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ELEVATED
EVERYTHING
IN 2025



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**Ben Orford**

PRINCIPAL

Meet Mr Orford — part Jack Black, part Ted Lasso — bringing rock-and-roll energy, dad jokes, and a whole lot of heart to Yeronga.

In his first full year as Principal, he's found joy in seeing the school thrive — from student success to new facilities and community spirit. His advice? "Be the best version of yourself — and never stop learning."

He'll remember the Class of 2025 for their passion, diversity, and drive... and if you ever hear metal music blasting down the hall, you'll know he's recharging for the next big win.



Principal's Report



Under this year's theme, Elevate, we have continued to rise together—lifting each other, strengthening our learning culture, and reaching new heights as a school.

This year, we passed a major milestone with more than 1,000 students and achieved some of the best academic results in our school's history. We were also recognised nationally for our leadership in student wellbeing, co-curricular programs, student voice, and innovation—including our partnership with the University of Melbourne. These achievements reflect the strength of our community and the opportunities we continue to create for every learner.

To our students, I am incredibly proud of your effort, resilience, and growth. Your success has been earned.

To our families, thank you for your ongoing trust and partnership.

To our staff and volunteers, your dedication, care, and belief in our young people make all of this possible.

Students are supported by a dedicated team of teachers and staff who deliver learner-centred programs designed to engage, challenge, and inspire. Yeronga's culture is underpinned by its 4Rs: Rights, Respect, Responsibility, and Reputation. Parents and caregivers are valued partners in the shared journey of learning and growth.

As Principal, I am proud to lead this vibrant community in pursuing the values of Quality, Harmony, and Sustainability. Together, we help students design individualised pathways that include traineeships, apprenticeships, tertiary study, and employment.

At Yeronga State High School, every student is encouraged to contribute to their own success and to embrace the opportunities of a connected and inclusive world.



Sheridan Townsley

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL JUNIOR SCHOOL

Meet Ms Townsley — passionate, witty, and a little bit Tracey Flick from Election. Her highlight of the year? Getting to know Yeronga’s wonderful students and watching the Class of 2025 shine at Yeronga Celebrates.

Her advice? “You’ll grow up so quickly — be kids for as long as you can.”

When she’s not cheering on her students, she’s happily “nerding out” over science blogs on ATA — proving that curiosity is her superpower.



Brock Germain

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT JUNIOR SCHOOL

Meet Mr Germain — Head of Department and lifelong adventurer. The highlight of his year? Getting to know new students and learning about their goals and ambitions.

His advice: “See the world and think beyond who you are right now — always keep the big picture in mind.”

A true pop-culture fan, Mr Germain loves it all— but when it comes to picking an icon, he says it’s impossible. “I’m not Oprah — no car giveaways — and I definitely can’t sing, so let’s just say I’m uniquely me.”

He’ll remember the Class of 2025 for their energy and the unforgettable ski trip. Next year, he’s off to Antarctica and the Amazon — ticking off his final two continents!



Jordan Plumridge

LEARNER AGENCY MENTOR

Meet Mr Plumridge — upbeat, down-to-earth, and a bit like Michael Bublé with an Aussie twist. His highlight of the year? Tackling the Kokoda Challenge and seeing students cross the finish line grinning from ear to ear.

His advice: “Think about the life you want to live — and design it to do the things you love.”

He’ll remember the Class of 2025 simply as good people. And here’s the sweet surprise — he’s an avid baker who loves whipping up desserts in his spare time.



Kate Middleton-Pol

LEARNER AGENCY MENTOR YEAR 8

Meet Mrs Middleton-Pol — firm, sharp, and a little bit Kylie Minogue: small, stylish, and commands the stage. Her highlight of the year? Getting to know every Year 8 student — and making sure they stayed on track while she did.

Her advice: “Be kind — if you can’t say something nice, don’t say it at all.”

She’ll remember the Class of 2025 as energised by deadlines — and when she’s not keeping everyone in line, you’ll find her glued to MotoGP or on Rugby Union side-lines — go Wallabies!



Matt Petersen

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Meet Mr Petersen — grounded, hardworking, and always committed to helping students shape their futures. His highlight of the year? Expanding subject choices and flexible timetables while watching students grow into their quality pathways to success.

His advice: “Be kind, look out for your friends, and remember — the harder you work, the luckier you get.”

He’ll remember the Class of 2025 for their resilience on Year 9 camp — especially during Camp Craft. And here’s the unexpected twist: his very first job was wrangling sheep on a farm.



**Holly
Haswell-Smith**

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Meet Ms Haswell-Smith — part Inside Out’s Joy, part Taylor Swift (Eras Era), and all about student voice.

This year she’s championed conversations that matter — helping students speak up, share their culture, and tackle tough topics with confidence.

Her advice: “Be assertive — make your voice heard.”

She’ll remember the Class of 2025 for their energy and heart, and when she’s not sparking discussions, you’ll find her on the pickleball court — passionate, persistent, and still practising.



David Fan

LEARNER AGENCY MENTOR YEAR 9

Meet Mr Fan — easygoing, funny, and a lot like Andy Dwyer from Parks and Recreation. His highlight of the year? Seeing students improve, give their best, and making great memories at camp.

His advice: “Life goes fast — don’t waste your time.”

He’ll remember the Class of 2025 as “他们还可以” (“not bad at all”) — and here’s a surprise: he’s a big Warhammer fan, proudly flying his nerd flag.



Darrin Wood

LEARNER AGENCY MENTOR YEAR 10

Meet Mr Wood — more Clark Kent than Superman, calm, reliable, and always ready to step up when it counts. His highlight of the year? Working alongside Mr Aloizis on his final Yeronga Celebrates to make sure it went out with a bang.

His advice: “Enjoy your time at school and the friendships you make — life gets busy, so cherish it while you can.”

He’ll remember the Class of 2025 as a group that “certainly left a mark.” And what might surprise you most? When he’s not at school, he’s tending to his hives — a proud beekeeper keeping the buzz alive.



Phuong Truong

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL SENIOR SCHOOL

Meet Ms Truong — creative, compassionate, and forever inspired by the heart of Yeronga. After years of helping shape Yeronga’s celebration of culture and community, Ms Truong steps up to lead Yeronga Celebrates — guiding the Parade of Nations and International Concert in a vibrant showcase of diversity, pride, and full-circle joy.

Her message to students? “Do your best with what you know, stay true to yourself, and take every opportunity — you never know where it might lead.”

She’ll remember the Class of 2025 as “full of surprises” — and behind the scenes, you might be surprised to learn she once worked in the fashion industry and dreamed of life as a practicing artist.



Domini Roblin

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT SENIOR SCHOOL

Meet Ms Roblin — creative, caring, and maybe a little bit Sia with her bold style and love for the spotlight. Her greatest joy? Watching students graduate — it’s what she lives for.

Her advice: “Do what you love — and if it’s not working, learn to pivot.”

She’ll remember the Class of 2025 as the ones who made her hair turn grey — and here’s the twist: when she’s not at school, you’ll find her performing at BrisFest with Common People Dance!



**Timothy
Hohenhaus**

LEARNER AGENCY MENTOR YEAR 11

Meet Mr Hohenhaus — not as popular as Ferris Bueller, but he definitely rocks the same laid-back 80s lifestyle. His highlight of the year? Seeing Year 11s shine — from camps to jerseys to academic success — all with integrity and spirit.

His advice: “Be prepared — instant gratification isn’t a long-term reward.”

He’ll remember the Class of 2025 for their love of football — and here’s a fun fact: he’s trained in two martial arts.



**Kimberley
Andrew**

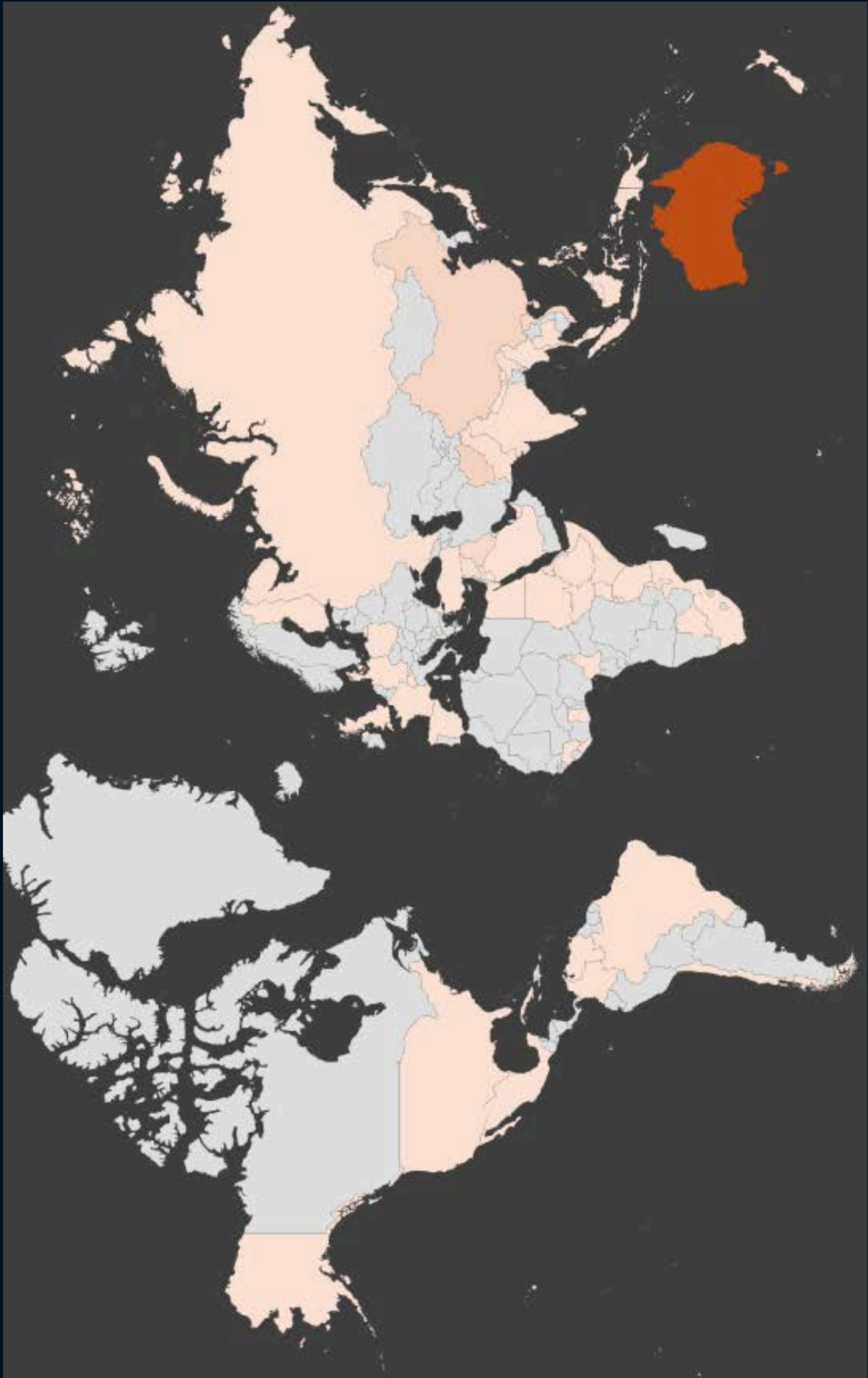
LEARNER AGENCY MENTOR YEAR 12

Meet Ms Andrew — A self-confessed lover of food and laughter, she channels Peregrin Took — curious, fun, and delightfully quirky. Her favourite moment of the year? The 100 Days Celebration, when Year 12 came together to laugh, celebrate, and make lasting memories.

