young people are doing and achieving.

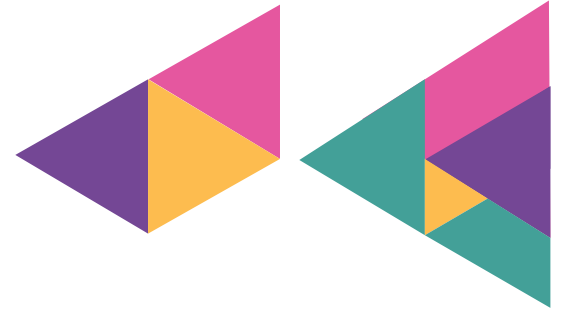
Through region-wide collaboration, stories will be shared not only from our regions high school students, but also from those young people who are no longer attending school. Every high school in the region has been given the opportunity to provide two pages for each edition, with many schools getting the students involved in designing the pages, writing the stories and taking the photos. Youth service providers are also providing stories and photos which are compiled on two pages.

The Youth Chronicles magazine will be made available online at www.bundaberg.qld.gov.au/youth. An electronic copy is sent to each school to share and a limited number are printed and distributed throughout the community.

We would really appreciate your feedback on the content and quality, along with your thoughts on the projects youth have been involved in. The feedback is valuable in ensuring continuous improvement, as well as allowing the young people in our community to hear a different narrative about their contributions to the community they live in.

To provide feedback or if you would like more information, please contact our Community Development Officer on 1300 883 699 or comdev@bundaberg.qld.gov.au





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2021 YEAR 12 STUDENT OUTCOMES

Bundaberg State High School symbolise and exemplifies excellence in public school education. Our students are surrounded by possibilities and opportunities in many diverse and enriched programs. This was evident in our 2021 Year 12 student outcomes. 2021 was another highly successful year for Bundaberg State High School, with 99.5% of our Year 12 students successfully attaining their QCE or QCIA. The outstanding ATAR performance of Year 12 students enabled the majority to obtain their first preference into their desired University Course. We also saw a number of students obtain apprenticeships and fulltime work. The range of successful outcomes of students reinforces the high quality of education provided at Bundaberg State High.

INVESTITURE AND BADGE CEREMONY

The Bundaberg State High School Investiture and Year 12 Badge Ceremony saw our Junior and Senior leaders come together in unity to make Bundaberg State High School a better place to learn and grow. More than 300 guests, including family members, beamed with pride as our leaders were presented with their badges. Our Junior Representative Council (JRC), Senior Representative Council (SRC), Indigenous, and House leaders have many responsibilities. Congratulations to all our leaders who are doing a wonderful job and making a difference.



Congratulations to Hannah M. who was named Bundaberg State High School 2021 Senior DUX at our recent Investiture. The determination of the Senior Dux is pending the release of final QCAA results. Hannah is currently studying Medicine in Townsville at James Cook University.

2021 SENIOR SCHOOL DUX

GLADSTONE PORTS (GPC) BURSARY

In 2013 Gladstone Ports Corporation (GPC), as part of its Reconciliation Action Plan under "Increasing Opportunities", introduced a new bursary to be awarded to Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, and Australian South Sea Islander students currently enrolled and attending secondary schools in the Gladstone and Bundaberg Region.



Congratulations for Jordan A. who received a \$750 bursary and Seth J. who received a \$500 bursary. Due to the impressive quality of applications two other students were also awarded a bursary. Congratulations to Brody A. and Joshua A. who each received a \$300 bursary

2022 QMEA AMBASSADOR

Lleyton P. has been announced as one of the 2022 QMEA Student Ambassadors. QMEA selects up to twenty of the best and brightest senior students each year to become QMEA Student Ambassadors. Over the next twelve months Lleyton will participate in activities that will increase his understanding of the resources sector, provide opportunities for networking with other students and industry representatives, and develop leadership skills.



QLD 2022 WOMEN IN MINING



As a QMEA Ambassador, Hayley S. in Year 12 was successful in her application for the Women in Mining and Resources Queensland (WMARQ) Girls in Resources Mentoring Program for 2022. This program is supported by the Queensland Resources Council (QRC) and provides students with guidance, support and advice as they navigate Year 12 and go on to further education and/or training.



LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR

On Saturday 5 March, Lleyton P., Brianna L., Hayley S., and Brayden S. participated in the Lions Youth of the Year public speaking competition. All students participated in a thirty-minute interview in the morning based on their application, before delivering a five-minute prepared speech and two two-minute impromptu speeches later that afternoon.



