



ISSUE 7

HOME HILL STATE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 DATE CLAIMERS

Monday 17th November

Year 12 PBL Excursion

Thursday 27th November

UNIX Excursion

Friday 5th December

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Tuesday 18th November

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Day Celebrations

Friday 28th November

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& Year 10/11 Last Day

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Wed 19th November

Year 12 Valedictory Dinner
Memorial Hall

Friday 28th November

Final Year 6
Transition Headstart Day

Tuesday 9th December

P & C Meeting
5:30pm - D Block

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SUCCESS

COMMUNITY
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AG SHOWCASE



THE PRINCIPAL



As we settle into the final weeks of Term 4, I would like to begin by expressing my sincere appreciation to our P&C for recognising our teachers on World Teachers' Day. While we, as a school, acknowledge the various staffing groups within our school community throughout the year, the P&C's thoughtful gesture — including a beautifully presented cake — made for a memorable morning tea and was a wonderful way to celebrate the vital role our teachers play in shaping the learning and wellbeing of our students. On behalf of all staff, thank you for your ongoing support.

I am also pleased to announce that, following a rigorous recruitment process to replace Mrs Roslyn Gall as she transitions to retirement in 2026, we are delighted to welcome Ms Lara Rice to our Leadership Team as our new Head of Department. Ms Rice will join us in Week 9 to ensure a thorough handover occurs before we farewell Mrs Gall at the end of the year. She joins us from Northern

Beaches State High School with extensive experience in Senior Schooling and VET, as well as a strong curriculum background in Senior

Mathematics and Sciences — including Maths Methods, Physics, and Chemistry. Her leadership and expertise will greatly strengthen our curriculum delivery and senior pathways, and we are excited to welcome her to the Home Hill High community.

This time of year is always particularly special as we prepare to farewell our graduating seniors while simultaneously welcoming the next generation of students to our school. I am pleased to share that most of our Year 12 students have already secured post-school pathways for 2026, reflecting their hard work, determination, and aspirations for the future.

Our Year 12 Valedictory Dinner will be held on Wednesday, 19 November, at the Burdekin Memorial Hall, followed by the formal Graduation Ceremony at the school on Thursday, 20 November. We look forward to welcoming parents, caregivers, and community members to join us in celebrating these milestone moments with our exiting seniors.

We are also excited to welcome our incoming Year 7s for 2026 during their final transition event, Head Start, on Friday, 28 November. On the same day, we will celebrate the achievements of our Year 10 and 11 students through a Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Celebration before they begin their summer break. A separate PBL Celebration for Years 7–9 will be held on Friday, 5 December, recognising their outstanding efforts and successes throughout the year.

We greatly value ongoing feedback from parents, caregivers, and community members about our PBL feedback and acknowledgement systems. If you have ideas or suggestions, please contact myself or our PBL Coordinator, Mrs Kym Ogomeni.

In terms of facilities, several major infrastructure and maintenance projects are progressing well. We have now received formal confirmation that asbestos removal works will take place during the summer school holidays, with initial preparation beginning in Week 10 of this term. From the start of the summer vacation, the school grounds will be completely closed, with no access permitted until clearance is provided by the specialist team — expected in mid-January 2026.

Thank you for your patience as we undertake this essential safety work.

Finally, our work following this year's School Review continues to gather momentum. This term, we launched our Open Home Forum in D5 to support a

comprehensive community consultation process as we shape our next four-year School Strategic Plan. All students and staff have now contributed through structured input cycles, and we are excited to welcome our broader community to participate next week. We

warmly encourage all parents, caregivers, and community members to share their insights. Our final structured input cycle will be held on Tuesday, 18 November, from 2:00–4:00 pm, and all are welcome to attend. If this time does not suit, the doors to D5 will remain open throughout the week to provide opportunities for community input before the consultation period closes at the end of Week 7.

Thank you for your continued support as we head into the final weeks of 2025. Home Hill State High School continues to thrive because of the strength of its students, staff, families, and community partnerships.

**YOU'RE
INVITED**

OPEN HOME FORUM
Tuesday
18 November
2:00–4:00 pm
HHS - D5



From THE DESK OF THE DEPUTY

Mrs Kym Ogomeni

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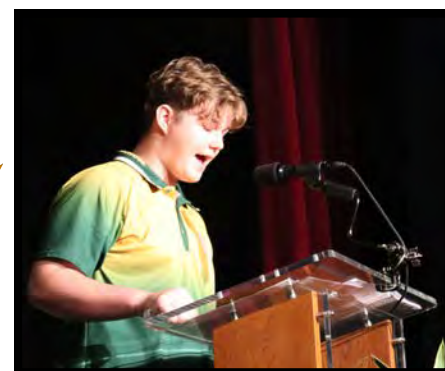
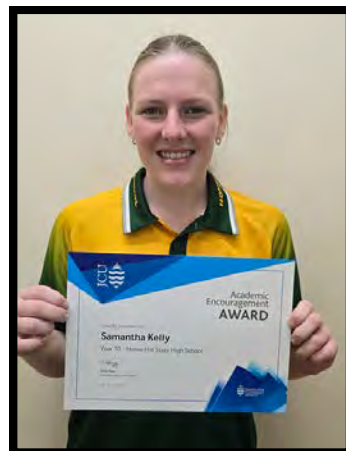


Our Awards Night is always a special occasion, a night where we come together as a community to celebrate the achievements, growth, and spirit of our students. This year, we made an intentional decision to include all sporting awards as part of the event, because every student deserves to have their efforts recognised and their achievements shared.

Awards don't just happen. They aren't given freely or by chance. They are earned, through persistence, through showing up, through moments of challenge and triumph that so often go unseen. Behind every award is a story of effort, determination, and quiet resilience.

Every student who stepped onto that stage, and every student who has worked hard throughout the year, represents what truly matters in education: growth, grit, and gratitude. Equally, every parent, guardian, and loved one who filled the hall that evening deserved that moment too, to see their child's name called, to hear the applause, and to feel the pride that comes with knowing that hard work has been recognised.

Moments like these remind us that success isn't defined by comparison but by commitment. Recognition matters because effort matters. And at Home Hill State High School, we will always take the time to celebrate that.



Senior Secondary

From
HAD Mrs Gall

This month we continue to celebrate the achievement of our senior students. At our Awards Night held recently, our senior students received accolades for academic, sporting, cultural and citizenship achievements. Congratulations to all recipients of awards.

Many of our seniors have secured positions in trade industries, TAFE courses, university placements and jobs. I would particularly like to highlight the achievement of one of our senior students – Addison MacDonald.

Addison is one of only eight students in the whole of the North and Far North catchment area to receive a placement offer at James Cook University in 2026.

This catchment area includes Cairns and Townsville as well as the regional areas surrounding them. Addison will be studying a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Business.

2026 Leaders

Congratulations to our senior leaders for 2026. I feel confident that those elected will lead the school and student body to great things throughout the year.

Important Dates – Final Week:

Final week Year 12 is 17-21 November 2025. Specific information about the final week will be given to students, however a summary is below.

Monday 17 November – students will be going on a celebration excursion.

Date yet to be decided, but either **Tuesday 18 or Wednesday 19 November** – setting up and rehearsing for the Valedictory. Students will be advised once the date is confirmed.

Wednesday 19 November – Valedictory dinner

Thursday 20 November – Final day and Farewell at the school

Important Dates – Year 12 Certificates and Results:

Final subject results and Senior Education Profiles (SEPs) for 2025 Year 12 graduates will be available from 9.00 am on Wednesday 17 December 2025 in the MyQCE Student Portal website.

Students who are eligible for a QCE certificate will be able to access their official certificate/s via the QCE Achievement Award tab in their learning account in the MyQCE Student Portal website. It is important to remember that the school does not issue report cards for year 12; all certificates are issued by the QCAA through the MyQCE website. For this reason it is important that students check that they can log into MyQCE, and that the email address they have listed there is their personal email address, not their school email addresses. Students school email address will be de-activated within days of their final day of school.

