



Mossman High News

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Every Student Succeeding

Principal's Message

I would like to introduce myself to the parents and community of Mossman State High School. My name is Katherine Macfarlane, and I am the incoming Principal commencing in Term 3 2025.

I have been working in the Far North Region for 25 years, including most recently as a Deputy Principal at Trinity Bay State High School for the past 10 years. After recent periods of Acting in the Principal role at Trinity Bay State High School and at Herberton State School, I am very excited to be granted the opportunity of leading Mossman State High School.

I would like to acknowledge the significant contribution of the outgoing Principal, Ken Schaumberg, and wish him all the best upon his retirement. Although only at Mossman State High School for a relatively short time, Ken has contributed 35 years of service to Far North Queensland. Ken's work in the Far North has been far reaching. Geographically, he has worked in schools from Tagai, across the Cape and in Cairns. Ken has contributed cutting edge solutions to problems of practice, and always held a steadfast commitment to social justice in education.

I would also like to thank the Mossman State High School school community for your warm welcome thus far. In my visits to the school, it is very clear that there is a stable and excellent teaching and support staff in the school. The parents speak passionately about their commitment to the school and the students have greeted me with enthusiasm and joy. I feel incredibly grateful to be joining such a beautiful and dedicated school community and will do my very best to lead the school to be the best that we can be!

Lastly, I would like to wish everyone a well-earned break over the holidays. I hope everyone takes the time to do the things you love, connect with family and friends and rest and recharge, ready to return with renewed vigour next term!

Katherine Macfarlane
Incoming Principal



Parent Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 29th July

3.30—6.30pm Indoor Sports Centre

Information emailed to parents

Bookings through school website—Quicklinks

We acknowledge the Kuku Yalanji people, and in particular the Kubirri Warra Clan, the Traditional Owners of the land on which our school stands and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging. We recognise their custodianship and role in caring for and maintaining Country over thousands of years.

P&C News

Next P&C Meeting

Thursday

14th August 2025

in the Resource Centre starting at 5.00pm

All welcome

Click through to view the most recent editions of

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MOSSMAN STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Thank you to all the parents and students who attended our Open Evening. If you were unable to attend the event, we would be delighted to offer you a personal tour of our school. Please contact our administration office to schedule a convenient time, and we will be happy to show you around.



WHAT TO EXPECT:

- ☒ Tour of facilities and specialist areas
- ☒ Subjects Year 7 to Year 12
- ☒ Extra-curricular opportunities
- ☒ Scholarships available for 2026

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DATE CLAIMERS

Last Day Term 2

Friday 27th June

Semester 1 Reports emailed

Friday 27th June

Newsletter #10

Friday 27th June

First day Term 3

Monday 14th July

Whole School Assembly

Monday 14th July

Year 7 Rotation #3

7A – Drama

7B – Music

7C – Materials & Technologies Spec

7D – Food Specialisations

Year 10 Assembly

Tuesday 15th July

Year 7 Assembly

Wednesday 16th July

Year 8 & 11 Assemblies

Thursday 17th July

Year 9 & 12 Assemblies

Friday 18th July

Mossman Show

Sunday 20th & Monday 21st July

Mossman Show Holiday

Monday 21st July

Mossman SHS Concert Band performing

Mossman Show

Monday 21st July @ 7.00pm

NAIDOC WEEK

Monday 28th July – Friday 1st August

Parent Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 29th July 3.30pm – 6.30pm

TCN Athletics – Barlow Park

Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th August

Peninsula Athletics – Barlow Park

Sunday 24th & Monday 25th August

Congratulations on your retirement Mr Schaumberg!

It seems like only yesterday that we welcomed Mr Schaumberg to Mossman State High School as our new principal after Mrs Murie retired. Fast forward 18 months and we now find ourselves bidding farewell to Mr Schaumberg as he hands in his keys and laptop and gets set for a fantastic retirement adventure.



Mr Schaumberg has been working in Education for quite a while and has taught in many different places. He brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to his role as Principal at Mossman High.

Many of our students were lucky enough to have him as their primary school principal as well as their high school principal.

He also jumped back into the classroom this year, returning to his LOTE teaching roots, by taking on our Year 8 & 9 Japanese classes.

As Mr Schaumberg steps into retirement, we celebrate not just the milestones but the everyday moments - the quiet encouragements, the thoughtful leadership, and the countless ways he has helped students throughout the years. On behalf of the entire Mossman High community, we thank you, Mr Schaumberg, for your years of service to education. We wish you joy, rest, and exciting new adventures in the next chapter of your life.



Staffing Wrap Up – Term 2

As we say goodbye to Term 2 and hello to the second half of the year, we welcome Mr Jacks and Mr Hautaniemi back from leave. We also have some new staff joining us for Semester 2, with the arrival of Mrs Macfarlane (our new principal) and Mr Chandler (Maths/Science teacher).

With the changes in staff, there will be changes to timetables for students. This means that students will receive a new timetable on the first day back after holidays (14th July) that will reflect any changes made.

Languages Update Japanese to AUSLAN

We were very fortunate to have Ms Amy McCarthy join the Mossman SHS team at the start of Term 2. She was covering Mr Jacks' classes whilst he was on leave and loved it so much that she decided to stay. Even better, she is an experienced teacher of AUSLAN (Australian sign language). This means that we are changing up our LOTE program and moving from Japanese to AUSLAN for Semester 2 in Years 7, 8 & 9. Students have been very excited about the opportunity to develop their skills and are looking forward to learning more about AUSLAN.

What's Happening with the Guidance Officer

CQU Open Day

On Tuesday 24th June, Central Queensland University held their 2025 Year 12 Open Day.