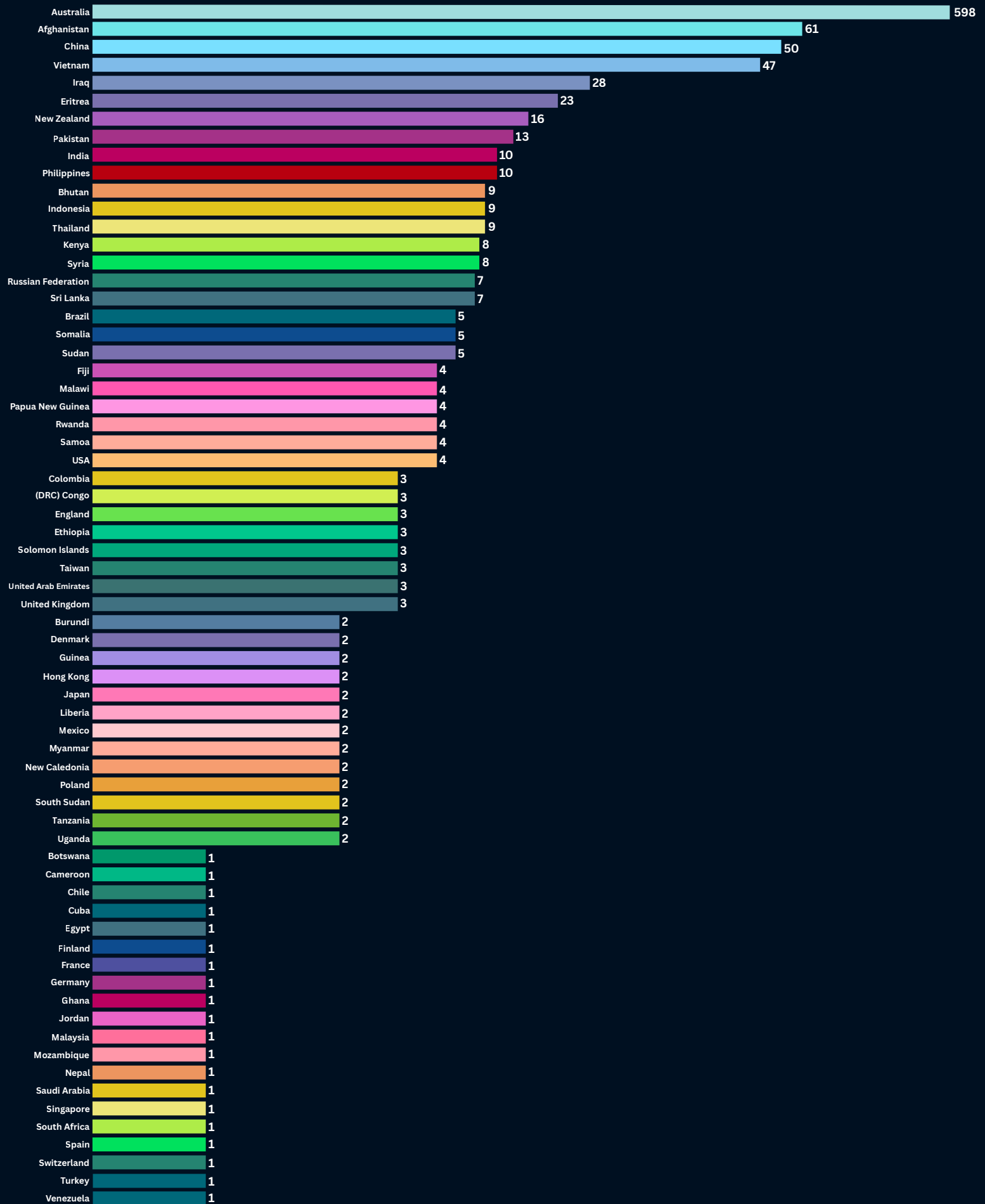
Her advice: “You’re still young — don’t rush. Your brain’s still growing, and so are you.”

She’ll remember the Class of 2025 as wild cards — speaking of wild cards, she used to sneak off to metal gigs back in high school!

Countries of Birth



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STUDENT VOICE AND WELLBEING

At Yeronga State High School, student voice and wellbeing are at the heart of everything we do. Our Student Voice and Wellbeing Program empowers young people to lead, connect, and create positive change within their school and community. Through a wide range of student-led initiatives — including the Horizons Women's Hub, Top Blokes Program, Breakfast Club, Care Ambassadors, and Student Summit — our students are given the opportunity to speak up, take action, and support one another.

Only at Yeronga



EMPOWERING EVERY LEARNER TO THRIVE

In 2025, Yeronga SHS was recognised on the national stage at the Australian Education Awards, proudly winning Best Co-Curricular Program for the Horizons Women's Hub and being named a finalist for Best Student Wellbeing Program. These honours celebrate the school's inclusive culture of care, leadership, and belonging.



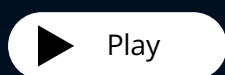
Our programs champion mental health awareness, respectful relationships, leadership, and community service — ensuring every student feels valued and supported. From sharing breakfast together to leading social action projects, Yeronga students learn that wellbeing and voice go hand in hand.

We are immensely proud of our students, staff, and community partners for building a school where every learner is seen, heard, and inspired to succeed.

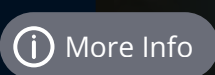
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Yeronga State High School prides itself on our generous array of school clubs for all students and their interests.



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SPORTS

Our sports clubs like futsal, cricket, run, volleyball, AFL and gym are widely appreciated, by all students.

LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Yeronga provides a range of clubs embracing many cultures, such as Spanish, Japanese, language and culture, and LGBTQIA club.



LITERATURE

Clubs like debating, homework, EALD, STEM, and book club, help support students on their academic ventures.



ART

Our diverse range of arts clubs embrace music, crochet, visual arts, dance and film, which are enjoyed by many students.



FOOD

At our breakfast and lunch clubs, students can enjoy the breakfasts made lovingly by our volunteer staff are.



LEISURE

Yeronga also offers clubs like jump rope, esports and dungeons & dragons club, for students to enjoy.

The Weekly Club Schedule ▼

MONDAY

After School (3-4 pm)

- Choir - P11
- Homework Club Tutorials - Library

TUESDAY

Before School

- Indoor Cricket Club - Sports Centre

First Break

- STEM Club - A10
- Book Club - G05
- LGBTQIA+ Club - G10
- Lunch Club - The Hive
- SRC - A06

After School (3-4pm)

- Jazz Big Band - P Block

WEDNESDAY

Before School

- Run Club - Front Gate

First break

- Futsul Juniors - MPC
- Film Fan Club - A08
- Volleyball - Sports Centre
- Gym (Yrs8-12) - Gym
- Lunch Club - The Hive

Second Break

- Spanish Language & Culture - E05/E06

After School (3-4pm)

- EAL/D Homework Club - Library
- Girls AFL - O Block

THURSDAY

Before School

- Breakfast Club

First Break

- Skipping/Jump Rope - O Block
- Futsal Seniors - MPC
- Dance Club - N14
- Crochet Club - C05
- Lunch Club - The Hive
- Esports - A08
- Gym Club - Sports Centre

After School

- Homework Tutorials - Library
- **Drama Club - Auditorium**

FRIDAY

Before School

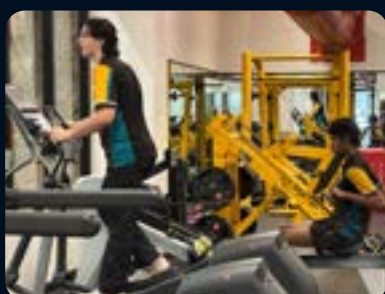
- Symphonic Band - Cultural Centre

First Break

- Debating Club - Library
- Futsul Jnrs + Snrs - MPC
- Japanese Speaking Club - J02

Second Break

- Philosophy Club - F01



Horizons Women's Hub



The **Horizons Women's Hub** at Yeronga SHS continues to empower young women to lead with confidence, compassion, and courage. Through a series of workshops and events, the program provides a safe, supportive space for students to connect, share experiences, and explore topics that matter most to them — from healthy relationships to leadership and self-worth.

This year, the Hub welcomed the **Queensland Women's Health** team, who led a heartfelt and empowering discussion on building and maintaining respectful relationships. The session encouraged open conversation around self-esteem, boundaries, and mutual respect — finishing with a creative **henna art activity** that brought students together in reflection and celebration.

To close the year, the Hub hosted a special **Breakfast with award-winning poet and speaker Anisa Nandaula**, catered by **Mu'ooz Eritrean Restaurant**, which supports women from refugee backgrounds. The event celebrated women's voices, leadership, and the power of community, inspiring students to continue lifting each other up and embracing their strengths.

At Yeronga, the Horizons Women's Hub remains a cornerstone of empowerment — nurturing the next generation of strong, self-aware, and socially conscious young women.



First Nations - Deadly Leaders ▼

At Yeronga State High School, we are proud to celebrate and strengthen our First Nations connections, honouring the cultures, histories, and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Throughout 2025, our students, staff, and community have come together to learn, share, and walk forward in the spirit of reconciliation.

Highlights of the year included our First Nations Community BBQ, held in partnership with Yeronga and local primary schools, where families, Elders, and community members gathered to connect through food, conversation, and culture. During NAIDOC Week, Yeronga SHS proudly hosted visiting students from Moorooka, Junction Park, and Yeronga State Schools for a Day of Celebration featuring boomerang painting, traditional dances and games, and storytelling with our inspiring First Nations seniors.

We also marked Reconciliation Week and Sorry Day through meaningful activities and student-led reflections, guided by this year's theme, "Bridging Now to Next." From smoking ceremonies at Yeronga Celebrates to classroom projects and art workshops, our school continues to create spaces where all students feel seen, heard, and valued.



Top Blokes



The **Top Blokes Program** continues to make a powerful impact at Yeronga SHS, fostering resilience, leadership, and wellbeing among our young men. Through a combination of mentoring, workshops, and community engagement, students have developed confidence, empathy, and the skills to navigate life's challenges with integrity and strength.

A highlight of the year was the **Top Blokes Evening**, held on Friday 13 June during **Men's Mental Health Week**. The event brought together students, families, staff, and community guests — including **Mark Bailey MP** — for an inspiring night of open conversation, connection, and celebration. Supported by incredible partners such as **headspace Woolloongabba**, **Switch4Schools**, **Link & Launch**, **Victorious Gym**, **Circuit Breakers**, and the **Top Blokes Foundation**, the evening showcased the importance of supporting young men's wellbeing through community and conversation.

Beyond the classroom, students also experienced real-world opportunities — from attending the **Gold Coast Supercars** to interviewing guests about what it means to be a “top bloke.” Each activity reinforced the program's focus on positive masculinity, respect, and self-awareness.

