

# MORUYA HIGH SCHOOL

## PROSPECTUS

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# PRINCIPAL'S Message

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**Mark English**

**Principal Moruya High School**



Moruya High School is truly a fantastic comprehensive High School on the South Coast of NSW.

We are privileged to live and learn surrounded by the pristine rivers, lakes, ocean, mountains and farmlands on the traditional lands of the Brinja people of the Yuin nation. Our Totem is the Black Duck (Umbarra in Dhurga, the language of the Walbunja and Brinja people).

Every day, students come here demonstrating our core values of Respect, Responsibility and Aspiration.

Our mission is to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for throughout their high school years. We are passionate about providing opportunities for students to thrive in academic, sport, performing and visual arts and leadership opportunities.

Our school is in partnership with our partner schools through our community of schools and the Bermagui to the Bay initiatives, to promote a student voice, leadership and opportunities for High Potential and Gifted students.

Our wonderful Aboriginal students are supported in their education and cultural experiences through the Clontarf Academy for boys and the STARS Foundation for girls. Our Aboriginal students are highly valued and they enrich our school community with their cultural knowledge, and unique contributions.

It is a privilege to lead Moruya High School. Our dedicated staff form positive relationships with students through school, that continue post school and support them to achieve success across a range of pathways.

Moruya High School is the first-choice school in the Eurobodalla for nurturing and developing teenagers for the future.

## Public Education

At Moruya High School we are committed to ensuring that all students from our feeder primary schools are able to embrace the wonderful opportunities that Public Education provides.

Our highly skilled teachers create a rich and diverse learning environment where every child can reach their potential. We offer an extensive range of extra-curricular activities to ensure that students can explore their capabilities and go on to pursue the post school pathway of their choice.

From Kindergarten to Year 12, students and families in Moruya and surrounds can be confident in public education for their K-12 educational journey.

# SCHOOL VISION

At Moruya High our vision is to create an inclusive and equitable learning environment where every student thrives. We are committed to advancing equitable outcomes, fostering trust and respect for educators and support staff, and providing children with the best start in their learning journey. Through outstanding leadership, teaching, and student-centred support, we nurture well-being, development, and meaningful post-school pathways for lifelong success.

## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is an evidence-based framework that brings together the whole-school community to contribute to developing a positive, safe and supportive learning culture. The framework assists schools to improve social, emotional, behavioural and academic outcomes for children and young people.

Our School values include

- Respect
- Responsibility
- Aspiration



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR  
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# CLASS STRUCTURES

## LEARNING ENRICHMENT AND ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM (LEAP)

As part of Moruya High's commitment to high potential and gifted education we provide Learning Enrichment and Accelerated Pathways (LEAP) classes for those students who are identified as high potential or gifted. The characteristics of the LEAP program are based on evidence based best practice, that includes:

- Selection of the group using data from a range of assessment points and measures
- Grouping these students in the same class for a number of subjects
- Differentiated curriculum to increase the level of challenge, complexity, depth and learning pace
- Co-curricular activities to extend and motivate students to enhance students self-directed learning skills, team building, school and self-satisfaction



## SMALL CLASS SIZES

Moruya High School provides smaller class sizes, compared to other educational institutions in the Eurobodalla.

This provides more personalised attention from teachers, enabling students to receive tailored support and feedback. This environment fosters greater participation, deeper engagement, and stronger relationships, helping students to thrive academically and socially. It enables a learning environment where students feel more comfortable asking questions and engaging with the material.



# CURRICULUM

As part of the NSW curriculum, students engage with key learning areas and elective courses to support literacy and numeracy skills and the development of critical and creative thinking. We support all students to develop skills essential to everyday life and relevant to their future interests and aspirations.

At Moruya High School we work consistently to improve teaching and learning. Our fully trained teachers engage in ongoing professional development to provide quality teaching that drives improvement in student engagement and achievement. Teachers plan, evaluate and modify teaching programs to cater for the individual needs of all students. We also identify and provide a wide range of opportunities to support our high potential and gifted students across all subject areas.