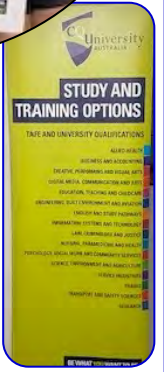
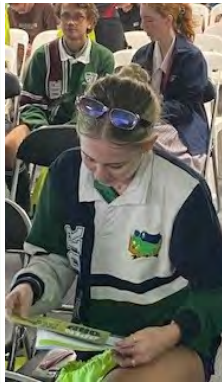
The Open Day presented students with the opportunity to see what university life is all about. Students attended sessions in Engineering, Sports Science, Aviation, Psychology, Medical Imaging, Business, Education and a whole lot more.

It was a valuable step in making informed decisions about their future and to see what CQU as a local university has to offer.

Mossman had 7 students that attended the day.

They had the opportunity to mix with other year 12's from across the region, talk to current students and academic staff and experience the vast array of modern equipment, participate in interactive activities and demonstrations and study options that CQU can offer as a regional based university.

Susan Leiter—Guidance Officer



The JCU Cairns & District Junior Eisteddfod—Literacy Division



Cairns & District Junior Eisteddfod Association

"Excelsior" is our school motto and it is so encouraging to see our students aspiring to improve themselves as scholars. Mossman High encouraged some of our aspiring authors to submit entries into the literary division of the Cairns and District Junior Eisteddfod. The work needed to be original and unaided.



Congratulations to Year 9 student Kaydee Reynolds who achieved the following excellent results.

- Persuasive Speech Writing: 1st place
- Creative Writing: 1st place
- Journalistic Writing: 1st place
- Poetry: Highly Commended

Congratulations Kaydee on also receiving the Senior Most Promising Award! You are definitely demonstrating the values of being a Mossman State High School learner.

Anthea Crees—STLaN

PlayOn! SPORTS VOUCHERS

From Monday 4 August, Queensland families can claim a \$200 Play On! voucher per child aged between five and 17.

Here's what you need to know:

- each voucher is worth \$200
- the vouchers will be provided over two rounds, for summer or winter sports
- there is a dedicated allocation for kids in regional and country Queensland
- there will be more accessible sports to give children of all abilities the chance play sport.

Play On! is here to stay with \$62.5 million set aside each year for Queensland families.

Sign up for Play On! updates so you don't miss out.

What's Happening in Science @ Mossman SHS

As we wrap up another exciting term, it's time to look back at the amazing investigations, hands-on experiments, and curious questions that have driven our learning across all year levels in science. Here's what our young scientists have been up to.

Year 7 Physics

Students explored the mechanics behind simple machines, experimenting with how axles reduce friction and improve efficiency. Hands-on investigations showed how inclined surfaces reduce the effort needed to move objects, reinforcing fundamental concepts of force and motion.

Year 8 Earth Science

A fun and sticky introduction to the challenges of mining and resource extraction. Students learned about the environmental impact and importance of sustainable practices. Using everyday materials, students constructed basic seismometers to better understand how scientists detect and measure earthquakes. Through model-building and shake tests, students discovered how structural design impacts building stability during seismic events.

Year 9 Chemistry

Students investigated chemical reactions and confirmed the Law of Conservation of Mass through carefully controlled combustion experiments. Our students showcased their understanding in a practical assessment, applying their knowledge to real-world chemical processes.

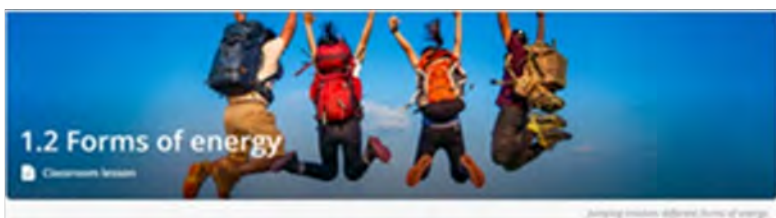
Year 10 Chemistry

Students explored how increasing the surface area of reactants speeds up chemical reactions through dynamic lab work. This unit had students experimenting with varying concentrations to understand their effect on reaction speed—an essential concept for real-world applications like pharmaceuticals and food chemistry.

Year 11 & 12 Marine

From the field, Marine students sampled freshwater bugs / environments to study indicator species and assess ecosystem health—real science in action!

From budding biologists to future physicists, it's been a term full of discovery, inquiry, and creativity. We're proud of all the hard work our students have put in, and we look forward to what the next term brings!



Don't forget to check in on your son or daughters progress on the Stile App you teachers will be adding new units for next term soon.

Yours in Science,
Ms Oliver
Head of Science, Agriculture and The Arts.

What's Happening in Year 11 @ Mossman SHS

Year 11 Students Shine with School Spirit!



The Year 11 cohort have been leading the way with colour, energy, and enthusiasm!

At the recent Athletics Carnival, the Year 11s turned heads with their coordinated dress-ups. All 11s wore house coloured bands around heads, limbs, in hair styles, or as masks to show their support for their sporting teams. Many students even went the extra mile, painting their faces. It was so great to see them together in this way – even some of the year 12s joined in!

That same spirit carried over to the charity event in week 9, where Year 11 students once again stepped up. With faces painted in support of the cause, they again represented the senior school well by getting involved and showing the younger years that it's fun to create culture.

Their positive attitude and willingness to participate is what is going to make this group of students excellent leaders in 2026.

Well done to all the Year 11s for showing what school spirit looks like in action!

Stay tuned for photos from the Year 11 Melbourne Trip.

Amanda Coutts – Year 11 Coordinator



What's Happening in Year 8 @ Mossman SHS

We have finished another great term and are very pleased with how our cohort of 98 students performed with their studies this semester. I would like to share with you a brief overview of the results to celebrate the success of our students. The Reports show that 138 received an A grade and 288 received a B grade were awarded across the Core and Elective classes. When considering this as a total of all grades given, 55% of students received an A or B. With the inclusion of the C grades, we had 88% of our students achieve a passing grade in their subjects. This is a fantastic result of the dedication and hard work of our students and teachers. A very special highlight is that 100% of the students who studied Digital Technologies, Drama, Music or Visual Arts achieved an A, B or C grade.

Mrs Seidenkranz, Ms Wade and I are very pleased how our students are attending class, engaging with the classwork and achieving success in their assessments.