Students who receive a QCIA will be sent a copy of the QCIA (Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement) in the mail.

Information for Year 12 School Leavers:

Transition to Work is a federally funded program for 15-24 year olds, and can assist with employability skills, assistance with resume/cover letters, job search and interview skills. They may also have funding to help pay for things needed to gain employment. Busy at Work is the organisation that delivers TTW in the Burdekin. Unfortunately, if you have completed year 12, you will need to wait 6 months before they will be able to assist unless you are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. Busy at Work are advertising for a new employment consultant, in the meantime the Manager, Kerrie Fahey, and an employment consultant from Townsville are visiting the Burdekin each week. Kerrie has also organised for visits to Home Hill when needed – this is for young people who do not have any access to transport. Kerrie can be contact directly on kerrie.fahey@busyatwork.com.au or 4430 9402.

Anyone is able to go to a Workforce Australia provider and voluntarily sign up with them however the service you receive may vary. Below is a current list of Workforce Australia providers in the Burdekin, but this is subject to changes which are due to take place at the end of the year.

List of Workforce Australia providers as at

3/11/2025:
Busy at Work
193 Queen St, Ayr
13 28 79

Bamara
Burdekin Neighbourhood Centre
40 Chippendale St, Ayr
1300 012 476

QITE
128 Queen St, Ayr
4767 0551

At Work Australia and CPL/Mylestones also offer Inclusive Employment Australia services (formerly Disability Employment Services).

Sarah Jane, Link and Launch Officer based at Kirwan SHS is happy to offer assistance to school leavers who complete year 12. You are able to email her at sjane10@eq.edu.au or 0436 851 210.

Back to Work Jobseeker Support Available through Dept of Trade, Employment and Training and can provide financial assistance to secure ongoing employment. The process involves getting quotes for something needed such as driving lessons, tickets and applying through the website. They will not reimburse something you have already paid for. Below is an information sheet about the funding. I will also be emailing this out to Year 12 students and their parents so you can access the links.



Back to Work Jobseeker Support

2025-26 Funding Guidelines

What is Jobseeker Support?

The Back to Work program offers a range of services to support employers to address workforce challenges and to support jobseekers to gain and retain employment.

Jobseeker Support is one of the initiatives under the Back to Work program. It provides financial assistance to disadvantaged jobseekers to secure ongoing employment and supports individuals where there is an economic barrier to gaining or retaining employment.

Jobseeker Support aims to increase the employability skills of jobseekers and equip individuals with the skills and supports necessary to gain and maintain long-term employment.

Jobseeker Support is administered by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training (DTET).

Who can apply?

Jobseeker Support is available to jobseekers who identify as belonging to one or more of the following target groups:

- Young people aged 15-24 years who have been unemployed for a minimum of 8 weeks;
- First Nations people who have been unemployed for a minimum of 8 weeks;
- people with disability who have been unemployed for a minimum of 8 weeks;
- culturally and linguistically diverse people who have been unemployed for a minimum of 8 weeks;
- long-term unemployed people who have been unemployed for 52 weeks or more.

Your principal place of residency must be in Queensland and you must not have been a full-time student within the eight weeks directly prior to your period of unemployment commencing.

You must be either:

- An Australian citizen or
- an Australian permanent resident or
- a New Zealand citizen or
- a temporary resident with the necessary visa and work permits on the pathway to permanent residency.

What support can be funded?

Jobseeker Support cannot fund retrospective costs for goods and services purchased prior to your application being approved.

Jobseeker Support provides financial support to eligible jobseekers to address barriers to employment. This could include costs associated with:

- driving lessons (up to a maximum of 10 lessons)
- White Card, Blue Card, Yellow Card fees
- machinery tickets or other licences
- funding to purchase identification (birth certificate/driver licence/18+ card),
- uniforms and appropriate tools and equipment relevant to the chosen career path.

Funds under Jobseeker Support cannot fund:

- goods and services purchased prior to your application being approved
- vocational qualifications within the Australian Qualifications Framework (e.g. Certificate III courses)
- purchase of assets or capital equipment (e.g. laptops, tablet computers and mobile phones)
- contributions to wages for any future job you are appointed to.

To avoid duplication of services, funding is not available for the same services being delivered through other initiatives or programs including Skilling Queenslanders for Work or Australian Government initiatives.

Funding must be linked to a genuine employment opportunity. If the eligible jobseeker requires support outside of what is listed above, they may request consideration based on their individual circumstances.

How much funding is available?

The maximum amount of funding available is \$3000. This can be across multiple goods and services.

How can I apply for funding?

Applications must be submitted through an online portal on the Back to Work website. This asks you to provide details about:

- Yourself, including a copy of your identification;
- your employment status;
- the support you are requesting, including at least one invoice/quote from an ABN-registered supplier detailing item(s) costs.

Applications must be completed directly by eligible jobseekers. If the applicant is under 18 years of age, then a signed consent form from a parent or guardian is required. Referrals from RTOs or employment agencies will not be accepted.

How many times can I apply?

You can only apply to Jobseeker Support **once**.

However, your application can include multiple goods and services up to a maximum value of \$3000.

What happens after I apply?

We will assess your application and the information you have provided to check that you are an eligible jobseeker and that you are applying to fund eligible goods and services. Your application will be assessed within 10 business days, subject to demand.

If you have not provided all the information we need, then we will contact you for more information.

If you have provided all the information and you are an eligible jobseeker applying to fund eligible goods and services, then we will let you know your application is successful and pay the invoices you provided.

Once the invoice/quote has been paid, it is your responsibility to access the goods or services. If your situation changes, then you should contact us at jobseekersupport@desbt.qld.gov.au.

How is the funding paid?

Funding is paid directly to the service provider or supplier for the invoice/quote provided. Funds will not be transferred directly to the applicant.

Jobseeker Support cannot fund retrospective costs for goods and services purchased prior to your application being approved.

Can I request a review of decision?

If your application is not approved, you can request a review of decision. Requests must be lodged within 21 business days of being notified that your application has been not approved.

Review requests material must be lodged in writing to: compliance@desbt.qld.gov.au

OR

Review Officer, Back to Work Program
PO Box 15483
City East
Brisbane QLD 4002

Information for service providers and suppliers

If a customer has told you they are applying to access funds from Jobseeker Support, then you will need to provide them with an invoice/quote before they apply. If the application is successful, then we will pay you

directly. If you have any questions, then you should contact us at jobseekersupport@desbt.qld.gov.au.

DTET reserves the right to complete checks into the suitability of suppliers, to contact suppliers regarding the goods and services detailed in applications and to make funding decisions based on the availability of funds that allows funds to be allocated in the best interests of all eligible jobseekers.

Can I access support if I am a Back to Work supported employee at risk of losing my job?

Back to Work supported employees at risk of losing employment must contact the local DTET Team. The contact details of these regional offices can be found under relevant locations on the [Back to Work website](#).

DTET Regional Teams can assist the employee and employer with access to the Harrison Tool for Retention and the Small Business Support Pool.

What happens if the program is discontinued?

Advice will be published on the Back to Work website if funding is no longer available or the program has been discontinued.

Privacy and confidentiality

The Privacy Collection Notice included in provision four of the Jobseeker Support Terms and Conditions available on the Back to Work website sets out how information collected as part of the application process will be used by the Queensland Government.

Broadly, the information can be used to evaluate, administer, assess, monitor and audit compliance with the eligibility criteria for the program in order to support delivery of the Jobseeker Support program.

Applicants must provide information for the purposes of assessing eligibility and must consent to disclose their personal details for the purposes set out in the privacy statement in the Terms and Conditions.