Lleyton P. and Brayden S. progressed to the Regional Finals, held on Saturday 12 March, where Brayden S. was announced the winner. Brayden then competed in the District Finals, performing admirably and standing out as the only male amongst the five competitors. Brayden spoke beautifully and engaged the audience with his prepared speech. Congratulations to all of our students who competed in the competition.

BUNDABERG STATE HIGH COMPETES IN BDSSS SWIMMING CARNIVAL



The Bundaberg State High School swimming team competed in the Bundaberg District Secondary Schools Sport Swimming Carnival on Friday 11th March at Norville Park Swimming Pool.

Bundaberg State High School Junior and Senior students joined forces to Clean Up Australia Day on Friday 25th March. Students armed themselves with gloves, bags and tongs to collect rubbish and make a difference in our local community.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

BUNDY HIGH HURRICANES – FAST 5 COMP

The Bundy High Hurricanes are making a name for themselves as a team to try and beat. Students competed in the inaugural Fast 5 Netball Competition recently. Fast 5 is an adapted style of play with five vs five rather than the traditional seven team members on court per team. There is a Power Play quarter for each team – where the points scored are doubled – and three different scoring opportunities. Goalers can shoot from outside the goal circle for three points, inside the circle (1.5 meters) for two points and the remainder of the goal circle for one point. All within a six-minute quarter – FAST!



Students were off-campus competing but that didn't stop them putting their best foot forward in supporting Crazy Sock Day and the National Day of Action Against Bullying. Students supported those back on-campus with their donation to these great causes and by bringing awareness by wearing their socks at the competition.

Lions Youth of the Year Public Speaking Competition



In term 1 2022, Year 12 students Byron Lerch and Jayne Wake participated in the Lions Youth of the Year Public Speaking Competition representing the BUNDABERG NORTH LIONS CLUB and the MOORE PARK LIONS CLUB. Both students attended an interview in the morning at school with the three Judges and in the evening delivered a 5 minute prepared speech on a topic of their choice. They were also required to respond to 2 two-minute impromptu questions.

Both Byron and Jayne held the audience's attention with their interesting and well delivered prepared speeches. The Judges and audience were extremely impressed. Byron was announced as the Overall Public Speaking Winner on the night.

Congratulations Byron and Jayne.

First Nations Celebrations

Our Year 7s celebrated our First Nations Festival with a variety of activities in term 1 – examining artefacts, face-painting, story-telling, Indigenous games and of course boomerang throwing and eating kangaroo meat. As part of our Humanities' unit the students had the opportunity to actively learn and enjoy exploring the rich culture of our First Nations' people.



Year 12 Badge Ceremony



Year 12 students were involved in their senior badge ceremony on Tuesday 15 March. The students completed a pledge to commit to their own learning and be an active member of the school community. In the ceremony the students were presented with their senior badges, and the surprise presentation of their senior jersey made the experience all the more special.



Better Buddies: Anti-Bullying Committee

On Thursday and Friday of Week 8, our school celebrated the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. The theme for 2022 was Kindness Culture.

The Better Buddies Anti-Bullying Committee ran a variety of successful activities throughout the school, including: mindful colouring in the library, RAS videos, a Stymie stand with a guessing game competition and an Instagram photo frame wherein students could get photos with our mascot, Buddy Bear. In addition, it was delightful to see so many students and teachers wearing their anti-bullying shirts on Friday in support of the National Day of Action.

The Better Buddies were also incredibly excited to welcome Bundaberg's mayor, Jack Dempsey, to our school to discuss the National Day of Action and the work our committee does to encourage inclusivity and kindness. Mr Dempsey's visit was a wonderful way to finish off our celebrations and days of awareness, and he especially loved meeting our one and only, Buddy Bear!





**SHALOM
COLLEGE**
PROVIDING OUTSTANDING FUTURES



CELEBRATING OUR SENIORS

This term we celebrated our Year 12 students with their Induction Liturgy. Our theme for the year is a mosaic. The tiles of our mosaic are made up of the interactions we have with others, how we care for each other, the relationships we build, the work we produce, the strength of our faith and the service we render to our community. The opportunities to make a difference and the decision points we have each day are almost endless. These all come together to create our Shalom College mosaic.

This term we also gathered to celebrate the Year 12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cohort of Shalom College. Usually, the group would travel to Rockhampton and be recognised in front of the Diocese and all graduating students from the other Catholic schools, but unfortunately due to COVID-19 this was cancelled - so we brought the celebration here to Shalom where our Year 7 to 11 students could see, experience, and be part of the Year 12's journey.

We are blessed to have this Year 12 cohort and we celebrate with them the beginning of a very special year and are eager to see what they add to our mosaic.