Next term we move onto the second half of the year and a new selection of electives. We also have a new year level activity that has been well received when I suggested to students. It will involve catching a tennis ball to win an icy pole. Competitive statements have started between a few of the students. Enjoy the break with your students and see you in Term 3.

Mr Urwin (Year 8 Co-ordinator)



STUDENT SUPPORT NEWS



CEC News

Janet Ross-Kelly
Community Education Counsellor



It's been a busy and proactive semester for our Indigenous Leaders at Mossman State High School. We've celebrated successful Harmony Day and Reconciliation Week events, and our Indigenous Leaders of Tomorrow enjoyed their inaugural camp to Holloways Beach. This term also saw a visit from the Indigenous Police Recruitment Unit in Cairns, who shared valuable insights into career pathways within the force & the Indigenous Learner Driving Unit visiting Mossman. It's the perfect time to acknowledge and celebrate our students who have successfully obtained their **Learner and Provisional Licenses** this semester!



This is more than just a license — it's a powerful step toward **independence, confidence, and responsibility**. You should all be incredibly proud of yourselves for reaching this important milestone.

This term, we've also proudly partnered with Behaviour Boost to deliver Colour Us One – Reconciliation Colour Fun Run, held in conjunction with the "Light Up The Park" event at George Davis Park. This exciting initiative has been a fantastic opportunity to promote community engagement, reconciliation, and cultural pride in a fun and inclusive setting.



Our junior Indigenous Leaders of the Future also had the chance to visit Mossman Primary School, where they supported Mr.

Leigh Stutchbury in delivering the Games of the People session. Our students displayed outstanding leadership by modelling how to facilitate traditional games, encourage teamwork, and support their peers—skills that are essential for strong, future-focused leaders.

Indigenous Leaders of Tomorrow – Camp Highlights

This term, our Indigenous Leaders of Tomorrow attended their very first camp at the Holloways Beach Environmental Education Centre — and what an unforgettable experience it was!

Students took part in a range of exciting team and confidence-building activities, including catapult building, scavenger hunts, power boating up the Barron River, and navigating the high and low ropes courses. The camp provided the perfect opportunity for students to challenge themselves, support one another, and build lasting friendships with peers from other schools also involved in the ILT program. We ended the camp off with a visit to the JCU

Campus where students got a tour of the university and got to sit in on information sessions with a full run down of what Uni life is like and the courses JCU have to offer. We're proud of how our students embraced every challenge and represented Mossman State High School with pride and enthusiasm.



Gratitude Tree "What you do today, can improve your tomorrow"

Weaving Culture and Connection

During camp, both students and I had the opportunity to learn the traditional art of weaving — a cultural practice that has been passed down through generations for thousands of years. This hands-on experience was not only a chance to develop a new skill but also a meaningful way to connect with culture and honour the knowledge of our ancestors. With our newly learnt talents, we're excited to begin creating beautiful jewellery and artwork that we look forward to sharing with our school and wider community.



Looking ahead to next term...

We're excited to take our Junior "Indigenous Leaders of the Future" on their own adventure — a camp at Mungalli Falls! It promises to be another amazing experience (fingers crossed it's not too chilly!)

As we look ahead to next term, we're thrilled to have several exciting

new programs on the horizon for our First Nations students. These initiatives will continue to support their personal, cultural, and educational development—so stay tuned for more updates as the new term begins!

Over the holidays, I will be attending the Regional CEC Conference in Cairns, where I'll have the opportunity to connect with other CECs from across the region. I look forward to bringing back new ideas and knowledge to further support our Mossman State High School community.



MSHS ILF Junior Indigenous Leaders

What's Happening in Wellbeing @ Mossman SHS

Year 11 Car Crash Scenario

The Year 11 Wellbeing Program has predominately focused on the QCAA Short course 'Career Education' this term with students finalising the last 2 pieces of assessment early next term. We finished this term with the annual Car Crash Scenario, one of the most important learning experiences for our students.

On Friday 20th June, Andrew Petrack and the Mossman and Port Douglas Emergency Services were fantastic in ensuring our students receive lifesaving messages and this years presentation was one of the best. Students were engaged in the presentation and the de-brief and as a school and community, we cannot underestimate the impact this presentation has on our students.

On Monday 14th July, Andrew Petrack will present the RAAP program to the students during Wellbeing. All of these programs are free to our students and provide a strong, supporting basis to what families, friends and the driving schools are teaching our students prior to the majority of them going for their 'P's' starting next semester.

Tracy Butland—HOD HPE & Wellbeing



What's Happening in The Arts @ Mossman SHS

DRAMA PERFORMANCES



Two groups of Year 9 Drama students welcomed 45 Year 2 students and 36 Year 1 students from Mossman Primary school to watch their performance of 'Feathers for Phoebe' and 'Room on the Broom.' Their performances were exceptional!

Our students first worked on analysing the conventions of Children's Theatre before creating a performance of one of their favourite childhood books. They designed the set, costumes and script themselves. The primary school children were blown away by the performance! They then loved getting up and being active in a Drama workshop led by the Year 9s! Excellent work, Year 9s!

You should be so proud of yourselves!

Ms Kapadia



CAIRNS & DISTRICT JUNIOR EISTEDDFOD SUCCESS



During this last month, students have been preparing their music pieces for the annual Cairns and District Junior Eisteddfod. Mossman High Instrumental Music entered their Woodwind Trio, String Ensemble and Jazz band. In addition, several students entered individual music and literary sections. A huge congratulations to our dedicated musicians who sacrificed many lunchtimes to rehearse to a high standard.

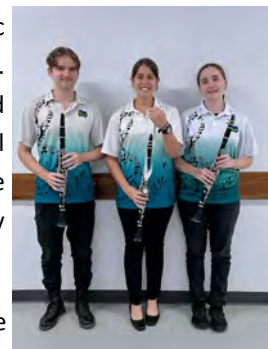
The **Woodwind Trio** (directed by grade 12 student Cody Lundstrom-Postlewaight) gained second place in the highly contested Open Ensemble 3-12 players. They placed between two Cairns State High ensembles and above other well establish and well funded schools from Cairns, Innisfail and the Tablelands.