For further information about the management of personal information, please email the Privacy Contact Officer at corporate.legal@desbt.qld.gov.au

Human Rights consideration

The intention of the *Human Rights Act 2019* (the Act) is to ensure every person in Queensland is treated equally and without discrimination.

Although the eligibility criteria under Jobseeker Support is not extended to all Queenslanders and therefore may limit the rights of those that are unable to access it, this is described as reasonable and justifiable under the Act (Section 13(2)) as the intent of Jobseeker Support aims to achieve the purpose of the Act by supporting and encouraging equitable participation across a broad range of cohorts that generally face barriers to their participation in the labour market.

Contact us

Website: <http://www.business.qld.gov.au/backtowork>

Phone: 13QGOV (13 74 68)

Email: jobseekersupport@desbt.qld.gov.au

Need help in your language?

Call 1800 512 451 and ask for an interpreter. If you require further assistance, please contact the Back to Work team.

Australian Apprenticeship Support Loan

When being signed up as an apprentice, you will be visited by an Apprentice Connect Australia Provider (ACAP) who will complete the initial paperwork, speak to them about applying for the loan if this is an option you want to consider. They will advise what you need to do. Make sure you get the application as soon as possible, they will not back date payments – more information is available online.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2026 SCHOOL LEADERS!

We're so proud to introduce our Home Hill State High School Captains and Student Council Leaders for 2026! A huge thank you to all staff and students who took part in this year's leadership voting — the results were incredibly close, showing just how many outstanding young leaders we have across our school.

Congratulations to our new School Captains Isla Wilkie, Leo Olditch and Ericah Solomon, and our Junior School Captain Eli Ogomeni, along with our dedicated Student Council team and House Captains.

We can't wait to see the passion, teamwork, and school spirit you'll bring to HHSHS in 2026!





HOME HILL STATE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL LEADERS 2026

Congratulations!



SCHOOL CAPTAIN ISLA WILKIE	SCHOOL CAPTAIN LEO OLDITCH	SCHOOL CAPTAIN ERICA SOLOMON	JUNIOR SCHOOL CAPTAIN ELI OGOMENI	
				
STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLY BERRYMAN	STUDENT COUNCIL TREASURER ERICA SOLOMON	STUDENT COUNCIL SECRETARY FARYN POLI	STUDENT COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT LANDON CORRADI	
				
INKERMAN CAPTAIN LEO OLDITCH	INKERMAN CAPTAIN ERICA SOLOMON	BEACHMOUNT CAPTAIN FARYN POLI	BEACHMOUNT CAPTAIN ISLA WILKIE	UPSTART CAPTAIN SONNY O'ROURKE
				

YEAR 7/8 DIGI TECH

This term, our Year 7 and 8 students have been unleashing their creativity in Digital Technology by designing their very own games and interactive stories, from scratch! Each student is bringing their unique ideas to life, using their imagination, problem-solving, and digital design skills to craft something truly original.

They're not just gamers, they're producers, editors, and collaborators, helping one another refine code, graphics, and storylines. It's been inspiring to see them think outside the box, experiment with different techniques, and take pride in creating something entirely their own.



A Heartfelt Thank You to the Home Hill RSL Sub Branch



Mr Ron Clive, Mr Richard Kelly & Mr Allan Petersen



RSL
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We are absolutely overwhelmed with gratitude to the incredible members of the Home Hill RSL Sub Branch for their generous donation of an exceptional water cooler for our students here at Home Hill State High School.

This thoughtful gift isn't just about cool, refreshing water on a hot Burdekin day. It's a powerful reminder of the community spirit that surrounds our school.

The support and kindness shown by the RSL Sub Branch strengthens the connections that make Home Hill such a special place to belong.

From all of us at HSHS, thank you for your ongoing generosity, your care for our students, and your commitment to our community. We are truly, deeply grateful.



STUDENTS BALL

WOW – What a Night!

The 2025 Students' Ball was truly one to remember! From the glitz of the red carpet to the energy on the dance floor, it was an unforgettable celebration.

A huge thank you goes out to our incredible sponsors – this night simply wouldn't have been possible without your support.

To the amazing HSHS community, thank you for the tireless volunteer efforts behind the scenes. You helped bring the magic to life!

Thank you also to the staff from all participating schools who gave their time to supervise and support the event – we appreciate you. But most of all, to our students – WOW! Your arrivals were show-stopping, your style was impeccable, and your behaviour all night was nothing short of outstanding. You truly shone and made the night what it was.

Congratulations to all our award winners – well deserved!

Belle of the Ball - Ashley Fawkes - BCHS

Beau of the Ball - Texas DelleBaite - BCHS

Runner up Belle - Vaylee Grabs ASHS

Runner up Beau - Blaize Palmer - HSHS

Best Dressed Couple - Cameryn Koia - BCC & Jayke Marano - BCC

Sass - Grace Ogomeni - HSHS

Swagger - Harrison Lammon - BCHS

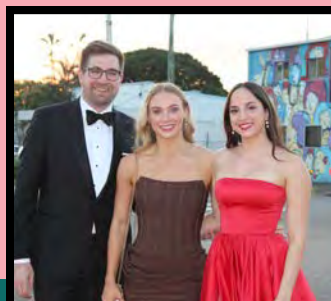
Special Mentions

Pascale Crooks - ASHS

Sid Sajan - BCC

Imogen Petersen - BCHS

Grayson Potter-Geitz - HSHS



HOLLYWOOD

Thank You

The HSHS community would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the local businesses who generously sponsored this year's Students' Ball.

Your contributions go beyond just financial support; they show true community spirit and a belief in our young people. Thank you for being part of what makes our school and our town so special.



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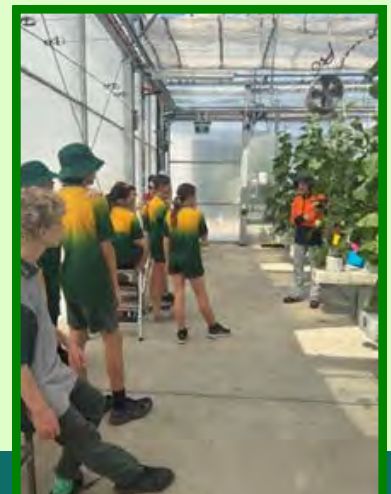
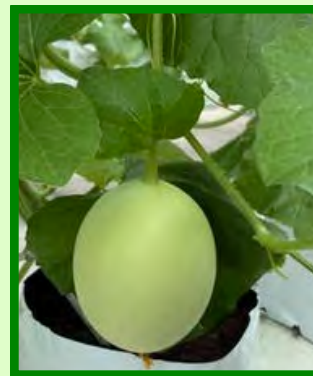
Home Hill Students Growing Premium Inthanon Melons

Students at Home Hill State High School are once again getting their hands dirty and their minds growing with the planting of Inthanon Japanese Rockmelons inside the school's Protective Cropping Structure.

The Inthanon variety is highly regarded in Japanese and Southeast Asian markets for its exceptional sweetness, smooth netted rind, and fragrant aroma. These melons are often presented as premium gifts in Japan, where fruit quality, flavour, and presentation are highly valued. For our students, growing Inthanon melons offers a unique opportunity to understand export-quality production standards, controlled-environment horticulture, and global market expectations. Through this project, students are learning about climate management, fertigation precision, pollination, and biosecurity practices, as well as the importance of sustainable production methods that minimise environmental impact.

Another highlight has been the incredible success of the Lebanese Cucumbers, which went from seed to harvest in just 29 days. A remarkable turnaround! Students achieved a 100% germination rate, thanks to high-quality seed generously donated by Rijk Zwaan, who have also provided a wonderful selection of lettuce and cucumber varieties for students to trial.