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

During March, our Shalom College music department presented their first concert for the year with each group showcasing their achievements for the term by presenting their favourite piece to an audience of enthusiastic supporters. It was wonderful to welcome our Year 7 students as they performed for the very first time in our ensembles, we look forward to watching their growth within the program.

Congratulations to all our students for their dedication and commitment to making this concert a success. After all the hard work that happens, getting up to perform to a live audience is what it's all about.

QUEENSLAND PARLIAMENT VISIT

Two members of the Queensland Parliamentary Education team and the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, the Hon. Curtis Pitt, visited Shalom and met with three classes; Miss Stallard's Year 9 Business and Civics class, Mr O'Driscoll's Year 11 Legal Studies class and Mrs Johnstone's Year 11 Social and Community Studies class. They introduced the students to the Queensland Parliamentary system and Mr Pitt ran a mock Parliament with the students as Members of Parliament who debated and voted on a bill. The students thoroughly enjoyed the session and are very fortunate that this excellent opportunity to make politics and parliament "real" was available to them.



SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Year 10 Student Lucy Hamilton made her debut for the Qld Fire Open Womens Cricket team this March playing against WA in Canberra. Lucy is the 2nd youngest Qld debutant ever at 15 years. She was run out late in Queensland's innings for 3 and finished with bowling figures of 2/35 from 6.3 overs. Qld won the game convincingly.

Shalom swimmers Lara Parker, Layla Allwood, and Kasey Krueger competed at the QSS Swimming State Championships in Brisbane. Layla came away from the competition with a silver in the 200m butterfly and a bronze medal in the 200m freestyle, and Kasey won a Bronze Medal in the 400m freestyle and 200m butterfly.

Year 9 student Charli-Anne Trace has been selected as a member of the U14's Qld Softball Team. Charli-Anne will travel to the ACT to compete in the Nationals.

Year 7 Student Liliana Brillante has been awarded the Queensland Little Athletics Laurie Baartz Memorial Trophy for the 2021/2022 season. The Laurie Baartz Memorial Trophy for the Most Improved Athlete is presented each year to one athlete across the State who records the highest number of personal best performances at Centre level across 10 weeks.



Year 11 Student Joshua Bulbert recently competed at the Little Athletics Queensland State Championships. He missed out on a place in the U16 Boys 200m Final by 0.1s - finishing 9th overall. Joshua placed 2nd in his 100m heat, qualifying 5th fastest and finished with a very credible 6th place in the U16 Boys 100m Final.

Year 7 Student Lachlan Rae qualified for the final in his 100m and 200m events. In the 100m, Lachlan came away with the 3rd fastest time finishing 7th and took out 5th place in the 200m final.



ISIS DISTRICT

State High School

Empowering Students, Improving Wellbeing

Peer Skills

15 Students across Years 10 to 12 have volunteered to be our “Wing Mates” for 2022, completing the Peer Skills training at the end of Term 1. The Peer Skills program builds their capacity to deal with life’s challenges, empowering them to be able to assist other students, usually in a younger grade, to work out any social disagreements and build friendships. The Wing Mates are rostered on at Recess Breaks and often ‘hang out’ in the Year 7 area.



Rock and Water

To assist our Year 7 students as they embark on, the sometimes, rocky early years of adolescence, the cohort participated in the Rock and Water program. This program aims to apply a physical and social approach to develop their self-confidence, self-respect, boundary awareness, self-awareness and intuition. It also helps the students to understand their power and strength both in physical terms and with the words they use, outlining when they should be strong – like a rock – and stand up for something as opposed to when they should be more fluid – like water – and let things go.





ISIS DISTRICT

State High School

Sport Explodes!

This year in Term 1 we had 7 teams participate in the Bundaberg District AfterSchool Summer Sport fixtures, with teams in Touch Football, Table Tennis, Tenpin and Volleyball. The number of students participating is double what we had participating across the whole of last year. We also had 7 teams in Touch and Volleyball Bundaberg Sports Gala Day at the end of the term. For a small school, this level of participation is the envy of other schools and is testament to the commitment of our staff to give up their own time to train the students during lunch breaks and attend fixtures in their own time.



Blue Edge Off and Running Again for 2022

Blue EDGE (Educate, Develop, Grow, Empower) is a program of physical training designed to extend a young person's mind and physical capability. The program also includes career education, motivational speakers and mentoring with a view to having youth actualise their potential. For the third year, the local Childers Police and HPE staff have partnered to deliver this fun early morning program to students in Years 9-12.



Congratulations, Bryden!

Year 12 Student, Bryden Blair, has been selected in the 2022 Wide Bay Open Rugby League Squad. We wish him well at the State Titles in Term 2!

Youth Development Action Team

Seeking New Members to join Bundaberg Regional Councils Youth Development Action Team (YDAT).