The **Jazzband** was awarded a Highly Commended despite the fact we were down a trumpet player on the day.

The **String Ensemble** gained high marks, just missing out on a place.

Individual events: Cody 1st place Popular Piano Solo 14-18 yrs
 2nd place Open Woodwind by an Australian Composer
 2nd place Woodwind Championship 14-18yrs
 Highly Commended Woodwind Solo 16-18yrs

Thanks to all the parents who supported us with transport on the band day which turned out to be a very late night, leaving CPAC at 10pm.



The Concert Band will be performing at the Mossman Show on Monday 21st July at 7:30pm just before the 8pm fireworks.

What's Happening in The Arts @ Mossman SHS

Mossman High Talent Show



Congratulations on a Spectacular Talent Show!

We are incredibly proud of all the students who participated in this year's school talent show! Your hard work, creativity, and incredible talent truly lit up the stage. From singers and dancers to musicians and film makers, each performance was a testament to the dedication and passion of our students.

A huge thank you also goes to our enthusiastic audience, whose energy and support made the event even more special. Your cheers helped create a wonderful, encouraging atmosphere for every performer.

We're also thrilled to share that the show raised a fantastic amount of money for charity, highlighting the caring and generous spirit of our school community. 277 tickets were sold, with all money going to the local charity, KIND.

This event showcased not only talent but also teamwork, kindness, and school pride. Congratulations once again to everyone involved—you've made our school proud!

All award winners and prizes will be announced at parade in Term 3.

Ms Kapadia



What's Happening in The Arts @ Mossman SHS



Mossman High Talent Show



Congratulations to all the students who submitted artwork for this year's Talent Show! Your creativity, imagination, and skill were truly inspiring. Each piece reflected the unique voice of its artist, making the exhibition a joy to experience.

Our Art Judge, Joy Shand-Culley, had a very difficult task choosing winners, as there was just so much talent on display.

You should all be proud of your incredible contributions—well done! Thank you also to the students who helped take these photos on the day.

Ms Kapadia



✨ YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

During the final week of this term, almost 80 of our Year 10 students have been busily experiencing the world of full-time work in our Shire, as a part of our compulsory Work Experience Block. Thanks to the ongoing support of a multitude of businesses in our local area, our students have been able to sample a variety of employment opportunities.



Dylan - **Woolworths**



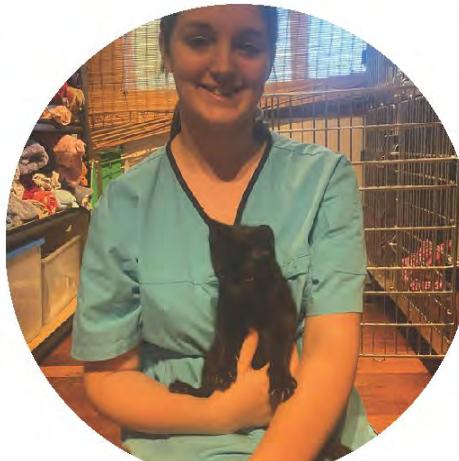
Oliver - **St Crispin's Cafe**



Amelia - **Mossman Primary School**



Ty - **Sheraton Mirage Resort**



Brodie
- **Coral Sea Vet Care**



Daniella - **Mossman Agricultural Services**



Axel - **Mossman Meathouse**



Mili, Rebecca, Phoenix, Julie,
Caitlyn, Hallie - **Quicksilver**



U-Juan
- **Mossman Hardware**

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE ✨



Tilly - Club Mossman



Hunta and Kai - Mossman Custom Kitchens



Mikaela - Paws and Claws



Rupert - Port Douglas Engineering



Nya - Petite Early Learning



Evie - Miallo State School



Max - Douglas Shire Council



Summer - Port Douglas Primary School



Kasey and Cooper - Wonga Beach School

Mossman High Staff have been out and about visiting these students and watching them at work in their new positions. Students are happily taking on new responsibilities and learning new skills - some students have even secured part time employment as a result of these placements!

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

During this week, we have had students assisting with veterinary surgery, dissecting small animals for predator food, preparing tuckshop lunches, learning the ropes in the plumbing department, designing their own personalised stickers, changing engine oil, supervising primary school students, supporting tourists and getting dirty on the tools.



Oscar - **Miallo State School**



Jacob - **MC Group**



Isabella - **Mt Molloy State School**



Curtis - **TS Print and Embroidery**



Sophie - **Port Douglas Habitat**



Max - **Mossman Appliance Centre**



Marcus - **Salsa Bar n Grill**



Dusty - **Marlin Coast Vet**



Lindon - **Toddy's Machine Maintenance**

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE ✨



Ryan - **Wonga Beach School**



Gabriel - **Wrasse n Roe**



Wylem - **Forever Reef Project**



Mason - **Miallo State School**



Tazmin - **Mossman Community Centre**



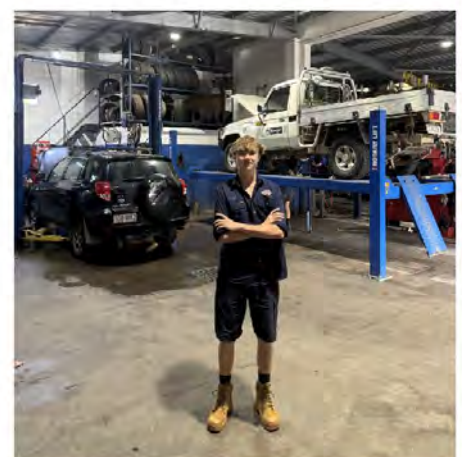
Ava, Millie, Amelia - **Calypso Charters**



Anton - **East Coast Cooling**



Abigail and Chelsea - **Bodies In Motion**



Tye - **Port Douglas Automotive**

As you can see there has certainly been a variety of activities and experiences on offer for our Year 10 students this week. We have received some really wonderful positive feedback from community members and from the staff that have visited them in their workplaces.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE



Joey - **Port Douglas Air-conditioning**



Henry - **Cooya Kids**



Ella - **Walker Constructions**



Amelia - **Grant Street Kitchen**



Freya - **Douglas Shire Council**

As our Year 10 Work Experience Week comes to a close, we'd like to congratulate all our students on their outstanding effort, enthusiasm, and professionalism. Whether shadowing a local business, assisting in a school, or exploring a trade, you've all gained valuable insight into the world of work.