Adding a fun and creative twist, the students have also been inspired by the classic tale Jack and the Beanstalk — growing their very own “beanstalks” of green and purple broad beans that climb skyward inside the greenhouse. We are enjoying having the DPI work so closely with us – thankyou Heidi. We look forward to sharing our successes in the weeks to come.





Gatton AgTech Showcase.

During Week 2 of this term, our Ag Teacher Louise Nicholas and Ag Assistant Kim Anderson attended the Gatton AgTech Showcase.

Thank you to the Department of Primary Industries for providing HSHS with the fantastic opportunity to attend this event. Your support and guidance is appreciated.

The work students are undertaking at Home Hill SHS and Ayr SHS was shared recently at the Gatton AgTech Showcase and the comments were nothing but 'impressive'. Over two days at the Gatton AgTech Showcase, we were fortunate to be among more than 1,400 growers, industry members, students, and innovators who explored the cutting edge of agricultural technology at the Queensland Government Smart Farm.

As a teacher and ag assistant attending this event was both inspiring and rewarding. It was an incredible opportunity to connect with industry leaders, learn about the latest in protected cropping and Ag-Tech innovations, and gain practical insights that we can now bring back to our students and programs at Home Hill SHS. From laser weeders and smart sprayers to drone technologies and data-driven farming solutions, the showcase highlighted just how far the industry has come—and where it's heading. These advancements will directly support our mission of preparing students for future careers in agriculture and ensuring they are skilled, adaptable, and industry-ready.

We would like to sincerely thank the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) for their ongoing support and guidance throughout our protective cropping journey. The partnerships and connections developed through this event will be invaluable as we continue to grow our school's Ag program and deliver real-world learning experiences.

Congratulations to the event organisers and a big thank you to Hort Innovation, the Queensland DPI, and sponsors for supporting such a forward-thinking and important initiative. The strong turnout reflects the growing interest in sustainable, tech-driven agriculture. This is something we are proud to be part of at Home Hill High





HHSHS celebrates National Ag Day

**Tuesday
November
18th**
11:20am – 12:10pm

Home Hill State High School is celebrating National Ag Day with a day of food, fun, and community connection — showcasing the amazing work happening in our Agriculture programs and celebrating those who help make it possible!

Event Highlights:

Crayfish Cook Up

Students will be cooking and serving locally grown crayfish.



Long Table Lunch

Join us for a relaxed shared lunch featuring produce grown and prepared by our students.



Greenhouse Club Launch

We're excited to announce the formation of our new Greenhouse Club, recognising student helpers who've contributed to our incredible protected cropping facility.



Cake Cutting & Celebration

No celebration is complete without cake!



This event is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate local agriculture, connect with industry partners, and recognise the contribution our students make to the future of food and fibre.

We look forward to celebrating with you — and thank everyone involved for helping make National Ag Day a highlight of our school calendar!



☀️ Tuckshop Volunteers Needed! ☀️

Our fantastic Tuckshop Convenor, Michelle Berryman, would love a few extra helping hands, especially on Mondays and Wednesdays.

We're calling on parents, carers, grandparents, and community members to volunteer and be part of this valued service that supports our students each day.

Whether you can help once a term, once a week, or just on the odd occasion, your time makes a real difference. Even half an hour during service time (from 11:20am) is a huge help!

If you're interested in volunteering or would like to know more, please contact the school. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Every bit of help counts!

To celebrate World Tuckshop Appreciation Day, we want to shine a very bright spotlight on Michelle and the incredible work she does for our school community.

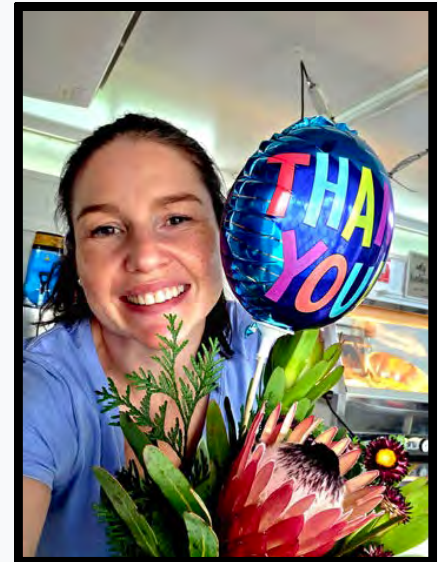
Michelle's commitment to providing our students with nutritious, and delicious meals, always served with genuine care and a welcoming smile, is something we value deeply. She goes above and beyond every single day, ensuring our tuckshop runs smoothly, supporting our students with kindness, and playing a huge role in creating a positive, nurturing environment at HSHS.

From early-morning prep to the busy lunchtime rush, Michelle's hard work, dedication, and heart are felt by everyone who walks through the tuckshop window.

Our students, staff, and families are so lucky to have her.

Thank you, Michelle, your efforts do not go unnoticed, and we appreciate you more than words can say.

A special Thank you also to our volunteers and supporters as well.



PLEASE NOTE

The Tuckshop will be closed during WEEK 10 of this term.

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**ASBESTOS REMOVAL
IN PROGRESS**

DO NOT ENTER

Home Hill State High School

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Asbestos removal work will be undertaken at Home Hill State High School during the Summer School Holidays (December 2025 – January 2026). During this period, the school grounds will be a restricted area, and, to ensure the health and safety of all members of our school community, strictly no entry will be permitted for any staff, students, parents, or visitors.

SPORT NEWS

BSS NETBALL GALA DAY



Home Hill State High School students took to the courts in Week 4 for the BSS Netball Gala Day - and what a day it was! The competition was fierce, the cheers were loud, and the Hill spirit was well and truly alive. All teams demonstrated impressive skill and determination on the court, but a special mention must go to our Year 9/10 boys' team who tied first place with BCH! What an intense final (that Miss Walters still hasn't quite recovered from). It was fantastic to see so much enthusiasm and encouragement between players throughout the day. A huge thank you to the staff, coaches, and volunteers who supported our teams, and congratulations to all students who participated.



Congratulations!

A huge congratulations to
Genevieve Bonanno and
Luke Potter-Geitz on their
outstanding achievements!



Both students have been selected to represent North QLD at the 2025 Australian All Schools Championships in December.

Genevieve will compete in Discus and Shot Put.

Luke will compete in High Jump and Triple Jump.

We are incredibly proud of you both.

What a fantastic accomplishment!

AWARDS NIGHT SPECIAL

2025 Academic & Sports' Awards Night
What an incredible night of celebration at the Burdekin Memorial Hall! Our 2025 Academic and Sports Awards Night showcased the outstanding achievements, talent, and spirit of our amazing students, and what a proud moment it was for our entire school community.

A heartfelt thank you to all of our sponsors, local businesses, and community partners who supported the event and helped make the night so special. Your generosity and ongoing support mean the world to us and to our students. It's what makes our small school capable of doing such big things. Congratulations once again to all of our award recipients and to every student who continues to live the HSHS values each day. We are so proud of you all!



ACADEMIC AWARDS

CONGRATS!

Year 7

Well done!



