

# Bega High News



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## Coming Events

Friday, 10 April

- Good Friday Public Holiday

Term 2

Monday, 27 April:

- School Development Day – school is open but students DO NOT attend

Tuesday, 28 April:

- School is open for students

## PowerUp Program, Tuesday, 10 March

In November 2019 it was suggested that the school would have the opportunity to learn with and about the most recent information and communications technologies. The program called PowerUp happened at the school on Tuesday 10 March 2020.

After much planning and preparation by staff from Bega High school and the team at the T4L (Technology for Learning) Directorate in the Department of Education, teachers and students learned about various pieces of software available for iPads, in Google Classrooms and from Microsoft.

Students were able to code and control robots and other technologies while teachers learned how to use the software and technologies for quality teaching and learning experiences for all students.

They impressed the presenters – “they were curious, capable and keen to learn more about how to apply computational thinking skills and work to create digital solutions...the Bega Valley is a place to watch!!”

The sessions did not end at 3.20pm – more than 60 teachers from the high school and surrounding primary schools attended the sessions from 12 noon to 7pm and enjoyed refreshments supplied by the Heritage Centre at Bega Cheese – a truly collaborative effort between the school, the local community and our T4L team.

PS: A big ‘thank you’ to Bega High’s Technical Support Officers (TSOs), Mark Hollander and Philip Lord for their technical expertise and support throughout the sessions

**Mrs Linda Thurston**  
Principal







## Sport at Tathra Beach



Sophie, Matt, Clair, Corey and Hayley give thumbs up at Tathra Beach.



Tathra Bushwalking returning to Tathra Beach from Shelly Beach



## Year 7 News

Congratulations to the current Year 7 students who have completed Term 1 of High School. It has been lovely to see them adjust to the expectations of Bega High. Everyone seems to be embracing the opportunity.

Recently, Year 7 hosted the meet the Teachers afternoon, which involved an informal meeting between the parents and teachers and a free BBQ.

The students were encouraged to introduce their parents to their teachers and foster stronger bonds and easier lines of communication. Held in the Bega High Gardens, it was a pleasant and advantageous afternoon.

Unfortunately, the Year 7 Camps have been cancelled. It is hoped they can be rescheduled at a later time. These camps have been extremely successful in the past and provide another opportunity for our students to bond, build resilience and gain interpersonal skills. The camps also offer an opportunity to foster outdoor education in our local environments.

**Daniel Benzie**  
Year 7 Adviser

## Science & Engineering Challenge Excursion to Kalaru Race, Friday, 13 March

On Friday 13 March, 22 eager Bega High School students travelled to Kalaru Racecourse to compete in the 2020 Sapphire Coast Science and Engineering Challenge hosted by the University of Newcastle.

Students worked in teams to design water turbines, map railway networks, design and build working hover crafts, build bridges and communicate using code.

The students were joined by a number of local industry professionals who guided and encouraged students to solve problems and think critically about complex tasks.

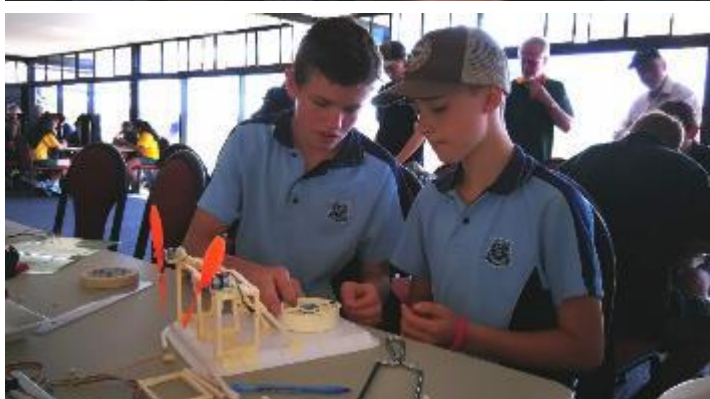
While Bega High didn't come away with the trophy, students and teachers learned from the experience and look forward to applying their new skills in the classroom.

Tuesday Lawrence-O'Leary of Year 9 said 'The day was fun and exciting, I will remember it and encourage all those with the opportunity to go'.

**Miss Prowse and Mr Weafer**  
Science Teachers









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### University of Wollongong Learning Labs Program

In light of the recent global health situation and the presence of COVID-19 in Australia, the University of Wollongong has reviewed its delivery of Learning Labs for 2020.

To ensure the health and wellbeing of our participants, we have made the decision to cancel both the upcoming April and July Learning Labs programs. An email has been sent to April attendees, which includes instructions on refunds.

The next Learning Labs is scheduled to take place in the October holidays (campuses TBC). We will be in touch to advise whether this is going ahead over the next coming months.

Thanks so much for your understanding.

Kind Regards,

Sarah Smith

**Learning Labs Team**

University of Wollongong NSW 2522 Australia

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Classrooms come alive in 2020 with a new Australian history digital resource and an inspiring national competition!

The National Museum of Australia is challenging secondary students in years 8 to 11 to tell us about a 'defining moment' in their community's history for a chance to **win a trip to Canberra and great prizes.**

Winning entries will be featured on the new Australia's Defining Moments Digital Classroom website launching in June 2020.

Entries will be accepted **from now until 15 October 2020.** For more information, visit [nma.gov.au/digital-classroom](http://nma.gov.au/digital-classroom)

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