It's been inspiring to hear stories of your experiences, the skills you've developed, and the confidence you've built. Many of you stepped outside your comfort zones and impressed your hosts with your maturity and eagerness to learn.

A huge thank you to the employers and mentors who generously gave their time and shared their knowledge, helping our students make meaningful connections between school and the real world.

We hope this week has sparked new ideas and ambitions, and we encourage you to keep reflecting on what you've learned as you plan for the future.

Well done!

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE



Mossman State High School would like to issue a special thank you to the following businesses for supporting our Work Experience Program in 2025. Without your continued support of our students, this invaluable program would not be possible.

Thank you to:



Bodies In Motion Dance School

Alexandra Bay State School

Alphacool

BBN

BH Electrics

C & K Kindergarten

Calypso Reef Charters

Club Mossman

Cooya Kids Child Care

Coral Sea Vet Care

Daintree Discovery Centre

Daintree Village Hotel

Douglas Shire Council

East Coast Cooling

Goobidi Bamanga CACS

Grant Street Kitchen

Hatfield Electrical

Lighthouse Electrical

M & R Kitchens

Marlin Coast Vet Clinic

MC Group

Miallo State School

Mossman Agricultural Services

Mossman Community Centre

Mossman Custom Kitchens

Mossman Hardware



Mossman Meat House

Mossman Appliance Centre

Mossman State School

Mount Molloy State School

PAWS and CLAWS

Petit Early Learning

Port Douglas Air-conditioning

Port Douglas Automotive

Port Douglas Concrete Pools

Port Douglas Engineering

Port Douglas State School

Quicksilver Cruises

Saint Augustine's Catholic Convent

Salsa Bar and Grill

Savanah Steelworks

Sheraton Mirage Resort

St Crispin's Cafe

The Forever Reef Project

Toddy's Machine Maintenance

TS Print and Embroidery

Walker Homes Construction

Wavelength Cruises

Wildlife Habitat

Wonga Beach State School

Woolworths Mossman

Wrasse and Roe

Mrs Belinda Guthrie - Head of Department Senior School



What happens when you take 46 incredible humans, 5 legendary staff members, and drop them into the heart of Melbourne for a week of adventure? Magic. From the moment we stepped off the bus, the energy was electric. Our students brought the spirit, the laughs, and the kind of positivity that turns a great trip into an unforgettable one.

🎳 Bowling & Karaoke – A Night of Strikes and Singing Stars:

Our first evening was all about friendly competition and shameless karaoke performances. Strikes were scored (some by luck, some by divine intervention), the karaoke mic saw everything from power ballads to enthusiastic group renditions of crowd favourites (some that were actually recognisable). Students may or may not have been out-sung by the teachers. Just sayin'...

🎯 Lasertag & 🏌️ Mini Golf – Competitive Spirits Unleashed:

If you thought the karaoke was intense, you haven't seen our students (and staff!) locked in laser battle or trying to master mini golf trick shots. The competition was fierce, the laughs were loud, and there may have been a few accidental laser tag alliances...

🚊 Trams: The Real Challenge:

Forget lasertag – navigating the Melbourne tram network with 46 students was the real adventure. From mastering Myki cards to accidental joyrides in the wrong direction, it was a comedy of errors. But every mishap brought more laughter, and by the end, we were practically locals. (Who let the Irish one lead the way anyway? Rookie error!)

⛷️ Mind-Blown at Mt Buller:

Day 2 we hit the snow. Mt Buller delivered a day that will be hard to beat. For most of our students, this was their first time seeing snow – and their reactions were nothing short of priceless. Imagine 46 students jumping off a bus into a snow-covered landscape with wide eyes and the look of pure joy (and fear) – it was goosebumps stuff.

Snow angels were made, snowballs were thrown (some with suspicious accuracy), and students were flying down the slopes, sometimes voluntarily on skis, other times not so much! Several students mastered skiing quickly so switched it up and grabbed a snow board. A pretty impressive sight to watch our FNQ snow bunnies ripping it up like pros with fearless enthusiasm. It was cold, it was chaotic, and it was completely unforgettable. Disclosure: no yellow snow was ingested on the mountain (that I'm aware of anyway).

🛍️ Shopping Sprees & Market Missions

No Melbourne trip is complete without a bit of retail therapy. From souvenir shops to trendy fashion finds, our students hit the shops like seasoned experts. The Victoria Night Markets were a hit, with the scent of delicious food, glowing lights, and street performers setting a perfect atmosphere.



A TRIP TO REMEMBER!!

Formal Dinner – Dressed to Impress on The Yarra River:

Our students scrubbed up beautifully for a memorable formal dinner on our fantastic Boat Cruise. It was an evening of elegance, amazing food, and non-stop dancing! You could truly see the bond that had formed across the group – a highlight for staff and students alike.

★ A Massive Shoutout to Our Students:

Every single student on this trip was a credit to our school and their families. Their exemplary behaviour, support for one another, and infectious enthusiasm made the entire experience so much fun for the staff. They represented our school with pride, maturity, and respect at every turn.

And To Our Legendary Staff:

A huge thank you to the staff members who made this trip possible; Ms Coutts, Mr. Kenny, Mr. Mantus & Mr. Seidenkranz. From organising activities, to keeping the energy high and ensuring safety and fun were balanced throughout – you're legends, and we're all very grateful.