Yeronga SHS is proud to lead the way in supporting young men to become confident, compassionate, authentic leaders and community-minded individuals.



Breakfast Club



Breakfast Club at Yeronga SHS grew from three mornings to **five days a week** this year, ensuring every student can start the day with a healthy meal and a friendly welcome. Thanks to our incredible volunteers and the leadership of **Chaplains Jenny (“Chappy Jenny”)**, Breakfast Club has become a daily hub of connection that supports focus, attendance, and overall wellbeing.

Highlights included a special **pancake breakfast** organised by Chappy Jenny—complete with the irresistible aroma of fresh pancakes—and a lively 9-grid ball game before the bell, adding movement, laughter, and a positive start to learning.

This program embodies Yeronga’s culture of care: it nourishes students, builds community, and sets a calm, confident tone for the day. We extend a heartfelt thank you to our volunteer team and supporters for making Breakfast Club possible five mornings a week—and for proving that a simple breakfast can make a big difference.



Futsal Competition




Mr Dan Ward

16 teams took part in the annual futsal competition split into junior and senior divisions. Over 2 terms and more than 60 games, teams battled it out to finish in the top 4 of their division to earn a place in the play offs.

For the juniors, Real Goated topped the league to play Imagine losing in the first semi-final, with Supastrikers playing last year's victors, 1 X champs Barcapool, in the second. Real Goated and Barcapool both triumphed to play a hard-fought final at Yeronga celebrates. Victory went to the former champs, now having to change their team's name to 2 X champs Barcapool.

In the seniors, passion ran high amongst both players and spectators with many close games and a high standard of play. In fact, the competition was that close only 3 points separated 1st and 5th position in the league table! With goal difference being the decider (and used by one or 2 teams as a tactical play), Inter Maignan finished in top spot to play Delhi Demons with Goal Digger coming 2nd to play Chef. Delhi Demons and Goal Digger made it through to the final, with Delhi Demons coming out on top to claim victory.

Well done to all teams who took part and a big thank you to the teachers involved and who made the competition possible.



Mental Health Week

Yeronga SHS proudly celebrated **Mental Health Week 2025** with a schoolwide expo dedicated to promoting wellbeing, connection, and community care. Bringing together over 20 local organisations — including **Accoras, Headspace, Deadly Choices, Zig Zag, AFL Umpiring, Top Blokes Foundation**, and more — the event gave students the chance to explore interactive activities, learn about support services, and strengthen their understanding of mental health.

A highlight of the week was the **Mental Health Expo on 9 October**, where both lunch breaks were combined to allow students extra time to visit stalls, enjoy a free sausage sizzle, and grab bubble tea from Chappy Jenny. Competitions, games, and wellbeing challenges created a fun and inclusive atmosphere, while guest speakers and service providers reminded everyone that help is always available.

Thanks to the support of **Mark Bailey MP**, staff, students, and community partners, the week was a meaningful reminder that mental health matters every day. At Yeronga, we remain committed to creating a school where every student feels safe, supported, and connected.



Kokoda Challenge



In 2025, Yeronga State High School made its **Kokoda Challenge debut** — and what a debut it was. On June 7, eight student and staff teams took on the 30km and 48km trails through Brisbane’s rugged D’Aguilar National Park, facing steep climbs, mud, and fatigue with courage and determination. Every single Yeronga team crossed the finish line — a **100% completion rate**, nearly **\$10,000 raised**, and countless memories made.

Inspired by the spirit of the 1942 Kokoda Campaign, students trained for months — completing endurance hikes at Mt Coot-tha, tackling 15km and 20km milestones, and supporting one another through every challenge.

To help fund their participation, students combined their efforts with the **Young Entrepreneurs Program**, raising over **\$200** through handmade crochet sales at the Vend Markets in Annerley. The entire school community also joined in through a **Free Dress Day** fundraiser supporting the Kokoda Youth Foundation.

The Kokoda Challenge embodied everything Yeronga stands for — **resilience, connection, and community spirit**. Congratulations to our teams for showing what true strength looks like.



Teacher AID Week



Teacher Aid Appreciation Week celebrates and shows appreciation for the teacher aids and all they do to support students and teachers here at Yeronga State High School.

They support our students in so many ways, in the classroom, in the kitchen, in the workshop, assisting students, prepping work and helping the school run smoothly. We would like to thank them for all that they do, what is seen and unseen.

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World Refugee Week

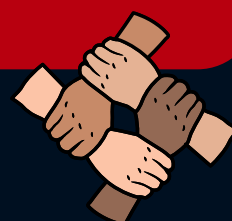
Yeronga State High School came together to celebrate Refugee Week and honour the incredible strength and diversity of our community. In 2025, Australia reached a historic milestone — welcoming one million refugees since World War II — many of whom now proudly call this country home.

This year's theme, Finding Freedom, highlighted the importance of connection, belonging, and support for all, regardless of background. The celebration at YSHS was a vibrant showcase of dance, music, art, and food, bringing together students, staff, and families in a powerful display of unity and compassion.

All funds raised from the event were donated to Doctors Without Borders, supporting vital humanitarian work around the world.



Harmony Day



Harmony day is celebrated by coming together as a community and recognising our cultural diversity and inclusivity.



Taste of Harmony



On 1 April, Yeronga State High School came alive with the flavours, sounds, and spirit of global unity during our biggest Taste of Harmony celebration yet! More than 25 incredible food stalls showcased cuisines from around the world — from Filipino and Persian to Indian and Japanese — creating a vibrant feast for the senses.

The day was filled with energy and joy as students and staff shared in the celebration, enjoying captivating dance and singing performances that highlighted the rich diversity of our school community.

All proceeds from the event were donated to Doctors Without Borders, supporting vital medical aid across the globe. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed, cooked, performed, and participated in making this celebration of culture, community, and compassion truly unforgettable!



ABCN Aspirations Program ▼

Our Year 10 and 11 students took part in the ABCN Aspirations Program, an inspiring opportunity to connect classroom learning with real-world career skills. Throughout the day, students explored interview techniques, identified their personal strengths, and built essential employability skills such as communication, teamwork, and problem-solving.

The program encouraged them to think deeply about their future pathways and gave them the confidence to take the next steps toward their goals. A fantastic experience in shaping tomorrow's leaders!

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ANZAC Day 2025



Yeronga State High School held its annual ANZAC Day Commemorative Ceremony, bringing together students, staff, and community members to honour the courage, service, and sacrifice of Australian and New Zealand military personnel. The ceremony featured moving student-led readings – including The Coloured Digger and The Ode – along with powerful musical tributes from our vocal group and concert band. Wreaths were laid in remembrance, reflecting the school's deep respect and gratitude for those who have served.

YSpecial thanks were extended to Andrew Clifford, representing Stephens RSL, and Julie-Anne Campbell for their participation in the service. Mrs Middleton-Pol also proudly accompanied the Junior School Captains to represent YSHS at Yeronga State School's ANZAC Ceremony.

Despite the weather, School Captains Alex Richardson and Shirley Mokoe, the School Leaders, and the wider YSHS community demonstrated true spirit and respect throughout the morning. Many members of our school community also attended the community ANZAC Day service held the following morning at the WWI Cenotaph in Yeronga Memorial Park, hosted by Stephens RSL.

Lest we forget.



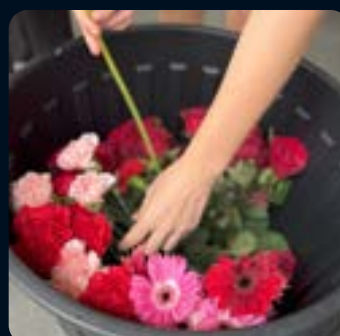
Interact Club

Flowers for Friends ▼

February quickly rolled around - but more importantly, so did Flowers for Friends: Yeronga Interact's annual Valentine's Day event.

This year, Flowers for Friends involved the ability to pre-order the flowers online to be delivered to friends, teachers, and special someone's - with the option of doing so anonymously.

This, combined with a Valentines themed bake sale helped add an extra sprinkle of love and good vibes to start the year!

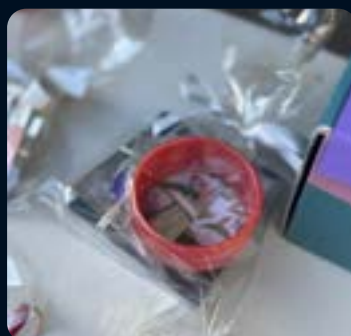


Interact Club

Mother's Day Stall Success ▼

This year, our Interact students hosted a wonderful Mother's Day gift stall that brought smiles and gratitude across the Yeronga community. With a gold coin donation, students selected thoughtful gifts such as candles, scrunchies, and other handmade treasures — the perfect way to celebrate the special mums and mother figures in their lives.

A huge thank you to our generous school community for donating gifts and supporting the cause. All proceeds were donated to A Brave Life, a Queensland-based charity that supports mothers experiencing hardship, domestic violence, homelessness, and discrimination. Together, we made a difference — one gift at a time.



Luminous Lantern Parade ▼

Yeronga State High School lit up the night at Queensland's Luminous Lantern Parade, joining communities from across the state in a spectacular celebration of cultural diversity and unity.

In partnership with Multicultural Australia, our students and staff proudly marched among the glowing lanterns, filling the night with colour, music, and joy. The event was a powerful reminder of the many cultures that enrich our community and the strength that comes from standing together in harmony.

At Yeronga SHS, diversity isn't just celebrated — it shines.



LET'S
CELEBRATE

Wear It Purple Day at Yeronga ▼

Yeronga State High School was bursting with colour, pride, and positivity as students and staff celebrated Wear It Purple Day!

The day was filled with fun and creativity — from colouring-in, badge-making, face painting, and chalk art to free ice blocks at First Break to keep everyone cool.

Students proudly wore purple accessories to show their support, including bow ties, badges, sunglasses, and even a hand-crocheted cap made by one talented student!

At Yeronga SHS, we're proud to stand with our LGBTQIA+ students, celebrating diversity and supporting every individual to grow, thrive, and shine as their authentic selves.



Halloween at Yeronga ▼

Halloween was full of laughter, creativity, and a touch of magic as our Junior School leaders transformed First Break into a spooktacular celebration! Students explored a range of themed activities — from colourful face painting and Halloween-inspired arts and crafts to a storytelling corner featuring eerie and fascinating cultural tales from around the world.

The biggest hit of the day was the Fortune Teller's Tent, where the wonderful Ms Haswell Smith took on the role of a mysterious fortune teller, using her magical deck of cards to predict the future. With a line stretching all morning, it was easily one of the most popular stops!