The Youth Development Action Team (YDAT) were brought together to work in partnership with Council to assist in identifying issues the young people of the Region are experiencing.

As part of YDAT, exciting opportunities arise as YDAT create activities and projects that address deficits in the community. YDAT bring youth issues to the attention of Council representatives, learn project management skills through all youth led activities they undertake, and also implement processes of meeting governance, chair secretary and acknowledgment of country. All YDAT activities and projects are supported by the Community Development Strategy, which provides an overarching framework for YDAT action in our community to promote inclusion, participation, accessibility and connectivity.

Meetings will be held on a Monday, once a month, at the School of Arts Building (Room 1G)

If you would like to attend a meeting but are not able to make it to the venue, we will ensure that the meetings are accessible via Teams.

To join the Youth Development Action Team, please complete the
[YDAT – Member Application Form](#).

If you would like more information regarding YDAT please call Steven on 4130 4158 or
steven.vanlierop@bundaberg.qld.gov.au

Bundaberg Regional Council Youth Week Colour Run

In celebration of National Youth Week, the Bundaberg Regional Council Community Development team held it's first Youth Week Colour Run. On Saturday April 9, 2022 Over 180 people flocked to Neilson's park to participate in the celebratory colour run

The event saw not only colour run participants but also food vendors, markets and a DJ. Unfortunately on the day, mother nature was against us. However, that did not deter those participating in the event from experiencing amazing fun and painting Bargara in vibrant colours.



Bundaberg Walla St Skate Park Official Grand Opening

Bundaberg Regional Council in partnership with the Australian Sport Federation, Australian Skateboarding Community Initiative and Rumble are excited to officially open the new and improved Bundaberg Skatepark.

The Skatepark will include three separate skate areas, featuring multi-level ramps and straiways. The park will also offer amply shade for the community to enjoy the outdoors. Some of the key features of the park, will be the beginner bowl, intermediate bowl and street section.

To Read More Regarding the Skatepark Upgrades [Click Here](#)

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REGIONAL SKATEBOARDING COMPETITION
& OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE NEW BUNDABERG SKATEPARK

SAT JUNE 25 BUNDABERG QLD

8AM - LEARN TO SKATEBOARD WORKSHOPS
FREE LESSONS WITH FASTPLANT SKATEBOARDING

10AM - OFFICIAL OPENING

10:15AM - ACTION SPORTS DEMONSTRATIONS
DENNIS DURRANT, MITCH MORRISON & MORE

11AM - ETNIES SKATEBOARD COMPETITION
9 & UNDER 12 & UNDER 15 & UNDER MENS WOMENS

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SUPPORTING YOUTH IN THE BUNDABERG REGION

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Lifeline	131 114	www.lifeline.org.au
Headspace Bundaberg	4152 3931	www.headspace.org.au
Kids Helpline	1800 551 800	www.kidshelpline.com.au
1800RESPECT	1800 737 732	www.1800respect.org.au
Alcohol and Drug Support	1800 177 833	www.adis.health.qld.gov.au
Beyond Blue	1300 224 636	www.youthbeyondblue.com
Bridges Health & Community Centre	1300 707 655	www.bas.org.au
Child Safety Bundaberg	4131 5417	www.csyw.qld.gov.au
Childers Neighbourhood Centre	4130 4690	www.bundaberg.qld.gov.au
Community Development Unit	4130 4150	www.bundaberg.qld.gov.au
DVConnect	1800 811 811	www.dvconnect.org
Family Drug Support	1800 882 436	www.fds.org.au
Gin Gin Neighbourhood Centre	4130 4630	www.bundaberg.qld.gov.au
Indigenous Wellbeing Centre	4151 5402	www.iwc.org.au
Parent Line	1300 301 300	www.parentline.com.au
Peirson Services	4151 2299	www.peirsonservices.org.au
Poison Information Centre	13 11 26	www.childrens.health.qld.gov.au
Pregnancy Help Australia	1300 139 313	www.pregnancyhelpaustralia.org.au
Pregnancy, Birth & Baby Helpline	1800 882 436	www.pregnancybirthbaby.org.au
Q-Clinic Wide Bay Sexual Health	4150 2754	www.health.qld.gov.au
Queensland Sexual Assault Helpline	1800 010 120	www.health.qld.gov.au
Salvation Army Youth Refuge	4151 3400	www.salvationarmy.org.au
Youth Legal Information	1300 651 188	www.legallaid.qld.gov.au

USEFUL WEBSITES

Black Dog Institute	www.blackdoginstitute.org.au
R U OK?	www.ruok.org.au
ReachOut.com	www.reachout.com
Moodgym	www.moodgym.com.au