None of this would have been possible without the tireless efforts of another staff member, Mrs. Guthrie. The time and effort that is required behind the scenes to plan and organise a trip like this is huge; from the first stage of pitching the trip to the finer details that go into creating a fun filled itinerary takes months and we are so grateful that you created this unforgettable experience for us all ❤

Watch This Space:

As if all this wasn't enough, the incredible Ms Coutts spent the week planning, directing, and filming a sensational music video that features all 51 travellers and captures the essence of this whole experience. Coming soon – and trust us, you won't want to miss it.

This Melbourne trip wasn't just a getaway – it was a celebration of everything that makes our school community great.

Here's to more adventures, more laughter, more snow angels, and more unforgettable memories!

Mrs. Gray Head of Partnerships & Student Support

Best Trip Ever!



What's Happening in HPE @ Mossman SHS

Annual Athletics Carnival

This year's carnival was a brilliant mix of participation, leadership, record-breaking performances, and thrilling contests — a day to remember and a foundation for even greater things ahead. There was an exceptional level of participation, creating an electric atmosphere from start to finish. Events were packed, students cheering each other on echoed across the field and house colours were on full display — a vivid testament to our collective pride.

Our senior leaders didn't just watch — they competed. They led by example, giving every event a "red hot crack" and inspiring peers with their energy and determination. Their willingness to jump into the action showed true leadership in motion.

Congratulations to all of our students who were award 1st, 2nd or 3rd Age Champions across all of our age groups:

Age Group / Gender	Age champion	2 nd Age champion	3 rd Age champion
12yrs Girls	Olivia	Kiah McLean	Maricka
12yrs Boys	Kik	Ryder Santarossa	Eli
13yrs Girls	Kaylah Kyle	Phoebe Attenborough	Kaylee Connor
13yrs Boys	Brody Collinson	Rainan	Jack
14yrs Girls	Layla Conway	Zamirah Wild	Mikayla
14yrs Boys	Nathan Kissick	Braith Dean	Hunter
15yrs Girls	Sophie Hamilton	Summer Hatfield	Torah Butland
15yrs Boys	Jacob Collinson	Noah Burchill	Miki Wall
16yrs Girls	Caitlyn Butland	Kirra Revell	Amelia Radley
16yrs Boys	Jayden Bhimji	Lindon Warland / Kolby Irving	
17yrs Girls	Emilie Pedemay	Amber Schumacher	Name Withheld
17yrs Boys	Ietere Teaero	Ezi Masi-Lansana	Kai Wall
18-19yrs Girls	Nanami Anderson	Indi Castro-Clark	Hannah
18-19yrs Boys	Ryder Smith / Leevi Smith	Deklen Reynolds	

Congratulations to all our record breakers:

Student / Team Name	Age	Event	Old record	New record
Bilngkumu 'A'	13yrs	4 x 100m Mixed Relay	56.70 sec	56.68 sec
Kurranji 'A'	15yrs	4 x 100m Mixed Relay	52.80 sec	52.76 sec
Dallas Shepherdson	14yrs	Discus	30.65m (2011)	41.91m
Dallas Shepherdson	14yrs	Shot Put	13.70m (2016)	14.49m
Dallas Shepherdson	14yrs	Javelin	37.20m (2016)	40.59m
Sophie Hamilton	15yrs	100m	13.08sec (2002)	12.98 sec
Sophie Hamilton	15yrs	200m	27.90sec (1979)	27.88sec
Sophie Hamilton	15yrs	400m	1:06.08sec (1984)	1:05.80sec
Caitlyn Butland	16yrs	100m	13.12sec (2003)	12.88sec
Caitlyn Butland	16yrs	Triple Jump	10.21m (2018)	10.97m
Brody Collinson	13yrs	Javelin	33.52m (1994)	34.12m
Hunta Baird	16yrs	100m Hurdles	16.13sec (2024)	15.89sec



What's Happening in HPE @ Mossman SHS



TCN Athletics

Mossman State High School has over 130 students invited to represent the school at the district TCN Athletics carnival on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th August 2025. Any student who finished 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their finalised event should come to the HPE staffroom to collect their necessary paperwork.

The paperwork is quite long so please start early and return it to the school office ASAP. Paperwork to return includes:

- Transport arrangements
- Peninsula students details and consent booklet (please print all 21 pages)
- School permission forms

Families have the flexibility to arrange their own transport or catch the organised bus each day. For families wishing to utilise the Platinum Premium Transfer, invoices will be sent out once students return their paperwork.

Uniforms are available for purchase if families wish to have their own, or will be available to borrow for the day.

Fowler's Cup Netball

On Thursday 31st July, approximately 30 students will be heading to Cairns to play in the Fowler's Netball Competition.

Students who nominated need to collect a paper permission form or complete the electronic permission form ASAP. Unfortunately, with raising transport cost, nomination and umpire fees, students have been charged \$45 each.

QUT Sport Tech Van visits Mossman SHS

On Wednesday 18th June, QUT Sport Tech Van visited Mossman State High School and stationed themselves in the Indoor Sports Centre. We were able to provide opportunities for the Year 8, 9 and 10 HPE along with the Year 11 Certificate III Fitness students during class time and opened the centre to all other students during both lunches.

By placing the latest sports technology in the hands of students at the grassroots level, particularly those with limited access, it builds health agency, digital literacy, and design thinking skills. With direct links to the ACARA curriculum and senior syllabus the innovative real world applications inspire aspirations for higher education and open pathways to STEM, sports and data science, as well as the creative industries.

The Year 11 Fitness students were asked by the instructors to help out with the junior students and were praised for their knowledge and enthusiasm.