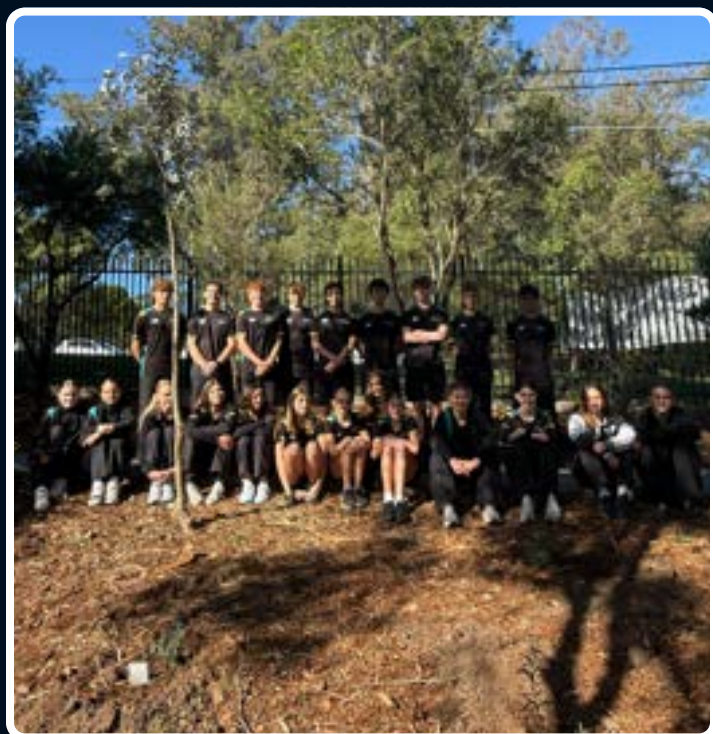
The event captured the true Yeronga spirit — fun, inclusive, and full of imagination. A huge congratulations and thank you to our Junior School leaders for organising such a memorable and joy-filled celebration!



National School Tree Day ▼

Our Yeronga community came together to celebrate **National School Tree Day 2025**, planting the seeds of growth and connection! A huge thank you to our Gold Sponsor, **Motorama Toyota Moorooka**, for joining us on campus to support this special event.

Our Athlete Academy and Year 7 students rolled up their sleeves to plant the Olympic Forest, symbolising teamwork, resilience, and future aspirations. Students shared what their trees represented — from “growing confidence” to “reaching new heights” — showing that their hopes for the future are just as inspiring as their actions. Thank you, Motorama, for helping our community and students thrive!



Yeronga's Got Talent



The stage was alive with energy and creativity at this year's **Yeronga's Got Talent Show** on Tuesday 10 June! Students wowed the audience with incredible performances in music and dance, featuring a mix of solo and group acts that highlighted the diverse talents across our school.

A huge thank you to our wonderful judges — **Mr Germain, Mr Lilly, and Ms Fliakos** — and to our sound and lighting experts **Mr Aloizos and Mr Wood**, who also stepped in as our fantastic MC for the night.



Building Active Citizens ▼

This term, Yeronga SHS student leaders embraced an exciting new partnership with global citizenship educator Lottie Dowling from Inspire Citizens. As part of the Melbourne Graduate School of Education's New Metrics for Success initiative, students explored what it means to make a real-world impact through wellbeing, leadership, and active citizenship.

Through a series of hands-on workshops leading up to Yeronga Celebrates, our young changemakers developed vital skills in empathy, collaboration, and civic action — preparing to create positive change both locally and globally.



R U OK? Day

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International/Exchange Program

Bridging Worlds: A Year of International Connections



It has been another exciting and rewarding year for Yeronga State High School's International Program!

This year, our international community continued to thrive with 65 full-time international students from countries including China, Vietnam, Taiwan, Japan, Malaysia, Thailand, Mexico, Brazil, Switzerland, Italy, Germany, Turkey, Cameroon, and Iran.

Our international students have not only achieved great success in their studies but have also shone on the sporting field and in co-curricular activities. Their dedication, spirit, and enthusiasm have enriched our school culture in countless ways.

Welcoming Our Temporary Residents

For the first time, we also welcomed 13 Temporary Resident Visa holders from China in Term 3. These students joined us for two to five weeks to experience Australian school life firsthand. Their short stay brought fresh energy and excitement to our campus – sharing their culture, language, and friendship with our Yeronga students. It was wonderful to see everyone learning from one another and forming bonds that crossed borders.

A Year of Study Tours and Day Visits

2025 was one of our busiest years yet for Study Tours and Day Visits, with 12 visiting schools joining us throughout the year.

- Term 1: 1 school from China and 4 schools from Japan
- Term 2: 1 school from Korea (VET Specialisation Program – Business, STEM, and Hospitality)
- Term 3: 2 study tours from China
- Term 4: 4 study tours from Japan

These visits created wonderful opportunities for cultural exchange and mutual learning. Our heartfelt thanks go to our dedicated teaching staff for welcoming visiting students into their classrooms, and to our Yeronga Student Buddies for their kindness and enthusiasm in helping our guests feel at home.



Bond University Excursion Sun, Sand & Smiles All Around! ▼

A highlight of the year was our international students' excursion to Bond University on the Gold Coast.

The day began with a relaxing morning at Broadbeach, where students enjoyed the sun, sand, and surf — for many, it was their first visit to an Australian beach! Afterwards, they explored Pacific Fair Shopping Centre before heading to Bond University for an exciting campus experience.

There, students were warmly welcomed by Ms Lisa Cowan (Director International) and Ms Sandi Neal (International Agent Coordinator), who introduced them to university life in Australia. An engaging “Amazing Race” around the campus tested teamwork and creativity, followed by a presentation challenge where students pitched why Bond would be an ideal place to study.

The day was filled with laughter, learning, and inspiration — leaving students with unforgettable memories and newfound motivation for their academic futures.



Celebrating the Graduating 2025 International Student Cohort ▼

This year, we proudly celebrate our Graduating 2025 International Students — an inspiring group who have each left a lasting mark on our school community.

Congratulations to:

- Tian (China)
- Quynh, Trevor, Kayla, and Cheshire (Vietnam)
- Demian (Mexico)
- Arthur (Brazil)

Each of these students has shown exceptional resilience, courage, and dedication. From Tian, who first joined us in 2020 as a bright and energetic Year 7 student, to our newest senior graduates, we have witnessed incredible growth and achievement.

Their journey at Yeronga has been one of friendship, discovery, and perseverance — embracing challenges and celebrating triumphs far from home. They have truly embodied what it means to be global learners and ambassadors of intercultural understanding.

We wish Tian, Quynh, Trevor, Kayla, Cheshire, Demian, and Arthur every success in their next chapter. They will always remain part of our Yeronga International Alumni, and we look forward to hearing about their future achievements.



Japan Study Tour 2025: A Journey of Discovery, Friendship & Culture ▼

Our recent Japan Study Tour was truly an unforgettable adventure that brought our students closer to a fascinating culture, new experiences, and lifelong memories.

The week began with an energetic and sometimes hilarious start at Brisbane International Airport. After some lessons in what not to pack and customs challenges (including some unexpected bodily fluid incidents involving our amazing teachers, Ms Shaw and Mrs Gowns-Lieu!), our group took off for Tokyo. Mr Huang was absolutely loving every moment, while Ms Truong found herself humorously “protected” by bubble wrap after a few adventurous encounters!



Once in Japan, the energy didn't stop. Our students visited Chiba Keiai High School, where despite a minor mix-up arriving at the sister school, they joined English classes, learned an upgraded version of rock-paper-scissors, and even tried their hand at kendo — a traditional Japanese martial art involving bamboo swords. The day also included a beautiful tea ceremony and a delicious school lunch, giving everyone a genuine glimpse into daily life at a Japanese high school.



Japan Study Tour 2025: A Journey of Discovery, Friendship & Culture ▼

Cultural exploration continued with visits to Tokyo's Imperial Palace, the breathtaking TeamLab Planets digital art museum, and an inspiring day near Mt. Fuji, including the Earthquake Experience Centre and the Hakone Open-Air Sculpture Museum. Each location offered a blend of history, nature, art, and science, sparking curiosity and awe.

The tour also featured visits to iconic temples and shrines such as Sensoji Temple and Meiji Jingu Shrine, alongside an exploration of the vibrant shopping district of Ginza. Students balanced tradition with modern Tokyo's bustling city life beautifully, gaining a rich understanding of Japan's unique blend of old and new.

On the final day, students enjoyed last-minute shopping and shared heartfelt reflections over lunch before departing from Narita Airport, full of gratitude and excitement to return home.



Throughout the journey, our students demonstrated curiosity, resilience, and respect — qualities that made this trip a tremendous success. We are proud of their openness to new experiences and their enthusiasm in embracing Japanese culture.

A huge thank you to our dedicated teachers and guides who ensured the safety and enjoyment of all participants. This tour was not only a chance to learn about Japan but also an opportunity to build friendships and global awareness. We look forward to sharing more photos and stories in the coming weeks. For now, we say: Arigatou, Japan — until next time!

Yeronga Celebrates

Part 1 - Blurb ▼

The ultimate day of celebration!

History

The Ultimate day of celebration in Yeronga State high school YERONGA CELEBRATES was founded by Francis Orford in 2005 with her son Principal Ben Orford continuing the legacy, Yeronga celebrates happens every 2 years during the month of august starting from 9am to 2am as a school event then continuing from 3pm to 7pm as a community event.

Purpose

The purpose of Yeronga celebrates the day of multicultural celebration is to create a day that honours and celebrates the diverse cultural background in the Yeronga community and wider community from the EALD students to the non-EALD students, a day that makes people feel visible to be able to comfortably embrace their culture with others. A legacy that you will always feel apart of even if you are not in the school

Events

Yeronga celebrates is a prime example of Yeronga's versatile pride in our students, displayed by the Futsal tournament, international concert, parade of Nations, colour run, and variety of workshops. These workshops encouraged students to participate in activities like Latin Dancing with Rio Rhythmics, or creative arts like resins bangles with Mill Lane Studio, painting coasters with international prints, and henna art led by students. The celebration also offered international cuisine from food trucks and stalls, bringing international culture into Yeronga, for all to celebrate!

Quote

I felt things needed to change their needed to be benefits to the ESL/EALD student population many who were traumatised, many of whom who had major education gaps, but there also needed to be a big change within the school the staff didn't understand what most of these young people has gone through and because they found it really different so I came up with a multicultural day as maybe shifting a number of those things. – Francis Orford

Director:
Musa Kamara

Support:
Keidis Ryan, Braco Heric



Yeronga Celebrates

Part 2 - Workshops



Director: Musa Kamara



Yeronga Celebrates

Part 3 - Concert



Director: Musa Kamara, Joe Goldberg



Yeronga Celebrates

Part 4 - Colour Run ▼

Director: Musa Kamara



Yeronga Celebrates

Series Final - Parade of Nations ▼

Director: Musa Kamara



Yeronga Celebrates

Series Final - Parade of Nations ▼



Yeronga Celebrates

Series Final - Parade of Nations ▼



Staff Spotlight

Meet Mr Aloizos and giving him a teary goodbye!

In 2010, Yeronga State High School struck gold when Mr John Aloizos joined our staff. From the very beginning, it was clear John would be far more than an outstanding teacher — he became the creative heart of our school community.

Respected by colleagues, admired by students, and loved by families, John's impact has reached every corner of Yeronga life. Whether capturing memories through his camera lens, running sound and lighting at events, or choreographing and designing sets for our musicals, his professionalism, creativity, and sense of fun made every moment shine.

As a passionate advocate for The Arts, John inspired countless students through his teaching, direction, and mentorship. His leadership extended beyond Yeronga, collaborating with local primary schools and strengthening our community's creative spirit — efforts that earned him recognition as a Queensland College of Teachers Teach X Awards finalist.

As John now steps into retirement, we celebrate his 15 years of creativity, care, and dedication. From the classroom to the stage, from behind the camera to behind the scenes, John has left an unforgettable mark on our school. Thank you, John — Yeronga will not be the same without you.