Our school is proud to offer a diverse range of courses and electives in Years 9 - 12 that are taught by specialist teachers and cater for the varied interests and talents of our students. The Educational Pathways Program also supports students to engage in vocational education and school-based apprenticeships as part of their Year 12 pattern of study.



## ENGLISH

The English Faculty is dedicated to fostering a love of literature, writing, and critical thinking in all students. We combine the study of classic texts with engaging, modern units that tackle thought-provoking ideas and themes relevant to young people. With a strong emphasis on developing writing skills, our students consistently excel, with many having won the prestigious Mayor's Writing Competition over the years. As students advance through each stage we historically see significant growth in their confidence and abilities, supported by our experienced and passionate teaching team.



## FACULTIES

English/History  
 Science  
 Mathematics  
 Human Society And Its Environment  
 Languages  
 Personal Development, Health And Physical Education  
 Creative And Performing Arts  
 Technological And Applied Studies  
 Support Unit



## MATHEMATICS

Our Mathematics faculty utilises a student-centred explicit teaching style where all students are encouraged to develop their skills thorough a variety of activities with formative tasks and formal assessment with timely and appropriate feedback. Our Year 7 classes are developed by the analysis of Primary School results with the top class graded. High potential Mathematics students are extended in junior years and have the opportunity to further excel in Mathematics Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1 and 2.



## SCIENCE

The science curriculum is delivered in purpose-built laboratories, providing students with hands-on learning experiences. Our dedicated educators are specialised in a variety of areas, allowing for a diverse offering of Stage 6 subjects. These include Agriculture, Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Environmental Science, and Physics. Furthermore, our Stage 5 electives in Agriculture and Marine and Aquaculture offer unique opportunities. Students can gain practical experience in plant and animal production, working with cattle and chickens, as well as assisting in the operation of our school's very own fish farm.



## HISTORY

In History, we journey from the ancient world to modern Australia through dynamic and immersive learning experiences. Our dedicated team of educators bring history to life with hands-on activities, such as forensic investigations of ancient preserved bodies like Otzi, and site studies that deepen students' understanding of past cultures. Our talented young historians have consistently achieved high honours in the Australian History Competition, reflecting our commitment to nurturing excellence and critical thinking. Whether your child is an emerging historian or simply curious about the past, our History Faculty offers a rich and inspiring learning environment that will engage them at every step.



## HUMAN SOCIETY AND ITS ENVIRONMENT (HSIE)

Our HSIE faculty covers Geography (Years 7 - 10), and the electives of Commerce (Years 9 - 10), Business Studies (Years 11-12), and Legal Studies (Year 11 - 12). HSIE classrooms are vibrant spaces where students actively engage with the world around them, exploring geography, culture, and current events through lively discussions and hands-on activities. The dynamic environment fosters critical thinking and encourages students to connect global issues to their own lives, creating an enriching and thought-provoking learning experience.



## LANGUAGES

Moruya High School has a long and proud tradition of offering Japanese to students in Year 8 through to Year 12. Our exceptional language teacher fosters critical thinking, cultural awareness, and empathy, while preparing students for global citizenship and future career opportunities in an increasingly interconnected world. In addition, the school offers a biennial excursion to Japan which offers students an immersive experience that enhances their language skills through real-world practice, cultural exposure, and interactions with native speakers.







## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PDHPE)

Our PDHPE faculty is dedicated to fostering a love for physical activity through engaging, movement-based learning. We emphasise the importance of experiential and outdoor learning by providing student opportunities to experience mountain bike riding and camping expeditions. By providing diverse opportunities in sports, fitness, and adventure activities, we help students build confidence, teamwork, and resilience. The PDHPE faculty also empowers students to make informed choices, promoting well-being through education on nutrition, mental health, and lifestyle, fostering lifelong habits for a healthy future.



## SPORT

Our school offers an enriching sports program with diverse opportunities.