Arabella
Sangiuliano



Adam
Young

Level 1

A band in 4 subjects
B band in two other



Chloe
Oats



Mackenzie
Worland



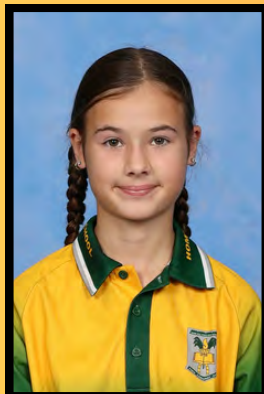
Talin
Poli

Level 2

Total of 5 in or
above B band



Lincoln
Bonanno



Amy
Pfingst



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Ford

Teacher Awards

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Year 8 Level 2

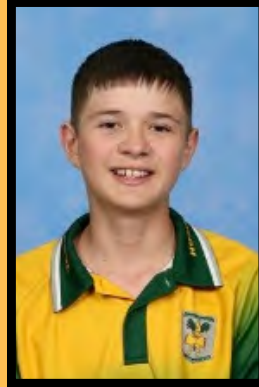
Total of 5 in or
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Heatley



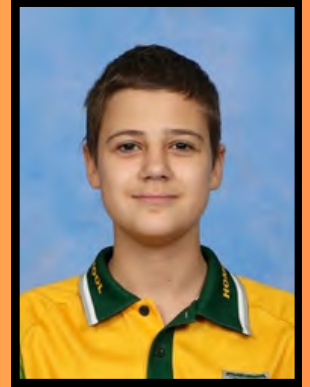
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Kenyon



Eli
Wilkie



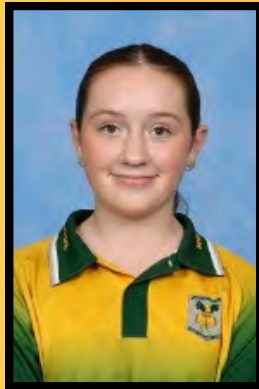
Rayne
O'Neill



Julian
Savin



Emily
MacDonald



Emily
Power



William
Stanton-Cook

Level 3

Total of 4 in or
above B band



Eli
Ogomeni

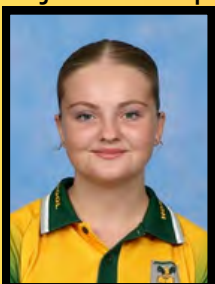


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Miller

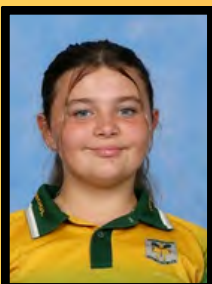


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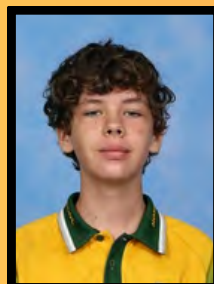
Teacher Awards



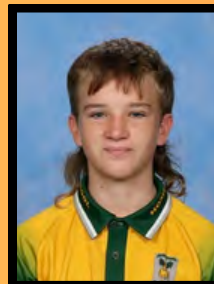
Mia
Reece



Dontaii
Clubb



Isaac
Parfitt



Dylan
Harmsworth



Jaydon
Srisoongnoen



Ashly
Oats

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Year 9

Level 2

Total of 5 in or
above B band



Medea
Burr



Ajai
Foot



Saxon
Petersen



Ashlyn
Poli



Angelina
Curro



Precious
Somono



Jack
Webb

Teacher Awards

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Well done!

Year 10

Level 1

A band in 4 subjects
& B band in 2

Level 2

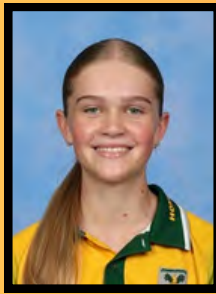
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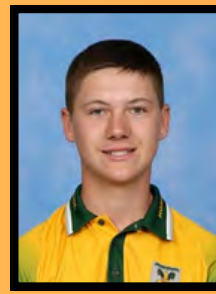
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Bapty



Indiana
MacDonald



Jemma
Olditch



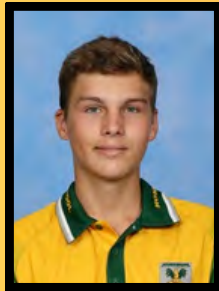
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Petersen



Samantha
Kelly



Jack
Srisoongnoen



Charlie
Stanton-Cook



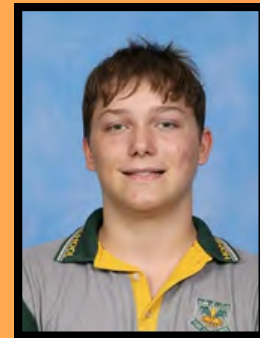
Bella-Rae
Walker



Cheyenne
Worland

Level 3

Total of 4 in or
above B band



Te Kaha
Robertson



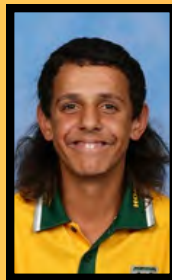
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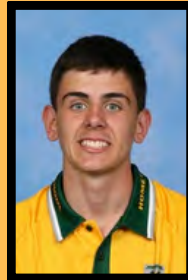
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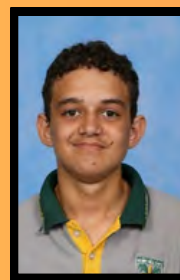
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Bonanno



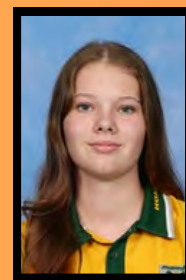
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Koraba



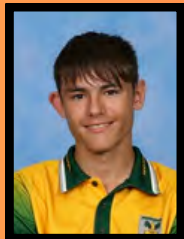
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Potter-Geitz



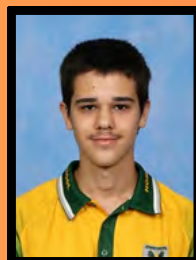
Zaine
Palmer



Chantal
Richards



Michael
Finn



Nicholas
Savin

Teacher Awards

ACADEMIC AWARDS



Year 11



Level 1

A band in 3 subjects
and B band in 2 others



Faryn
Poli



Isla
Wilkie



Milly
Berryman



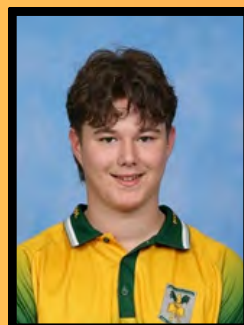
Mary
Hinde

Level 3

4 in or
above band B



Ericah
Solomon



Landon
Corradi



Leo
Olditch



Sonny
O'Rourke

Teacher Awards

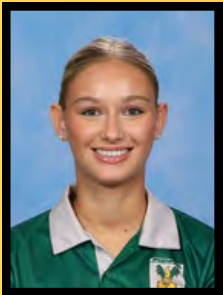
ACADEMIC AWARDS

*Well!
done!*

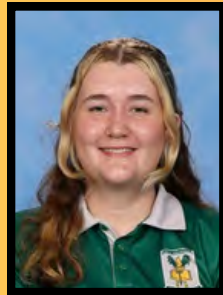
Year 12 Level 1

*Strive
FOR
Greatness*

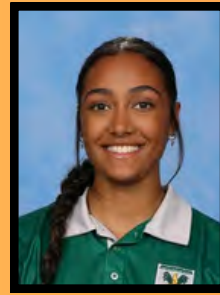
A band in 3 subjects
& B band in 2 other



Zoe Bonanno



Addison MacDonald



Grace Ogomeni



Blaize Palmer

Level 2

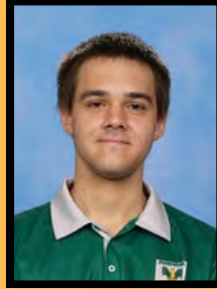
Total of 5 in or above B band



Sam
Perina



Ashley
Richards



Alexander
Savin



Cruz
Torkington



Bridget
Zimmerlie

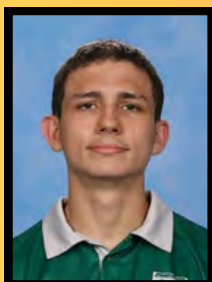
Teacher Awards

Level 3

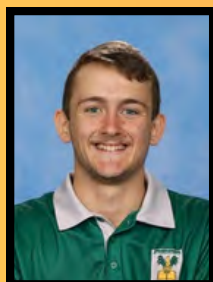
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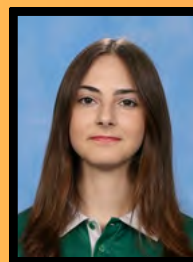
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Bugeja