Wishing you endless joy, travel, and relaxation in this next chapter!

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Staff Spotlight



Meet Ms Gibbons, our passionate Spanish teacher, whose mission is to make language learning come alive — beyond verbs and worksheets!

This July, Ms Gibbons travelled to Segovia, Spain, to complete an intensive professional development course at UNED, Spain’s largest public university. Alongside teachers from around the world, she explored innovative approaches to grammar, digital integration, and cultural immersion in language education.

“¡Hola! I’m Ms. Gibbons, your Spanish teacher, and my mission, since I chose to accept it, is to make learning Spanish way more exciting than just memorising verbs and worksheets. I am Spanish teacher who believes language learning should feel alive, meaningful, and connected to the real world. Having studied in Salamanca and more recently in Segovia, Spain, I bring authentic appreciation for all things Spanish to my classroom. My goal is not just to teach grammar, but to spark curiosity, confidence, and a genuine love for the Spanish-speaking world. Every lesson is an invitation to explore, communicate, and experience the richness of Hispanic culture — the same spark that inspired me to study and work in Spain is the one I work to ignite in my students.”



Meet Ms Kulbat, our inspiring Director of Creative Industries, for her outstanding work with The Mayfield Project 2025!

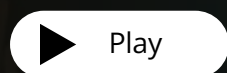
As one of just 16 emerging professionals, Ms Kulbat is collaborating with architects, educators, and designers to reimagine how school learning environments are designed and experienced.

Their innovative proposal — a portal that helps schools evaluate their learning spaces — gives real voice to teachers, students, and administrators while guiding architects with meaningful, human-centred insights.

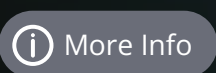
A visionary project led with creativity, care, and purpose — congratulations, Ms Kulbat!

MATHEMATICS

Mathematics empowers students to think critically and confidently, building strong problem-solving skills through engaging, real-world learning.



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Ben Habermehl

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT MATHEMATICS

Step into the world of Mr Habermehl — part teacher, part wizard, and definitely Harry Potter IFKYK (if you know, you know).

This year, he's been busy shaping the Flexi Program and celebrating all things numbers with Pie Day and Numeracy Week.

His advice? "Just be nice." Simple, effective, and 100% Habermehl.

He'll remember the Class of 2025 for their brilliant Specialist Maths crew and an unforgettable Maths Captain — and here's a fun twist: when he's not crunching numbers, he's tending to his orchid collection.

Trigonometry in Action ▼

Year 10 Pre-General Maths students took their learning beyond the classroom, heading to the D Block courts to put trigonometry into practice for their PSMT (Problem-Solving and Modelling Task).

Using clinometers and measuring tapes, students measured angles and distances to calculate the height of the building — applying the triangulation method in a real-world context. It was a fun and hands-on way to see how mathematical concepts connect to everyday problem-solving!

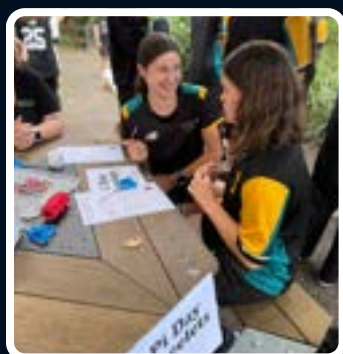


Pi Day



Yeronga SHS celebrated Pi Day on Friday, 14 March, with a full day of mathematical creativity and hands-on fun! Students put their problem-solving skills to the test through a range of pi-themed challenges, including puzzles, bracelet making, and — of course — enjoying a few delicious pies.

The event was a fantastic opportunity to see maths in action, blending logic, teamwork, and a bit of friendly competition. A huge thank you to all the students and teachers who joined in the celebration and proved that learning can be as enjoyable as it is educational. It truly was a pi-fect day at Yeronga!



Can Maths Imitate Art

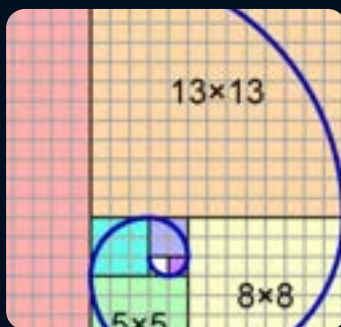


At Yeronga State High School, Maths isn't just about numbers on a page — it's about movement, creativity, and connection. Head of Mathematics Ben Habermehl has reimaged the way students experience maths, blending art, dance, and hands-on learning to make complex concepts come alive.

Inspired by the idea that students learn best when they can see, feel, and move through their learning, Ben began working with Griffith University and the y-connect team to design lessons that turn maths into an interactive experience. From exploring geometry through virtual reality and 3D shapes, to learning angles with dance routines set to Uptown Funk, or stepping outside to plot linear equations on a life-sized grid — maths at Yeronga is anything but ordinary.

Ben's approach has been especially powerful in Yeronga's diverse, multilingual classrooms, where visual and tactile learning create a shared language for understanding. His innovative methods have seen year-on-year improvement in results and earned the school Gold Medal status from the Queensland Association of Mathematics Teachers.

Beyond the numbers, Ben's greatest success lies in his relationships with students. He ensures every learner feels supported, confident, and excited to take on challenges — whether they're folding fractals, calculating coordinates, or simply discovering the joy of learning. Through his leadership, Ben continues to prove that maths can be creative, collaborative, and full of life.



Numeracy Week



Yeronga State High School came alive with creativity and curiosity during Numeracy Week, as students took part in a range of fun, hands-on activities that proved maths is anything but boring! From Sphero robots and board games to crochet challenges, Rubik's cubes, and strategic puzzles, every activity encouraged students to think critically, collaborate, and problem-solve in engaging ways.

Students worked in teams, tested their logic, and even won prizes for completing the games — all while discovering the playful side of mathematics. The week reflected Yeronga's core values of curiosity, collaboration, and creativity, empowering students to see maths as a living, dynamic skill that's part of everything they do.



STEM Math Competition ▼

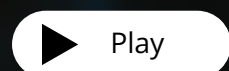
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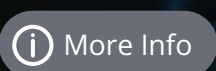


SCIENCE

Science is about curiosity, discovery, and hands-on learning — from experiments that spark wonder to real-world investigations that build future-ready thinkers.



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Steve Smith

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT SCIENCE

Meet Mr Smith — smooth, steady, and a little bit Michael Bubl : classic style with a calm confidence. His highlight of the year? Expanding senior science with thriving programs across Years 7 to 12 — a real win for curiosity and learning.

His advice: “Follow your passion — don’t chase money, chase what makes you happy.”

He’ll remember the Class of 2025 as honest and capable, with just a little more potential waiting to shine.

Year 7 Science - VR

Year 7 Science students have been diving headfirst into the fascinating world of Ecology this term. Stepping into our school's Virtual Reality Hub, they explored the concept of taxonomy—classifying organisms into groups such as mammals, fish, and insects—in a fully immersive environment.

The hands-on VR experience transformed abstract concepts into vivid, interactive learning, helping students see the connections between species and deepen their understanding of the living world.



Year 7 Science - Forces in Action ▼

Our Year 7 scientists put their learning to the test this term with an exciting hands-on investigation into forces and motion. As part of their Forces unit, students designed and tested their own parachutes to see how one variable — such as canopy size, shape, material, or mass — affected flight time.

After conducting multiple trials for reliability, they calculated average times and speeds before writing up their full scientific reports. The activity combined creativity, curiosity, and critical thinking — and, of course, a lot of fun! A big thank you to Mr Ben Schmit for leading this high-flying lesson in scientific inquiry.



World Science Festival

Our Year 8 students experienced an unforgettable day of discovery at the World Science Festival Brisbane's Epic Engineering event! They were inspired by presentations from leading experts—including an architect studying pyramid construction, a Deepsea Challenger designer, an astrophysicist working on Snowy 2.0, an aerospace engineer, and even a NASA astronaut.

The learning continued at the Cross River Rail Experience Centre, where students explored cutting-edge transport technology, learned about accessibility and new signalling systems, and even programmed robots to move, light up, and make sounds. It was a day packed with innovation, curiosity, and hands-on STEM adventure!



iFly



Our Year 7 STEM Academy students quite literally took learning to new heights during their visit to iFLY Indoor Skydiving! The day began with a hands-on aerodynamics challenge, predicting and testing the terminal velocity of different objects in the flight chamber.

The highlight came when students (and even their teacher!) suited up for two exhilarating flights, experiencing the science of hovering in simulated freefall. A few brave flyers even took on the high flight, soaring metres above the chamber floor. The day ended with a jaw-dropping instructor performance — proving that science, skill, and curiosity really can make you fly!



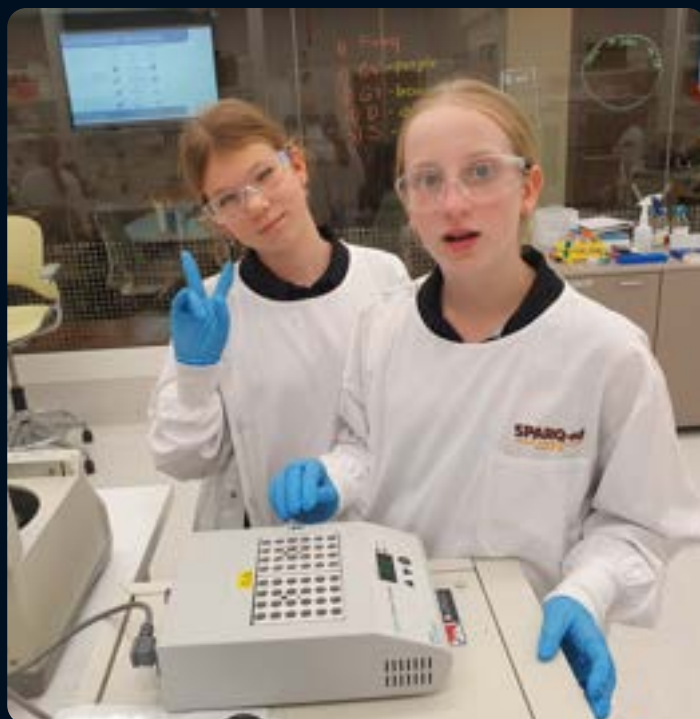
SPARQ-ED

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Our Year 7 students took their curiosity to the next level during an exciting visit to SPARQ-ed (Students Performing Advanced Research Queensland) at the Translational Research Institute.

They explored the fascinating world of biomedical science — investigating DNA, enzymes, cell biology, microbiology, and diabetes diagnosis through hands-on experiments. Students donned lab coats, used real scientific equipment, and developed valuable laboratory and teamwork skills.

The day gave students a glimpse into the real-world applications of science and inspired many future scientists along the way. An unforgettable experience that brought classroom learning to life!



Experience Ecology Program ▼

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Year 12 Biology ▼

On Tuesday, 22 July 2025, our Year 12 Biology students participated in an engaging Genetics Workshop at The University of Queensland. The experience deepened their understanding of Unit 4 content and provided valuable hands-on practice with laboratory techniques central to the study of genetics.

Guided by Dr Gurion Ang and supported by current undergraduate mentors, students explored advanced concepts such as recombinant DNA through bacterial transformation, gene regulation, DNA extraction, polymerase chain reaction (PCR), and gel electrophoresis.