Year 7-10 students participate in weekly afternoon sports, choosing from traditional sports like basketball, soccer and touch football or exploring options in our local community such as kayaking, bush-walking, golf, gym, and beach sports.



## CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS (CAPA)

Moruya High School has specialist rooms for the Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) - Music and Visual Arts. The Music rooms have a range of quality instruments for different students' musical interests. While the Visual Arts rooms provide students the opportunities to use a range of artistic tools. All of the CAPA rooms are vibrant spaces where creativity thrives, offering students a place to explore their creative talents and deepen their appreciation for different genres.

## TECHNOLOGICAL AND APPLIED STUDIES (TAS)

Our TAS faculty provides students with hands on experiences in researching, designing, making and evaluating products. Students explore the role of innovation and technology in the lives of individuals as well as society, highlighting the impact this has on our everyday lives.

Students develop the knowledge and understanding needed to create practical solutions to real world problems. Undertaking subjects within the TAS faculty enhances the ability of students to make decisions and solve problems, whilst developing a sense of responsibility, essential for lifelong success. With our specialised staff, students build their confidence and competence in a range of skills that are directly related to their future professional and personal lives.



## VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Our TAS faculty includes highly experienced and industry trained staff to deliver Certificate II Hospitality and, Construction Pathways. Our Hospitality trade skills centre and student cafe, 97Albert, allow students to develop practical skills in an environment reflective of industry standards. Construction at Moruya High School has a proud history of undertaking projects that are based on identified needs of the school. Students are provided with opportunities to acquire industry specific skills whilst transforming the external environment, creating useful and visually appealing spaces for students and staff to enjoy.

## SUPPORT UNIT

Moruya High School's Support Unit provides a high level of individualised support for students with diverse abilities, promoting an inclusive model that integrates students into mainstream classes, whole school events, and year group activities where appropriate. Our tailored programs include healthy eating, exercise, cooking, surf school, pottery, equine therapy, and creative arts classes, alongside social and specialised support programs. The Support Unit is dedicated to fostering a supportive, enriching environment that encourages each student's personal and academic growth.





# LEADERSHIP

## DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

The Deputy Principals support the Principal and staff in providing both strategic and day to day leadership of the school. They support staff and students to maintain an inclusive, safe learning and working environment for everyone at Moruya High School.

Deputies coordinate staff and student well-being support using school and external agencies as well as implementing behaviour support strategies for students to engage in their learning. They strive to promote a sense of belonging by fostering a school culture of high expectations for engagement and learning.

Respectful communication with parents and the local community is always welcome.



## HEAD TEACHERS

Head Teachers are our subject masters. Academic departments are led by Head Teachers, who are responsible for each curriculum area, teaching programs, assessment and reporting.

Head Teachers monitor and report student academic performance and review all academic programs of study. Head Teachers work collaboratively with teachers to develop, enhance and teach programs that are innovative and maximise student learning outcomes.



## STUDENT LEADERS

Moruya High School provides students with diverse leadership opportunities designed to develop responsibility, teamwork, and community engagement. Students can take on roles such as School Captain, Sports Captain, or become a member of the Prefect group or Student Representative Council. These opportunities foster skills in decision-making and collaboration. Leadership training programs and community service initiatives are available, encouraging students to become proactive, compassionate leaders. These experiences help students build confidence, enhance communication abilities, and make a positive impact on both school culture and the broader community.

# INCLUSION AND SUPPORT

## YEAR ADVISORS

Year Advisors collaborate with the wellbeing Team and teachers to support students, addressing non-academic concerns and fostering personal connections. They are key contacts for parents, helping with issues like homework, social challenges, or behaviour. Year Advisors monitor attendance and socialisation, support students and assist students through difficulties. They liaise with school leaders, counsellors, and teaching staff to share relevant information, organise cohort events, and promote year camps. Dedicated and proactive, they play a vital role in early intervention and student success.