Jayden
Lehmann



Grayson
Potter-Geitz



Alexis
Hall



Ethan
Hanlon



Chloe
Sherwood

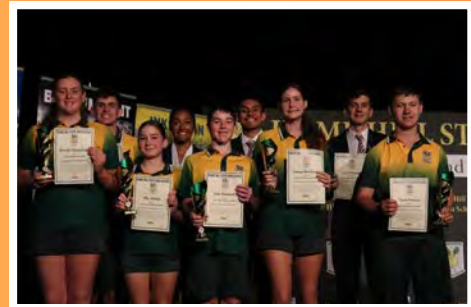


William
Smerdon



Mayson
Oats

AWARDS NIGHT SPECIAL



SPECIAL AWARDS

Bendigo Bank

Accounting Award



Grace
Ogomeni



Award



Addison
MacDonald



Award



Isla
Wilkie

sunwater

Agriculture Awards



Genevieve
Bonanno



Bridget
Zimmerlie

**Great
Work**



Australian
Cane Farms
Certificate II in
Production
Horticulture
Award

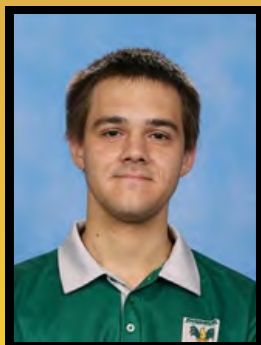


Mary Hinde

Queensland Agriculture Teachers Association
Certificate of Very High Achievement



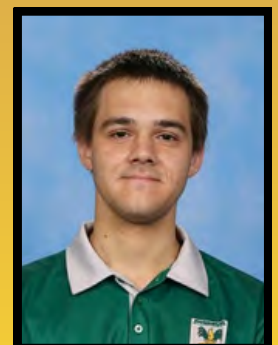
Rowen
Petersen



Alexander
Savin



Bridget
Zimmerlie



Alexander
Savin

SPECIAL AWARDS



Award



Campbell
Cooke

Dale Cooper Award

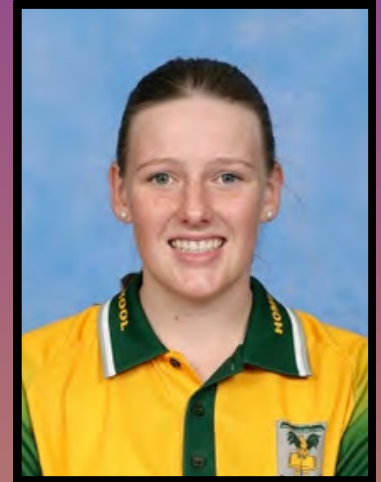


Ashlyn
Poli



ZONTA
INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 22 LTD

Science Encouragement Award

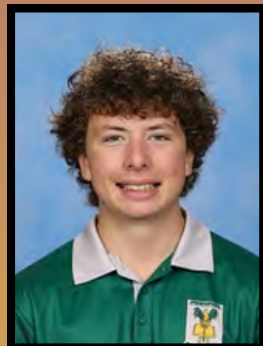


Samantha
Kelly

Royal Australian Chemical Institute Certificate for Excellence In Chemistry



Grace
Ogomeni



Sam
Perina

AMAZING



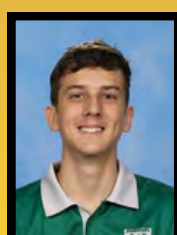
Dawson Award



ITD AWARD HOSPITALITY AWARD



Ashley
Richards



Cruz
Torkington



Addison
MacDonald

SPECIAL AWARDS

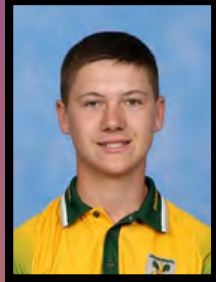


JAMES COOK
UNIVERSITY
AUSTRALIA

Encouragement Awards



Samantha
Kelly



Rowen
Petersen

JCU Direct Entry Acknowledgment



Addison
MacDonald

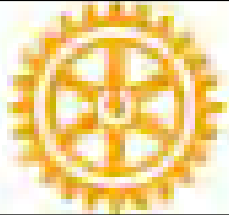
EXCELLENT

Rotary Club of Home Hill Award



Ashlyn
Poli

Rotary



Club of Home Hill Community Service Awards



Grace
Ogomeni



Sam
Perina



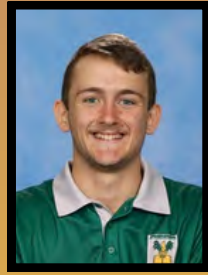
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Oats



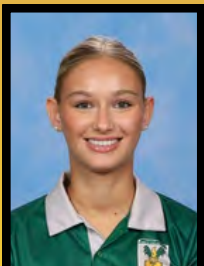
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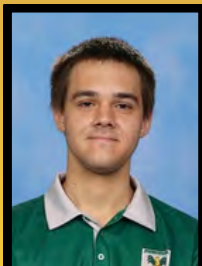
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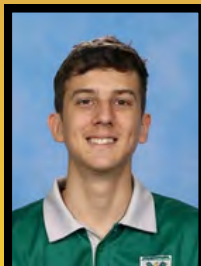
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Leonard
Howard



Alexander
Savin



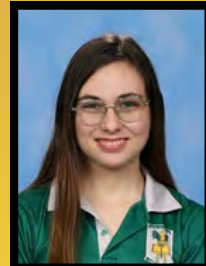
Cruz
Torkington



Graham
Harmsworth



Addison
MacDonald



Christiana
Bugeja

SPECIAL AWARDS

Dale
LAST MP
MEMBER FOR **BURDEKIN**



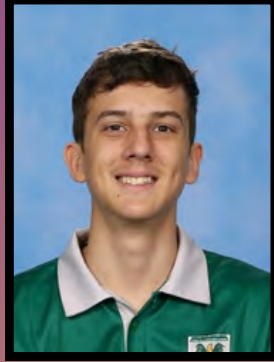
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Community Service Award



Grace
Ogomeni



Cruz
Torkington



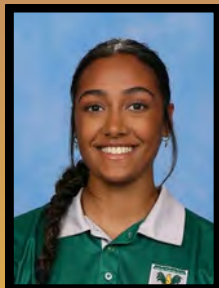
Australian Government
Department of Defence

ADF Awards LONG TAN

Leadership & Teamwork



Jack
Srisoognoen



Grace
Ogomeni

ADF Future Innovators



Cheyenne
Worland



Sam
Perina



Cultural Awards Junior Senior



Eli
Ogomeni



Cruz
Torkington

Lions Youth of the Year



Sam
Perina

SPECIAL AWARDS

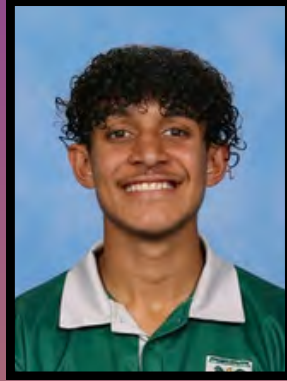
Indigenous Pride Awards

Junior



Zaine
Palmer

Senior



Blaize
Palmer



Leadership Award



Blaize
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The Andrew Sherrington Award

Good
JOB.