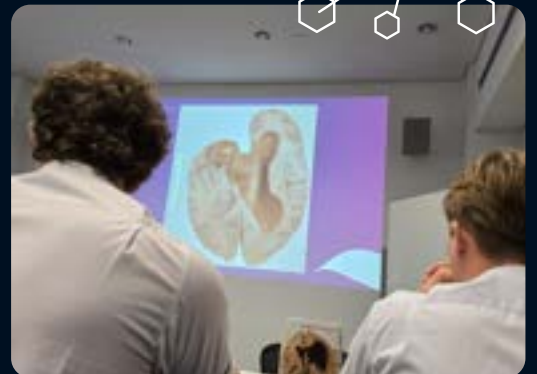
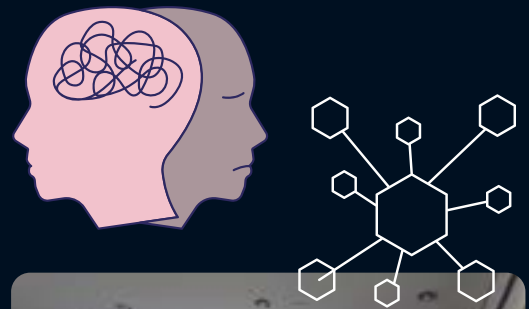
In addition to the workshop, students toured active laboratories within the School of Biological Sciences, gaining insight into real-world research and university life. The day was a resounding success – sparking curiosity, building practical scientific skills, and inspiring many students to consider future study and careers in biology, genetics, and microbiology.



Senior Psychology Excursion ▼

Year 11 Psychology students embarked on an eye-opening excursion to the Integrated Pathology Learning Centre at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital. During the two-hour session, students examined real human brain specimens, explored the major lobes of the brain, and investigated the physical effects of neurological disorders such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and epilepsy.

The visit also provided valuable insight into the ethical considerations of pathology and the evolution of mental health treatment in Australia – including confronting historical practices like lobotomies and institutionalisation. This hands-on experience powerfully connected classroom learning to real-world application, leaving students both inspired and reflective about the complexity of the human mind.



CREATIVE INDUSTRIES AND TECHNOLOGY

Creative Industries ignites imagination and innovation, giving students the space to express themselves through art, media, design, and performance.

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Susan Gilchrist

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT CREATIVE INDUSTRIES AND TECHNOLOGY

Meet Ms Gilchrist — part Lorelai Gilmore, fuelled by coffee, questionable snacks, and an eclectic soundtrack. The most rewarding part of her role this year? The STEM show case, our students are very talented.

Her advice: “Surround yourself with good people.”

She'll remember the Class of 2025 for everything they taught her about the fast-food industry — including which places to avoid. And the plot twist? Before becoming a HOD, she was a professional DJ spinning tracks instead of running departments.

Building Skills for the Future ▼

Our trade students were given a unique **behind-the-scenes experience** at the **Yeronga Heart construction site**, witnessing firsthand the progress of this major local development. What was once an empty block is now home to a nearly completed display townhouse – and an incredible learning opportunity for our students.

During the visit, students explored topics such as **design principles, accessibility standards, fire safety codes, and the importance of prototypes** in large-scale construction. They also discovered how **battery-powered** sites are shaping the future of sustainable building.

Key takeaways from industry professionals highlighted the **growing demand for skilled workers** across Queensland, particularly in the lead-up to the **2032 Olympics**. From **crane operation** to **project management**, students saw the many pathways available in construction.

A huge thank you to our Gold Sponsor, **Yeronga Heart**, for this inspiring experience.



BUFTA: Bond University Film and TV Academy

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Our **Year 11 and 12 Screen & Media** students stepped into the world of professional film and television at the **Bond University and Essential Screen Skills Student Conference** on the Gold Coast. The full-day event immersed students in **hands-on workshops**, **career talks**, and **industry networking**, offering an authentic glimpse into the creative industries.

Students heard from leading professionals, including The Inbetweeners director **Darren Paul Fisher**, producer **Natasha Pizzica**, and **Myriad Studios** founder **Duncan Jones**, who shared their experiences and advice on pursuing careers in screen and media.



From Classroom Concept to Road-Ready Campervan

What began as a classroom idea four years ago has now become a fully roadworthy reality! The **Yeronga Voyager** project showcases the power of hands-on learning, teamwork, and innovation at Yeronga SHS.

Designed by our **Year 7 STEM Academy students** and built by **Senior Certificate II in Furniture Making Pathways** students, the teardrop campervan represents the culmination of years of creativity, skill development, and collaboration. Students gained practical experience in design, manufacturing, and problem-solving — transforming classroom sketches into a finished, road-ready campervan.

Now officially complete and **up for sale**, the funds raised from the Voyager will support the next camper build, continuing Yeronga's proud tradition of connecting STEM learning with real-world outcomes.

We are incredibly proud of our students' craftsmanship, perseverance, and passion — proof that when creativity meets capability, the results can take you anywhere.



Senior Design ▼

Our **Year 12 Design students** have embarked on an exciting, real-world project — the **redesign of J Block**, set for completion in 2025. This initiative gives students the opportunity to apply their design thinking, creativity, and collaboration skills to a space that will soon become a central hub of the Yeronga SHS campus.

Students recently met with **Mr Ben Orford**, **Ms Hewitt**, and **Ms Kulbat** to refine their 2024 concepts into updated design proposals for both the interior and exterior spaces. Through consultation and feedback, they are learning firsthand how designers work with clients and stakeholders to bring large-scale projects to life.

We can't wait to see their innovative ideas transform into a space the whole school community will enjoy.



ARTS

The Arts nurtures creativity and confidence, encouraging students to explore their voice through visual art, drama, music, and dynamic performance experiences.



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Luke Lily

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT ARTS

Meet Mr Lilly — creative, determined, and a bit like a Rubik’s Cube: colourful and always thinking ahead. His highlight of the year? Working with Yeronga’s talented young artists in events and showcases.

His advice: “Nothing comes easy — hard work and perseverance bring results.”

He’ll remember the Class of 2025 for their passion and fun fact: he once lived in the UK.

Aerosol Art in Action

The Arts came alive with colour and creativity when visiting artist Jamie Brown from Crush City, Annerley, joined us on Tuesday, 18 February. Jamie wowed students with an incredible live demonstration of aerosol art, showcasing the precision and skill behind the artform.

Inspired by his talent, students took to the spray cans themselves, experimenting on the newly created 'practice wall' in the G9 Art room—soon to be part of an exciting renovation later this year. Our Year 7 & 8 Arts Academy Visual Arts students also impressed Jamie with their bold ideas and enthusiasm. A fantastic celebration of creativity and collaboration!



Instrumental Music Program ▼

The Instrumental Music Program at Yeronga State High School continues to hit all the right notes! Over the past eight years, the program has grown by an incredible 700%, now featuring a diverse range of ensembles including the Symphonic Band, Jazz Big Band, String Ensemble, and several smaller specialist groups.

Our talented musicians perform regularly at school events and in the wider community, including the Moorooka and Salisbury fetes, school musicals, and ANZAC Day ceremonies — proudly showcasing Yeronga's vibrant musical spirit.

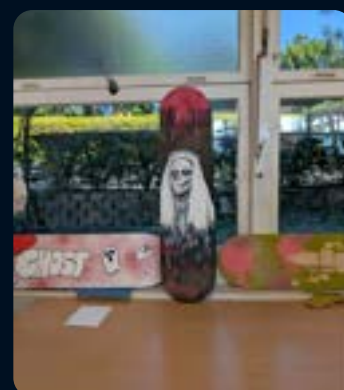
A heartfelt thank you to Mr Alex Grodecki and Ms Tamsyn Eastgate for their dedication, passion, and countless hours spent helping students grow in confidence and skill. Through their leadership, Yeronga SHS continues to nurture creativity and provide meaningful pathways for students to develop their talents and pursue their musical aspirations.



Skateboard Design Project ▼

Our Year 10 Art students ended the term on a creative high, completing their skateboard design project with an inspiring peer review session. From bold graphics to intricate illustrations, each board reflected a unique artistic voice and story.

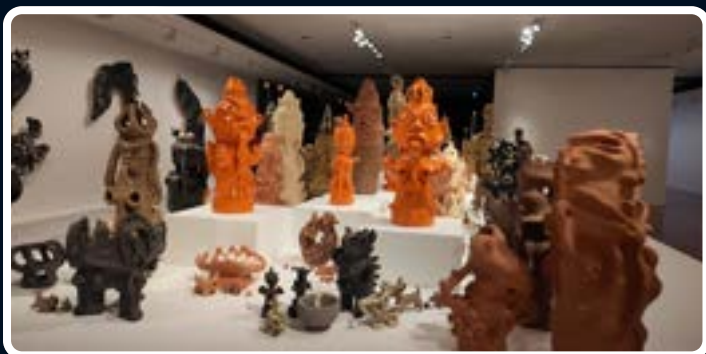
A special thank you to Jamie from Crush City for launching the project with professional insights and design inspiration — helping students elevate their creative process and skills. We also extend our gratitude to Miss Turpin, our wonderful Prac teacher, for her energy, creativity, and support throughout the term. We'll miss you in the art room!



A Day of Artistic Inspiration ▼

Our Arts Academy students spent an unforgettable day immersed in creativity at the 11th Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art, visiting both GOMA and QAG. Sixty-four of our budding artists explored the stunning works of 70 artists and collectives representing more than 30 countries.

From bold installations to thought-provoking contemporary pieces, the experience offered a vibrant snapshot of global artistic expression. The students left feeling inspired and energised — and we can't wait to see how this experience shapes their future creations!



Year 9 Drama ▼

Our Year 9 Drama students stepped into the world of Commedia dell'Arte, bringing Italian comedy to life through expressive movement, improvisation, and character work.

Wearing traditional masks, students embodied classic stock characters like Arlecchino and Colombina, showcasing their creativity, humour, and confidence on stage. The performances reflected not only their growing dramatic skill but also the collaborative spirit and joy that define our Arts Academy.

A huge congratulations to our young performers for their dedication, imagination, and flair — proving that excellence truly shines when passion meets performance.



Café 159 Installation ▼

Our Yeronga Café 159 has a brand-new look thanks to the incredible creativity of our Year 9 Art students! Their stunning still life lino prints formed the very first Café Exhibit, transforming the space into a vibrant student gallery.

Each piece was thoughtfully designed and curated, showcasing the students' technical skill, attention to detail, and artistic flair. This exhibition marks the beginning of many student-led displays that will continue to brighten our café and celebrate the artistic talents within our school. Congratulations to our young artists for setting the bar high with such an inspiring showcase!





Certificate III in Screen and Media



From Mrs Flamia



"The Certificate III in Screen and Media is a space where students explore their creativity, collaborate with their peers, have agency and choice in their focus across media arts areas. I love teaching it and watching the students develop and grow in their passions and skills, whether it be photography, digital imaging and design, animation or film – each student finds something they can have success in and explore their creativity while also gain important skills."