Tracy Butland—HOD HPE & Wellbeing



Mossman State High School



Subjects & Careers Expo 2025

Subject Selection information

Industry Pathways Information including representatives from:

- Australasian Drilling & Mining
- Douglas Shire Council
- Tourism QLD
- Biosecurity QLD
- Australian Federal Police
- Mossman Hospital
- Goodstart Mossman
- LJ Hooker
- MEGT
- MSHS P&C
- QLD Police
- MAS National
- Port Explorers
- IVET
- AMP Employment Services
- ATSILS - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service
- IYMP - Career Employment Australia
- MiHaven
- Link and Launch
- ***University and Defence Force Representatives***
- ***Traineeships and Apprenticeships information***

August 26, 2025

4 PM - 7 PM

Mossman State High School - Indoor Sports Centre

Year 7 to 12 Students and Parents invited

All prospective Students and Parents also welcome



Subject Expo

4 PM - 7 PM

All students moving into Years 8, 9 10 and 11 in 2026 are welcome to come and discuss subject offerings with teachers. Year 10 students also have the ability to discuss Certificate courses with a variety of Training Providers, including MEGT, Australasian Drilling and Mining and MiHaven.

Traineeships & Apprenticeships Presentation

5 PM - 5.20 PM

This presentation will focus on the requirements for Traineeships and Apprenticeships, explain the difference between School-Based and Full Time and the legal obligations. The presentation is designed for students entering Year 10, 11 or 12 in 2026, but is open to all students and parents.

Senior School at Mossman SHS - QCE and QCIA Presentation

5.30 PM - 5.50 PM

This presentation will focus on the requirements for Year 11 and 12 at Mossman SHS. It will explain the QCE and QCIA qualification, Flexible Learning Day and university entrance requirements.

Tertiary Education Presentation

6 PM - 6.30 PM

Representatives from Cairns Universities and the Defence Force will present information regarding pathways into Tertiary Education.

Updates from our Youth Health Nurse—Wendy Fry

eSafetyparents

Your child's first smartphone – are they old enough?

Children often have access to devices, including smartphones, from a very young age. Whether it's watching their favourite program through streaming services on your phone, using educational apps or simply viewing photos with you and the family, they are engaging with devices in one form or another.

But when is my child old enough to be given their own mobile phone?

In 2012, the Australian Bureau of Statistics revealed children as young as five years old owned a mobile phone – two percent of children aged between five and eight years old, and 29 percent for children aged five to 14 years. This figure is likely to be higher now!

For many parents and carers, five years old would seem too young. For others, it might offer them peace of mind and security to know they can keep in touch with their child—especially in an emergency.

The right age for your child will depend on their level of maturity. It's worth asking yourself the following questions before handing over a digital device.

- Does my child have a good sense of responsibility?
- Are they able to stick to the rules?
- Do they show a good understanding of actions and consequences?
- Do they come to me or another trusted adult when they are distressed or encounter problems?



For younger children it's best to start with a mobile phone without internet access, and introduce a smartphone when they demonstrate an appropriate level of maturity. Some younger children might argue that they are ready for a smartphone, especially if their friends already have one. But it's worth holding out until you feel confident that your child is mature enough.

My child has their first smartphone – now what?

When your child receives their first smartphone it's a great opportunity to instil safe online behaviours early on, so they can carry these skills through to their teens and beyond.

Here are some tips for getting them on board with good online habits.

Establish rules at the outset with clear boundaries

Talk about expectations and the consequences for not meeting these rules. Depending on the age of your child, you might want to set up a written signed agreement which lists the rules.

Here are some you may want to agree on:

- No phones after a certain time (i.e. 8.00 pm) – unless in an emergency.
- Keep to daily screen time limits (i.e. 1 hour per school night).
- Family time is a no-phone zone (i.e. dinner).

- Do not share your passwords with others – apart from parents.
- Do not share your real name (or full name), age and address when posting, talking to strangers or on sites where anyone can see it.
- Be kind to people – treat people on the phone as you would face-to-face.
- Do not take or share photos of others (including friends) without their permission.
- Tell a parent or another trusted adult if anything makes you feel uncomfortable, or if a stranger contacts you online.
- Do not purchase or download an app or game without talking to a parent first—especially as these often have minimum age requirements.

Use technology tools to help set the boundaries to keep your child safe

Use parental controls to help manage your child's device and the types of content they can access. Most devices come with parental controls and offer a range of features:

- iPhone: Go to Settings > General > Restrictions. Here you can disable apps or features, prevent access to explicit content and specific webpages.
- Android (Google Play): Go to Play Store > Settings > Parental controls. Most Android phones use Google Play as the digital marketplace for purchasing apps and accessing content. Through Google Play you can restrict the content your child can download or purchase from Google Play.
- Google's Family Link is an app for parents to help manage their child's device and account and offers additional layers of protection. It enables parents to set screen time limits, review app permissions (such as their camera, location, contacts), block apps and approve downloads, block sites and filter content.
- You can also check with your mobile service provider if they offer any parental control tools.

Activate any privacy settings and safety features available on the device, in web browsers and apps. In some cases you can do this through parental controls or when installing apps on their phone. Carefully consider permissions and whether apps really need to access your child's location, contact list, messages and other features.

Help your child set up a pin or password to lock their phone. In addition to protecting their personal information, this will ensure that no one else can use their phone.

Help your child set up strong and unique passwords for their apps and websites. Even if the phone is locked, apps and websites can be accessed from other devices.

Communicate openly with your child, establish and maintain trust

Most importantly, communicate openly with your child about their phone and online use. It's not possible to supervise your child 24/7 and no technology tool is 100 percent effective in protecting them from online risks. So it's really important to establish and maintain trust.


- Talk openly and regularly with your child about their online activities. Show them that you are interested in how they connect with friends, who they talk with and the type of sites they visit.
- If you are using parental controls, be upfront about this and get them on board. Let them know that these can be reviewed and changed as they get older and they continue to demonstrate responsible behaviour.
- Talk about positive online behaviour and about respecting others online. Encourage your child to think carefully before they post, text or share comments or photos so they don't hurt or upset others. Remind them there is a real person at the end of the screen.
- Encourage your child to come to you (or another trusted adult) if they are upset because of an online experience, even if they think they are to blame.

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The switched on App for families online

Dolly's Dream has partnered with the Kids Institute Australia to get Beacon, the free cyber safety app, into the hands of parents and carers across the nation.