Thor Heron

The Crusher Spirit Award



Grayson Potter-Geitz



The Order of Australia



Zoe
Bonanno

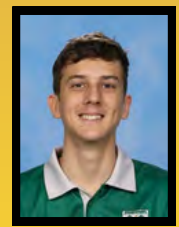


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Ogomeni

Certificates of Community Service Awards



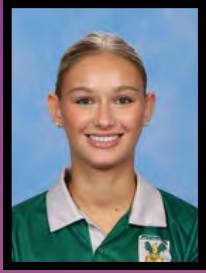
Grayson
Potter-Geitz



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SPECIAL AWARDS

2025 HSHS LEADERSHIP AWARDS



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Bonanno



Christiana
Bugeja



Addison
MacDonald



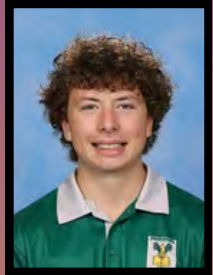
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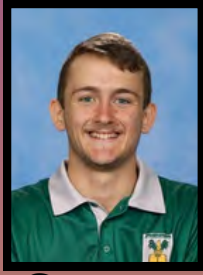
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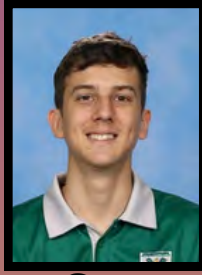
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JUNIOR SCHOOL CAPTAIN



Ashlyn
Poli

INDIGENOUS CAPTAIN

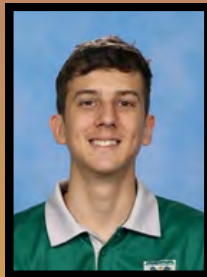


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SPORTS HOUSE CAPTAINS BEACHMOUNT



Blaize Palmer

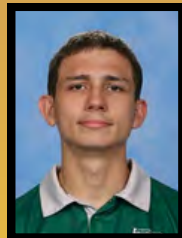


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INKERMAN



Khiara Turner

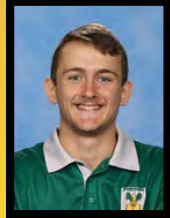


Jayden Lehmann

UPSTART



Grace Ogomeni



Grayson Potter-Geitz

STUDENT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

PRESIDENT



Cruz
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TREASURER



Mayson
Oats

SECRETARY



Christiana Bugeja

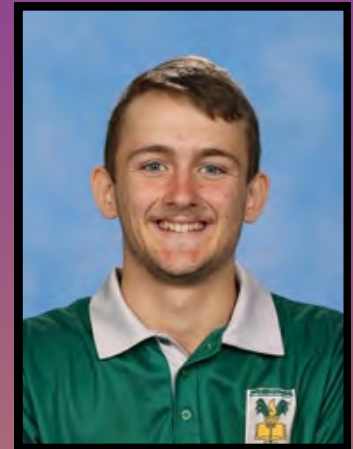


SPECIAL AWARDS

The Home Hill State High School P & C School Captains Award



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Ogomeni



Grayson
Potter-Geitz

AMPOL BEST ALL ROUNDER AWARD



Grace Ogomeni

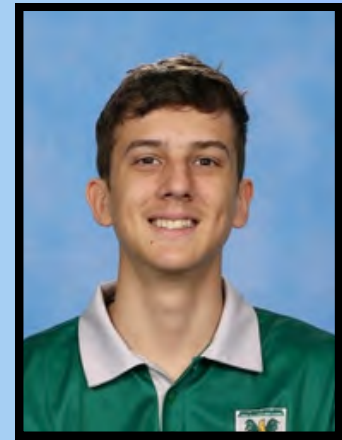


SPORTS SPECIAL AWARDS

The Australian Olympic Changemakers Award



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HOME HILL STATE HIGH SCHOOL SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR

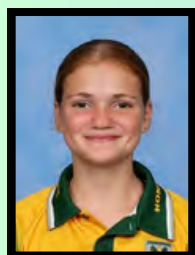


Luke Potter-Geitz



SPORTS LEVEL AWARDS

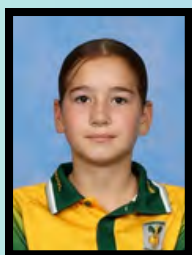
LEVEL 1



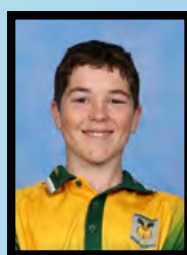
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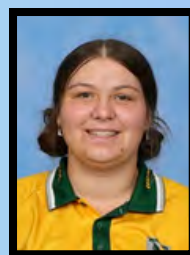
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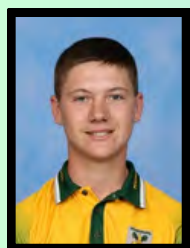
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Blacklock



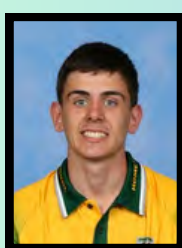
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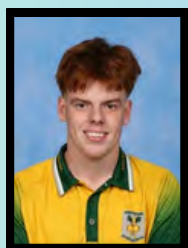
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Rowen
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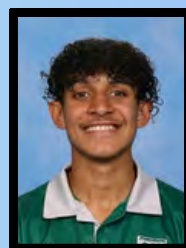
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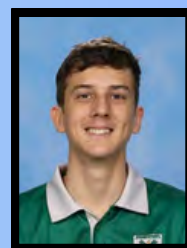
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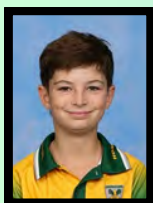


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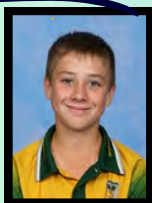
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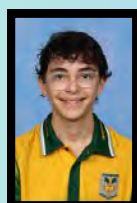
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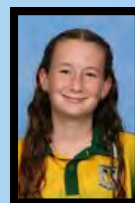
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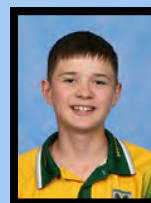
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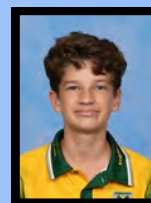
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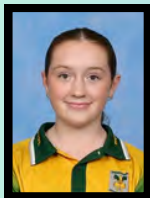
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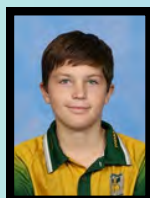
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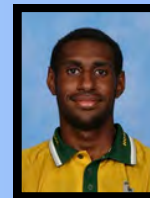
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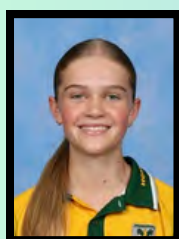
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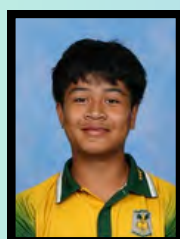
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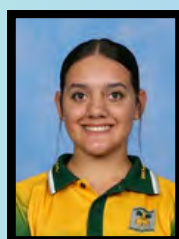
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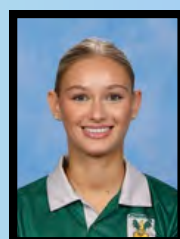
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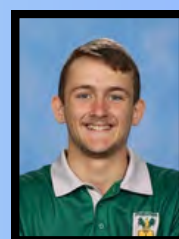
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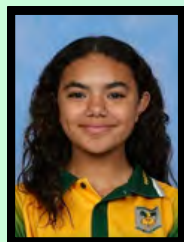
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SPORTS LEVEL AWARDS

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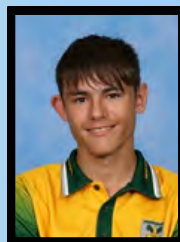
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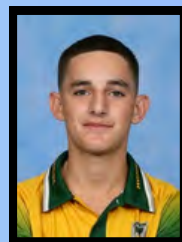
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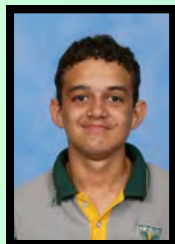
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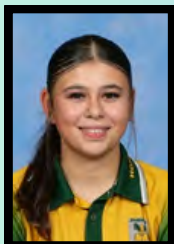
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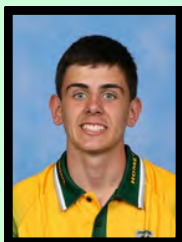