Words from a student

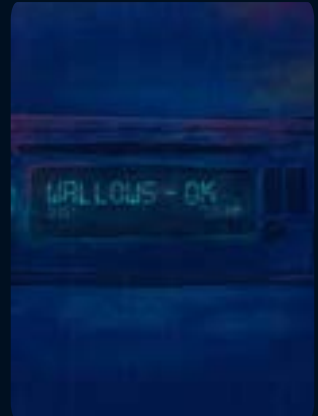
What does this class mean to you?

This class allowed me to grow my creativity through collaborating with like-minded people and experimenting with different forms of media, providing a space that encourages innovative thinking and imagination.

What skills did you gain?

Over the last two years I have developed my skills in areas such as photography, editing, filmmaking, time management, animation, and effective planning.

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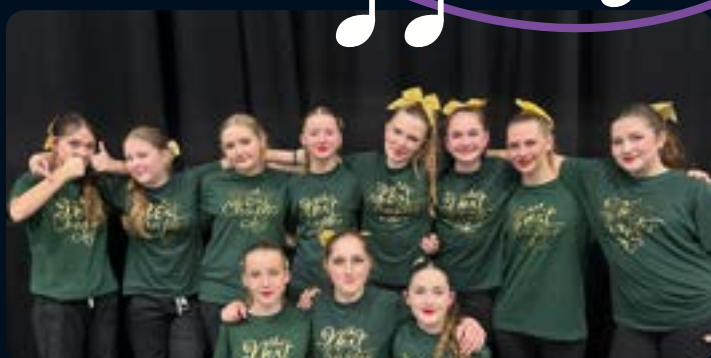
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Creative Generations

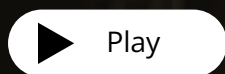
What a spectacular year for Yeronga SHS at Creative Generation 2025 – State Schools Onstage! Twenty-nine of our talented students performed alongside more than 2,000 others in Queensland’s biggest performing arts showcase at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre.

From choirs and dance ensembles to rock bands, orchestras, and backstage crews, our students gave it their all across four sold-out performances. Months of rehearsals and a massive show week proved their passion, resilience, and teamwork. We are so proud of how they represented Yeronga with creativity, energy, and pride on the state’s biggest stage.

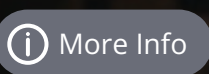


LANGUAGES AND HUMANITIES

Languages and Humanities Faculty opens students' minds to global perspectives and human stories, building strong communication, cultural understanding, and critical thinking skills



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Jess Corsbie

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT LANGUAGES AND HUMANITIES

Meet Ms Corsbie — witty, thoughtful, and a bit like Enid from Wednesday: full of good ideas, even when things get a little chaotic. Her highlight of the year? Watching students she's known since Year 7 thrive as confident seniors.

Her advice: "Don't worry if it takes longer to reach your goals — the lessons along the way are worth it."

She'll remember the Class of 2025 as ready for their next chapter. And fun fact: she's a flawless fly-swatter — a perfect 100% success rate!

Lunar New Year

Yeronga State High celebrated Lunar New Year on 29 Jan during first break, welcoming the Year of the Snake in style!

Students enjoyed a fun and festive atmosphere with activities like:

- Kicking Jian Zi
- Spring Festival decoration making & painting
- Tasting delicious Chinese snacks
- A memorable event filled with joy, culture, and celebration!

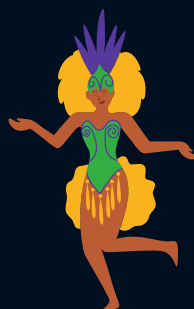


Yeronga Carnival



What an incredible celebration it was at Yeronga Carnival! The event brought our school community together in a vibrant display of fun, freedom, and cultural diversity. From colourful costumes and lively music to delicious Spanish-inspired food and interactive games, the atmosphere was electric.

Students and staff alike embraced the spirit of connection and creativity, making the day truly unforgettable. A huge thank you to everyone who joined in the festivities—your enthusiasm and community pride made it shine!



Year 7 History



Salve! Our Year 7 students stepped back in time to Ancient Rome for an unforgettable historical immersion on 31 October. Through engaging presentations and hands-on experiences, students explored the lives of senators, plebeians, and gladiators – even dressing in replica Roman attire!

Alongside fascinating facts (and some questionable advice about gladiator sweat and lightning strikes), students deepened their understanding of Ancient Roman society to support their research assessment on gladiators. The presenters praised our students for their curiosity, enthusiasm, and respectful behaviour – a true reflection of Yeronga's RISE values: Respect, Integrity, Show Empathy, and Effort. Vale!



Year 9 History ▼

Mr K's Year 9 Humanities students took a deep dive into the history of World War I, uncovering the experiences of soldiers, families, and those who served behind the front lines. Using an artefacts box from the Queensland Museum, students examined authentic items from the era — from military gear to personal letters — to better understand the human impact of war.

This hands-on exploration brought history to life, helping students connect emotionally with the past while developing their analytical and critical thinking skills. A powerful reminder that every artefact tells a story worth remembering.



Exploring Urban Futures ▼

Year 8 Geography students set off on an exciting excursion to the Cross River Rail Education Centre to investigate Brisbane's strategies for managing urbanisation into the future. Along the way, students engaged in some great incidental learning, reflecting on the environmental and social impacts of coal trains on urban rail lines — all while safely observing behind the yellow line, of course! The experience gave students a firsthand look at how cities evolve and adapt, linking classroom learning to the real world.



Sustainability in Action ▼

Our Year 10 Geography students took their learning outdoors, visiting New Farm Park and South Bank to investigate the sustainability of the Brisbane River. Throughout the day, they tested water quality, sketched human-made structures, and identified native and non-native vegetation along the riverbanks. The excursion offered valuable hands-on experience and real-world insights into the environmental factors that shape our city and its future sustainability.



SENIOR HUMANITIES

Senior Humanities challenges students to engage deeply with society, culture, and global issues, building the analytical and ethical thinking needed for meaningful futures.

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Kathy Fortescue

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT SENIOR HUMANITIES

Meet Ms Fortescue — warm, adventurous, and maybe just a little bit Katy Perry at heart. Her highlight of the year? Exploring the world through Geography lessons and seeing both students and teachers achieve amazing results.

Her advice: “Life’s a roller coaster — hang on through the lows, and you’ll soon be back at the top.”

She’ll remember the Class of 2025 for their growth, from bright Year 8s to confident young adults. And a fun surprise? She’s a classically trained pianist with a soft spot for Chopin and Mozart.

Senior Modern History Excursion ▼

Our Senior Modern History students stepped into the role of true historians during an immersive excursion to the State Library of Queensland. Exploring the library's extensive artefact archives and historical collections, students engaged directly with primary sources and research experts to deepen their understanding of Australia's past.

They accessed rare materials from the SLQ Reserves and even examined fragile original documents in the exclusive White Gloves Room — an experience so special that photos weren't allowed! This hands-on research opportunity gave students a powerful appreciation for the work of historians and the value of preserving our shared history.

The knowledge and skills gained will now guide their independent investigations into topics from the Australian Frontier Wars.



Exploring Liveability ▼

Year 11 Geography students took their learning beyond the classroom, heading to West End to collect real-world data for their fieldwork reports on sustainability and liveability.

Through surveys with locals, observations of public spaces, and assessments of local infrastructure, students gained firsthand insight into what makes a community both liveable and sustainable. It was a fantastic day of inquiry, collaboration, and hands-on learning — bringing classroom theory to life in the real world.



Better Business Conference ▼

Our Year 12 Business students took investigative learning to the next level at the Better Business Conference, stepping into the shoes of financial crime analysts to solve a high-stakes redirection scam at the fictional company Next Tech.

Working in teams, students followed a choose-your-own-journey investigation — analysing invoices, decoding customer correspondence, and identifying suspects using forensic accounting techniques. Their problem-solving skills and teamwork shone through as two Yeronga teams took out 1st and 2nd place!

The challenge brought financial literacy, ethics, and critical thinking to life in an unforgettable, hands-on experience.

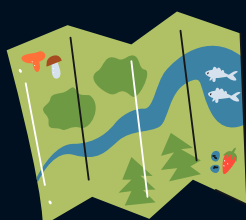
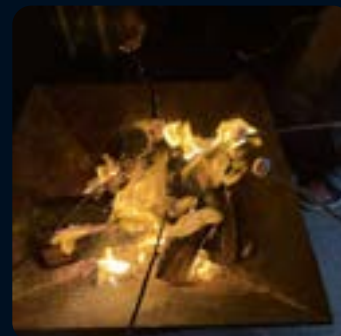


Tourism Camp



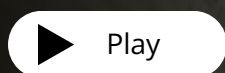
Tourism students headed to Noosa to stay at Ecohabitat as part of their Tourism studies. From the data they have collected, they will prepare a guide to ecotourism in the area.

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ENGLISH

English empowers students to become confident communicators and critical thinkers, exploring language, literature, and storytelling to understand themselves and the world.

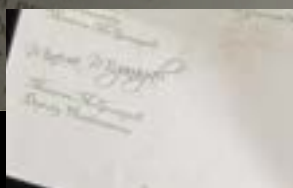
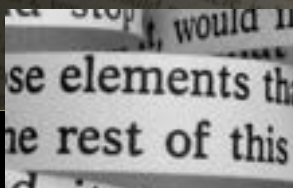


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Petrina Zagami

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT ENGLISH

Meet Ms Zagami — calm, clever, and a little bit Kuromi: quietly powerful. Her highlight of the year? Watching students grow, learn, and reflect — the real purpose of education.

Her advice: “Your ATAR doesn’t define you. What you choose now might not be where you end up, and that’s okay.”

She’ll remember the Class of 2025 as dynamic and diverse — and here’s a surprise: despite leading with confidence, she secretly hates public speaking and shakes like a leaf on stage!

Yeronga Meets Hogwarts

Magic filled the classroom as our Year 9 English students brought their Speculative Fiction unit to life with a Hogwarts-inspired celebration!

After being sorted into their houses through an online sorting quiz, students competed in The Philosopher's Stone Quiz – a fierce yet friendly battle of knowledge, creativity, and teamwork. Letters from Deputy Headmistress McGonagall, wand waving, and plenty of laughter made the day unforgettable.

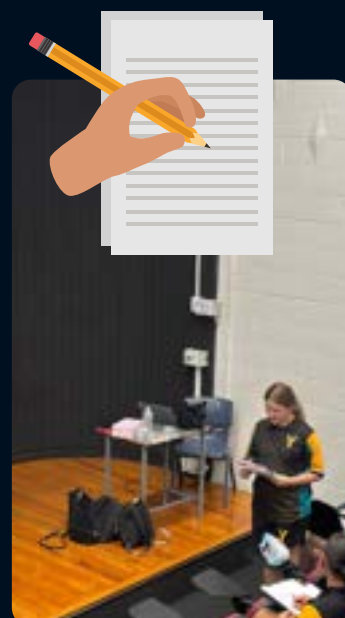
Even Professor Caslin nearly had to cast Silencio to keep the excitement in check! With imagination as sharp as Severus Snape's wit, our young writers proved that storytelling at Yeronga truly is magical.



Year 7 Writing Workshop ▼

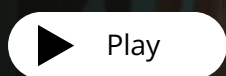
Our Year 7 students were treated to an inspiring Writing Workshop led by Nadine Abraham and Brooke Scobie — an accomplished writer, poet, and children’s book author. The session guided students through the art of crafting Australian short stories, helping them develop creative ideas, characters, and settings for their upcoming assessment.