Co-designed with input from parents, carers and cyber safety experts including the Office of the eSafety Commissioner, Beacon provides families with trustworthy, practical resources to help them confidently navigate their children's technology use

Enjoy your Winter Break.
See you in Term 3.

Early Start Screen Smart Program

HEALTHY SCREEN TIME FOR YOUR FAMILY

Top Five Tips for Making Screen Time Healthier

1 If no one's watching, turn it off

- Children find it difficult to focus on what they are meant to be doing if a screen is on around them.



2 Make screen time interactive

- Practice 'interactive co-viewing' where you use the content on a screen to interact with your child and encourage them to engage with the content.

3 Try avoid screen time with mealtime

- Family mealtime and bottle/breastfeeding is an opportunity to build connection and interact with your child.



4 Choose content carefully

- Stick with platforms like ABC Kids that continue to develop age-appropriate and quality educational content.

5 Set boundaries early and follow them yourself

- Boundaries help provide children with predictable routines, ensure they feel safe, and support them in growing in their independence.
- Model healthy screen time behaviours and try to not be on your phone too much around them.

Spotlight on Country & Cutting-Edge Storytelling: Uncle Richard Burchill Takes *Julaymba* VR to ATOM QLD

Kuku Yalanji storytelling was front-and-centre at the Australian Teachers of Media (ATOM) Queensland State Conference “Framing the Future” at USQ Springfield on 30-31st May, when Eastern Kuku Yalanji Elder **Uncle Richard Burchill** invited delegates to step inside the Daintree via his award-winning *Julaymba* Virtual Reality Experience.



Working with his daughter Kirsty (production writer / producer) and VR experts Phoria (producers / directors), Uncle Richard has created an immersive experience that transformed the lecture theatre into the riparian world of *Julaymba*—a Yalanji word for the Daintree River. With Quest headset technology and intuitive hand-tracking, teachers felt the virtual camp-fire’s warmth while hearing language, lore, and ecological wisdom passed down through generations. The project has already been recognised nationally and internationally, including taking out **Best in Virtual Reality – Interactive Immersive Experience** at the 2023 Australian XR Festival, winning an **Anthem Award** in 2024, and featuring at **COP28’s XR showcase** in Dubai.

Media Arts industry and educators were guided through the set-up, sharing how immersive tech can enrich classrooms, all whilst being lucky enough to have Uncle Richard share his story in-person. Mapping to Australian Curriculum cross-curricular priorities, the experience lets teachers embed authentic First Nations perspectives in Media Arts, Geography and Science lessons.

Conference highlights:

📷 Photo album: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/16bbS5NasV/>

📺 Behind-the-scenes reel & teacher reactions: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1CWfrcYPKU/>

A huge thank-you to Uncle Richard Burchill for making such a long trip and for demonstrating the power of First Nations storytelling in emerging media.

Elliot Davidson, ATOMQLD Regional representative and teacher at MSHS

Department of Transport and Main Roads

23 June 2025

Stay alert on the roads this cane season

With the cane season running June to December, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is urging road users to be aware of the additional trucks on the road and to drive to conditions.

Sugar cane will be transported by trucks from Mossman to the Mulgrave Mill in Gordonvale.

The roads expected to see significantly increased activity include Mossman-Mount Molloy Road, Captain Cook Highway, Sheridan Street, Mulgrave Road, Cairns Western Arterial Road, Bruce Highway and local roads in Gordonvale.

Tips for driving safely around cane trucks:

- keep a safe distance to allow for sudden stops or turns
- trucks can move slower, be patient and plan your journey
- prepare to stop at the roadworks sites on Captain Cook Highway
- if you are the last vehicle in a queue, turn on your hazard lights to alert others.

TMR is working with the Department of Primary Industries, MSF Sugar and the haulage operator to minimise disruptions during the cane harvest season as much as possible.

Check the QLD Traffic website, or call 13 19 40 for up-to-date information about traffic conditions on state-controlled roads.

Stay connected

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The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is a joint venture between the Queensland Government and Douglas Shire Council to support local arts and culture in Regional Queensland.



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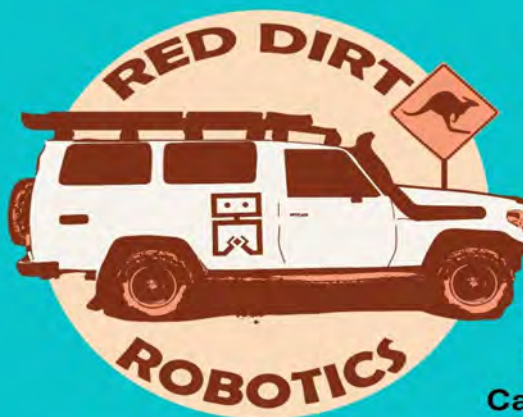
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Drones Workshop for 12-15 year olds

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Here is a little sneak peek at what's in store for the big day.

- Kids Dress-Up Competition
- Gift bags for the first 150 kids
- Koala joey name announcement
- Prize draws & giveaways
- Sausage sizzle
- Interactive stalls focusing on conservation
- Live music
- We're also raising funds for TARC to help purchase a much-needed commercial washing machine and dryer. Our 100 Squares Fundraiser gives you the chance to win one of four "Eco Days Away" in Douglas Shire!

PBL FOCUS—Mossman Pride



MOSSMAN PRIDE

- » Positive language
- » Correct uniform
- » Respect property
- » Kari murru - kaday (*don't be shy*)
yundu kala babal (*you try*)

Positive Language

- Be mindful of those around you
- Use a 'growth mindset'--e.g., this is tough, but so am I; this challenge is here to teach me something

Correct uniform

- It is a choice to improve yourself at school
- Be proud to be a Mossman SHS student

Respect property

- Put yourself in the shoes of others
- Take responsibility for your actions

Kari murru-kaday (*don't be shy*) yundu kala babal (*you try*)

- Have a go and try new things!
- Think about what's best for you and your education