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SPORTS SPECIAL AWARDS

**Lloyd Mann Memorial
Athletes of the Year**



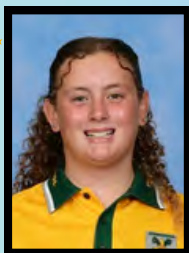
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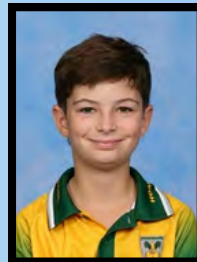


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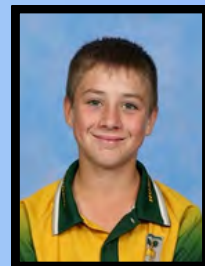


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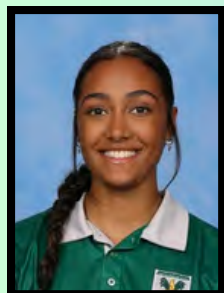


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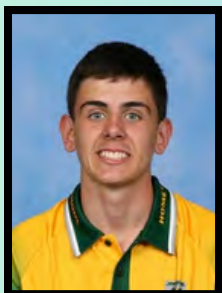
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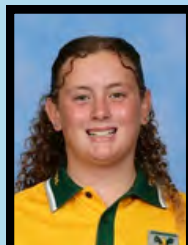
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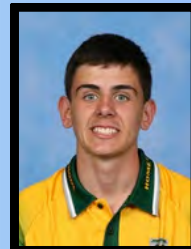


Luke
Potter-Geitz

**Vince Toohey
Memorial
Junior Sportsperson** **Senior Sportsperson**



Arabella
Sangiuliano



Luke
Potter-Geitz

**John Cook
Memorial**

A huge THANK YOU to our incredible sponsors!

The 2025 Home Hill State High School Academic & Sports Awards Night was a celebration of excellence, teamwork, and community spirit – and it simply wouldn't have been possible without the generosity of our sponsors and supporters.

From local families and community groups to major organisations, every single one of you plays a part in helping our students dream big and achieve more. Your support allows us to recognise hard work, inspire future pathways, and make the night as special as it was.

Thank you to all of our sponsors for standing beside our school and our students. We're so proud to have you as part of the Home Hill SHS family.



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❓ Expression of Interest (EOI)

❓ 2026 Future Fields: Ag Inspirations & Horticulture Immersion

Program Overview

HomeHill StateHigh School invites district schools to participate in the 2026 *Ag Inspirations & Horticulture Immersion Program*. This program provides students with hands-on learning experiences across broadacre cropping, aquaculture, livestock, value-adding, AgTech, and horticulture. Students will engage directly with industry, complete workplace-inspired activities, and explore career pathways, while collecting evidence towards the QCAA *Career Education Short Course* (1 QCE point).

Location: Burdekin surrounds & Home Hill State High School Agricultural Precinct

Dates: 9 – 13 March 2026

Target Group: Year 10 – 12 students (minimum 10 students per school)

Commitment Deadline: 14 November 2025

Cost: \$25 per student

Duration: 5 Days

Sample Program Structure

Day 1 – Welcome, Career Profiling & Industry Visits

- Welcome & Program Briefing
- QCAA Career Education Short Course overview
- AgForce SIPP Careers / Personality Profiling
- Broadacre & mixed cropping farm visits (planting, harvesting, machinery, irrigation)

Day 2 – Farm & Industry Immersions

- Aquaculture (Coral Coast Barramundi)
- Cattle & livestock industry visit (e.g. LegaSea / JBS)
- Reflection & SIPP Careers in Ag workshop

Day 3 – Value-Add, Technology & Industry Tours

- Site tour: Townsville Port
- AgTech demo (Bowen Gumlu Growers)
- AgForce SIPP wrap-up & final report
- Optional evening industry BBQ / networking

Day 4 – Horticulture Hands-On & Careers Exploration

- HSHS Protected Cropping Greenhouse workshops
- Guest speakers: DPI, agronomists, industry experts
- Seedling propagation, fertigation control, soil testing

- Resume & mock interview workshop
- Action planning & goal setting

Day 5 – Reflection & Course Completion

- Visit Ayr Research Station (DPI)
- Careers panel / Q&A with local employers
- Celebration lunch & feedback session
- Journal reflections & evidence submission

Inclusions:

All transport during Ag Inspirations tour

Lead facilitator (HSHS staff) across all days

Access to QCAA *Career Education Short Course* materials

Immersion journal templates for reflections & evidence

Coordination of site visits, presenters, and workshops

Industry presenters guided to showcase pathways and personal career stories

School Commitment

- Minimum of 10 students per school
- Confirmed interest & student numbers by 14 November 2025
- Mandatory participation in the 5-day *Ag Inspirations & Horticulture Immersion Program*

Student Benefits

- ✓ 1 QCE Point via QCAA *Career Education Short Course*
- ✓ Direct engagement with industry & employers
- ✓ Exposure to AgTech, protected cropping, and horticulture
- ✓ Exposure to career pathways in regional agriculture
- ✓ Development of leadership, teamwork & problem-solving skills

Next Steps for Schools

1. Submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) by 14 November 2025.
2. Confirm student numbers and program commitment.
3. Schools will be contacted in November 2025 to finalise details.

EOIs and enquiries to: Home Hill State High School – P: 4790 5666, E: admin@homehillshs.eq.edu.au

School Name: _____ **Contact Person:** _____

Email Address: _____ **Phone number:** _____

Anticipated Student Numbers: _____



JUNIORS 'Fast Four'

TOUCH FOOTBALL CARNIVAL

Ayr, Saturday, 22nd November 2025

Divisions-

Boys U10, U12, U14, U16

Girls U10, U12, U14, U16

Fast Four- Teams of 6 players

with 4 players v 4 players

on half a Touch field.

Four touches per set +

normal Touch rules.

Game time 10 minutes.

Team nomination fee \$20.

\$ \$ \$

Cash

Prizes

\$100 per division

Nominate teams by emailing this completed form to burdekintouch4807@gmail.com or by returning it to the Burdekin Touch canteen - team fee payable by cash or EFTPOS. Nominations close 17th November.

Direct Debit Payment Burdekin Touch Association BSB: 654 000 Acc. No.: 64258541

Reference: Team name + division +your name

For more information, contact Bec Watson 0400 705 205 or Peter Knapton 0437 710 500

Team name _____ Division/s _____

Contact person _____ Mob. No _____ Email _____

Burdekin Community

Candlelight Vigil

Please join fellow community members

Where: Burdekin Theatre Forecourt

When: Tuesday, 25 November 2025
7.00 pm

Why: To stand in solidarity with survivors and their families and remember those who have lost their lives as a result of violence
(as part of 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence)

How:

- Come along and light a candle
- Share in a FREE sausage sizzle

Be part of the solution
It is all our responsibility



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Retirement Celebration

Join us as we honour

Bruce and Ros Gall

SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER

Time: 11:00am Catch up and reminisce
12:00pm Lunch (order from the menu at your own cost)

Venue: Hotel Brandon, 54 Drysdale Street, Brandon

Wanted: Photos or memories you'd like to share on the day

Gift & Event Contributions: Payments can be made via:

Cash: at the Home Hill State High School Administration office.

Direct Deposit: A/C: Home Hill High School Social Club

BSB: 633000 A/C No: 132799826

All former staff, students, and school community members are welcome!
Please share to invite others.

We look forward to celebrating Mr & Mrs Gall's remarkable careers together!

RSVP by Friday 21 November

Jo: jlewt2@eq.edu.au

Lisa: ltode1@eq.edu.au