## LEARNING SUPPORT

The Moruya High School Learning and Support team consists of teachers and Student Support and Learning Officers (SLSOs) whose purpose is to support students and subject teachers in the mainstream classroom. SLSOs support students with special provisions in the classroom and with completing assessment tasks.

In addition, students are supported through small group literacy and numeracy programs and individual reading programs. Subject teachers can refer students to the Learning and Support Team when extra support is needed or students can self-refer to seek support from the team. Parents are welcome to contact the school regarding support for their child.

## STUDENT SUPPORT OFFICER AND SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

Student Support Officers contribute to whole-school well-being with a focus on early intervention. They work collaboratively with other well-being supports to assist students to develop social and emotional skills through strength-based strategies and programs that build resilience, coping skills and positive relationships. They also work with external service providers in the community to connect students and their families to the right supports and opportunities.

Counsellors can provide one to one and group counselling to support student well-being and address a range of issues including academic concerns, social difficulties and mental health challenges. They collaborate with teachers, families and external health providers to provide supportive learning environments and comprehensive support. Students and their families can contact the Year Advisor or Deputy Principal to organise an appointment with one of our school counsellors.



## SUPPORTING ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDENTS

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are supported by our Aboriginal Education Office who promotes cultural awareness and facilitates opportunities for our Indigenous students. Additionally, we have both the Clontarf Academy and the Stars Foundation. Both programs offer students personal development activities and experiences in many different areas, including academic support, personal health and wellbeing, music, drama, dance, art, cooking and nutrition, and exercise and sport. Students also take part in community and cultural activities to build their life-skills and confidence and further develop their links to culture and community.

## CAREERS AND TRANSITION

During high school, Careers and Transition Advisors guide students to identify career options and help them achieve their preferred pathway. The Careers and Transition team play a vital role in guiding students through their educational journey and helping them plan for their future.

The Careers Advisor aims to provide personalised support, whether students are looking to pursue further studies, explore vocational training, or enter the workforce. Working closely with students the Careers Advisor helps them to identify their strengths, interests, and goals, guiding them through career exploration, skill development, and decision-making.

## HEADING

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# EXTRA-CURRICULAR

## CREATIVE OPPORTUNITIES

There are a range of extra-curricular activities which allow for collaboration, performance, and personal growth, fostering a deep appreciation for the arts. These include:

**Music Competitions** - opportunities for students to participate in external competitions, such as Pulse Alive, and Surround Sound to showcase their talent, gain recognition, and receive constructive feedback to improve their skills

**Vocal Group** - regular meetings where students sing in an ensemble and connect inter-personally through music

**Visual Arts Competition** - competitions to extend, and motivate students in a range of external marking at a local and state level.

**Creative Writing Group** - weekly workshops

**Drama Club** - regular workshops where students experiment with improv, voice projection, and character development



## SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES

Moruya High has a rich history of sporting success and staff strive to provide all students the opportunity to represent the school. Our school promotes participation for all in the Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics carnivals with strong representation at higher levels. We have teams representing the school in a wide range of sports that reflect the local community's sport choices, including soccer, rugby league, tennis, touch football, netball, basketball, volleyball, triathlon and cricket. We also promote opportunities for students to trial for South Coast teams with regular subsidies to support student involvement. We also offer a range of sporting scholarships to support students who represent at higher levels.





## EXCURSIONS AND CAMPS

At Moruya High we recognise that learning can be enriched by students undertaking excursions to enhance their learning and wellbeing. Some of the excursions that occur at Moruya High include:

- Annual Year 7 Camp at Moruya Heads
- Annual Year 11 Snow trip
- Easter Show Excursion
- University enrichment excursions Agriculture & Food Technology Murray Darling Basin Tour
- Biannual Japan Trip



## FITNESS CLUBS

MHS has a thriving fitness culture. The MHS Fitness Crew has been running all ability fitness sessions since 2015. These sessions take place out of class time and are run by trained accredited coaches. The main focus of the sessions is to provide an opportunity for students and community members to take part in safe and inclusive exercise classes as part of a healthy lifestyle. All the sessions are free and include the following:

MHS Runners - a run-based session including strength and conditioning.

Spin - a bike based fitness class



# FACILITIES

## AG PLOT

The Agriculture Plot at Moruya High School is a hands-on learning space where students engage with a variety of agricultural activities, from growing vegetables to managing livestock. This dedicated area allows students to apply theoretical knowledge in real-world settings, enhancing their understanding of sustainable farming practices, soil health, and food production. Integrated into the school curriculum, the Agriculture Plot provides opportunities for students to participate in environmental studies, biology, and even business education through managing crops and resources. This practical learning experience not only fosters a deeper connection with nature but also equips students with valuable skills for future careers in agriculture, environmental science, or agribusiness. The plot is an integral part of Moruya High's commitment to offering diverse, experiential learning opportunities that prepare students for the challenges of the modern world.



## FISH FARM

Moruya High School has its own working fish farm. It is run by our elective Year 9 and 10 students. The school holds a Department of Primary Industries Permit to sell the fish farmed on site. The farm consists of two recirculating aquaponic systems. There is a smaller 2,500 litre system for our younger fish and a 10,000 litre system to grow the fish on.

The fish farm offers aquaculture students a real life opportunity to study sustainable land based fish farming practices. It also offers our science students an opportunity to study a range of biology topics outside of the classroom.





## MULTIMEDIA

Our school empowers students to unleash their creative potential with state-of-the-art technology. They have the opportunity to capture breathtaking aerial perspectives with high-resolution drones, and film stabilised cinematic shots with precision camera gimbals.

Students can use motion capture technology, bringing digital characters to life with full-body tracking suits and facial tracking, or master industry-standard software like Adobe Creative Cloud, from Photoshop to Premiere Pro. We'll nurture their passion for storytelling and equip them with the skills to bring their visions to life. This hands-on experience will prepare them for exciting careers in film, television, animation, and video game industries.



## COMMERCIAL KITCHEN & TRADE TRAINING CENTRE

Our state-of-the-art commercial kitchens are more than just classrooms, they provide a stepping stone to exciting careers in the hospitality industry. Students gain hands-on experience with industrial equipment, from blast freezers to professional coffee machines. Through our Food Technology and Hospitality courses, students learn culinary skills and hospitality management. We equip students with the knowledge and confidence to succeed in the food and hospitality industry by mastering skills that could land them jobs in top restaurants or cafes.



## OUTDOOR LEARNING AREAS

Moruya High School is committed to fostering a connection with the natural world. Students have the opportunity to learn and grow in our beautiful outdoor learning areas, including a cultural learning space and yarnning circle.

Outdoor classroom settings provide hands on experiences including beekeeping and cultural weaving. These activities can increase engagement and develop problem-solving skills and creativity. These experiences provide students with the chance to thrive in an environment that values both academic excellence and personal growth.

## LIBRARY

Our school library is a vibrant hub of learning and exploration. It offers a welcoming space for students to read, study, and collaborate. With a diverse collection of books and other resources the library caters to all interests and learning levels. Whether you're researching for an assignment or escaping into the world of fiction, there's something for everyone.

The library is equipped with modern technology, including computers to support 21st-century learning. It plays a vital role in nurturing the academic and personal growth of every student.

Beyond books, the library serves as a collaborative space where students can share ideas and work on group projects, including a variety of HSC resources for senior students in a dedicated senior area.

## SCHOOL CANTEEN

At Moruya High, we understand the importance of good nutrition for student success. Our conveniently located canteen operates during recess and lunch breaks, offering a wide variety of delicious and nutritious food and drink options for students to choose from.

Whether it's a satisfying hot lunch like butter chicken or a grab-and-go snack like a veggie wrap, there's something to keep every student fuelled throughout the day.

With convenient cash and eftpos payment options, your child can enjoy a healthy and delicious meal everyday.









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