The afternoon was filled with imagination and inspiration, as students discovered new ways to express their voices and share uniquely Australian stories.



HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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Lauren Askin

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Meet Ms Askin — a bit like Mary Fowler — recovering from an ACL injury while being a part-time model (well, almost). Her highlight of the year? Working with students and seeing their effort shine every day.

Her advice: “Always put in your best effort and be kind to others.”

She’ll remember the Class of 2025 for the futsal competition — and fun fact: she grew up in the peanut capital of Australia!

Athletes Academy ▼

The Yeronga Athletes Academy is a specialised program designed to support students who are passionate about sport, fitness and personal development. The academy focuses on building athletic ability, discipline and teamwork through structured training sessions and fitness education.

Students take part in strength and conditioning, goal setting, and skill-based activities that promote both physical and mental growth. Senior students have the opportunity to complete a Certificate in Fitness, gaining valuable qualifications and experience in the sporting industry.

Fitness Testing

Beep tests and strength assessments helped students track progress and set new personal performance goals.

Gym Training and Team Games

Weekly gym sessions-built strength, endurance and confidence, supporting athletes in all sports. Basketball, futsal and other group activities encouraged teamwork and kept training fun and engaging.

Certificate in Fitness (Years 11 & 12)

Senior students in year 11 and 12 had the opportunity to work toward a nationally recognised qualification in fitness.



QUT Women in Sport Summit ▼

Our Yeronga students had an inspiring experience at the **QUT Women in Sport Summit**, where they heard from trailblazing athletes, coaches, and industry leaders dedicated to driving equality and inclusion in sport.

Through a series of powerful keynote presentations and interactive workshops, students explored themes of leadership, resilience, and representation — learning how strong female role models continue to shape the future of sport. The event highlighted the importance of breaking barriers and creating pathways for the next generation of women and girls to succeed.

Students left the summit feeling empowered, motivated, and ready to use their voices and talents to champion change both on and off the field.



Interschool Sport at BYETC ▼

Our **Year 11 Athletes Academy** students recently took part in a unique and memorable **interschool sports exchange** at **Brisbane Youth Education and Training Centre (BYETC)**, located within the Brisbane Youth Detention Centre.

Students competed in friendly games of **volleyball** and **futsal** against BYETC teams, engaging in a day that celebrated connection, teamwork, and respect. Beyond the final scores, the experience provided valuable opportunities for reflection and understanding — showing how sport can unite people from all walks of life.

Our Yeronga students represented the school with pride, demonstrating exceptional sportsmanship, empathy, and leadership. We extend our sincere thanks to BYETC for their warm welcome and for creating such a positive, enriching experience for everyone involved.



Jillaroos Exchange Camp ▼

Our Year 7–11 female students took part in the Jillaroos Cultural Exchange Day, joining Australia's top female athletes at the Jillaroos Training Camp. Students engaged in powerful discussions about leadership, resilience, and the pathways women take into professional sport. The day ended with shared stories, laughter, and lunch - celebrating culture, connection, and the spirit of the game.





Hospitality



Year 11 Certificate II in Hospitality students recently took part in a Coffee Making Incursion as part of their practical assessment.

Each student was tasked with preparing six different types of coffee, developing their barista skills in a real-world setting. Plenty of teachers lined up to support—and get their caffeine fix—making it a valuable and rewarding experience for all involved.



Slice Mastery in the Kitchen ▼

Our Year 9 Food and Fibre students have been showcasing their culinary creativity, whipping up a mouth-watering range of sweet and savoury slices as part of their latest assessment.

From perfecting flavour combinations to presenting their dishes with flair, teamwork and innovation were on full display in the kitchen. Next, students will take their skills to the next level—refining textures, boosting nutritional value, and making their slices even more delicious. We can't wait to see (and taste!) their elevated creations!



Senior Gala Day



Senior Gala Day was packed with energy, sportsmanship, and Yeronga pride as our senior students competed in futsal, touch football, volleyball, and cricket. Every team gave their all, showcasing incredible teamwork, enthusiasm, and school spirit throughout the day.

A special shoutout goes to our senior boys' futsal team for making it all the way to the finals — an outstanding achievement! We're proud of every student who represented Yeronga SHS with determination, heart, and positivity. What a fantastic day to celebrate teamwork and togetherness!



Junior Gala Day

Junior Gala Day was packed with excitement, teamwork, and school spirit as our Yeronga students gave it their all across a range of sports. Congratulations to our champions and award winners:

- Girls Year 8 AFL
- Girls Year 9 Pickleball
- Boys Year 7 Ultimate Disc
- Girls Year 9 Ultimate Disc – Spirit Award

Yeronga State High School was proud to host the Girls Pickleball competition on our Multipurpose Courts, adding to the energy and fun of the day. A huge well done to every team who competed — your effort, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship made the event a true success!



Swimming Carnival

The Yeronga 2025 Swimming Carnival was truly one to remember. From the excitement of the 50m and 100m races to the fun and laughter of the novelty events, every student got involved and proudly showed off their house spirit. The energy around the pool was electric, with cheers echoing from the stands and teammates encouraging one another to give it their all.

By the end of the day, Avoca made a splash by taking out first place with an impressive lead, Kadumba followed closely behind in second, and Shottery rounded out the top three.



Swimming Carnival



2025 Age Champions



12 YEARS



Mia Menicanin

13 YEARS



Serafina Martinuzzi

14 YEARS



Jessica Waites



Archie Carlyon



Googan Naksang



Archie Reynolds

15 YEARS



Alejandra Zavaleta Lee

16 YEARS



OPEN



Stephanie McGlashan



Will Rimpau



Frank McDonald



Oscar Martinuzzi

Cross Country



A huge congratulations to our outstanding athletes selected to represent Yeronga SHS in the District Cross Country Team, competing at the Met West Trials!

We are incredibly proud of Lily Fannin, Lala Fannin, Louie Fannin, Tom Gribble, Neve Hellowell, Aiden Hillhouse, Alfie Jonsson, Hunter Neil, Will Rimpau, and Alisa Stewart for their dedication and achievement.

A special mention also goes to Sofia Candaten, Clementine Townsend, Stephanie McGlashan, Beatrice Habia, Sam Mayhew, and Jackson Mugane for their outstanding efforts and sportsmanship.

Your commitment, perseverance, and school spirit embody the very best of Yeronga SHS. Congratulations to all – we're cheering you on every step of the way!



Cross Country In Motion ▼



2025 Age Champions



12 YEARS



Annabel Sherry

13 YEARS



Lily Fanin

14 YEARS



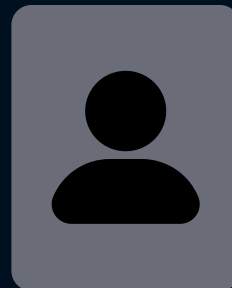
Amelia Hage



Jared Cordingley



Hunter Neil



15 YEARS



Lala Fannin

16 YEARS



Louie Fannin

OPEN



Stephanie McGlashan



Will Rimpau



Ben Dolman



Kain Henderson

Athletics Carnival ▼

The Athletics Carnival for Yeronga 2025 was a thrilling day full of school spirit and excitement. Students from all year levels came together in a sea of Red, Green and Blue to share their love for sport.

From the 100m Sprints to high jump to tug-of-war, the energy was electric and the support was unwavering. Every student contributed to the vibrant and alive atmosphere of the day.

The winning house with an astonishing lead was Avoca, not far behind in 2nd place was Kadumba , and last but not least was Shottery with . A truly excellent effort from all staff and students.



Athletic Carnival Highlights ▼



2025 Age Champions



12 YEARS



Annabel Sherry

13 YEARS



Lily Fanin

14 YEARS



Neve Hellowell



Abraham Chol



Oliver Tran



Darcy Mathews

15 YEARS



Lala Fannin

16 YEARS



Louie Fannin

OPEN



Dina Bizimana



George Noonan



Ben Dolman



Asif Tahir

Year 7 Learner Agency Program ▼

2025 was a year of discovery and growth for our Year 7 students as they explored the theme “My Purpose, My Place.” Through lessons on identity, character strengths, and wellbeing, students developed courage, confidence, and a sense of belonging.

A highlight of the year was Year 7 Camp at Kindilan, where they built resilience, teamwork, and new friendships. From social action projects to Respectful Relationships and Learner Agency conversations, our Year 7s learned to communicate with empathy and celebrate what makes them unique.



Year 7 Camp ▼

The 2024 Year 7 Camp at PGL Kindilan was an unforgettable adventure! Set against the beautiful Redlands Coast, our students embraced every challenge — from abseiling and canoeing to the giant swing, flying fox, and raft building. Each activity tested their courage, teamwork, and resilience while strengthening friendships and confidence.

Beyond the adrenaline and laughter, camp gave our students a chance to connect with peers, step outside their comfort zones, and discover what it means to work together and support one another. It was an epic start to their high-school journey — full of fun, growth, and memories that will last a lifetime.



Year 8 Learner Agency Program ▾

2025 was a year of self-discovery and growth for our Year 8 students as they explored the theme “My Aspirations, My Attributes.” Through lessons on empathy, growth mindset, wellbeing, and respectful relationships, students reflected on who they are and the goals they want to pursue.

Highlights included the annual Year 5 Writers Day, where our Year 8 mentors supported younger students in crafting creative stories, and workshops with Griffith University and Headspace that built leadership, resilience, and self-awareness.

A year of collaboration, reflection, and finding confidence in their future pathways.



Year 9 Learner Agency Program ▼

2025 was a year of reflection and exploration for our Year 9 students as they examined the theme “My Ethics, My Path.” Through lessons on values, decision-making, and integrity, students explored how their beliefs shape their actions — in school, online, and in the wider world.

Highlights included the Griffith University “Uncover Your Calling” workshop and on-campus visit, where students discovered career pathways and heard from inspiring Yeronga alumni.

The Year 9 Camp also challenged students to collaborate, build resilience, and put their ethics into action. A year of courage, curiosity, and finding direction for the future.



Year 9 Camp ▼

The 2024 Year 9 Camp at Maroon Outdoor Education Centre was all about teamwork, resilience, and adventure! Students faced every challenge head-on — from team navigation and outdoor initiatives to setting up camp and cooking meals together. Working side by side, they learned that success comes from collaboration, trust, and each person's contribution to the group.

When they weren't conquering challenges, students were making a splash at the lake, laughing around campfires, and soaking up the sunshine. It was a week of courage, connection, and unforgettable memories — a chance to unplug from technology and reconnect with nature, friends, and themselves.



Year 10 Learner Agency Program ▼

2025 was a year of discovery and decision-making for our Year 10 students as they explored their strengths, values, and future pathways. Through activities focused on ethics, collaboration, and learner agency, students reflected on who they want to be and how they can positively contribute to their communities.

A highlight of the year was the visit to QUT, where students experienced campus life and spoke with current university ambassadors — including Yeronga’s own alum, Sakuya! The learning continued at the Brisbane Careers and Employment Expo and the 2025 WorldSkills Australia National Championships & Skills Show, where students explored a world of future opportunities and industries.

Back at school, the QUT-led SET Plan workshops helped students map out their senior schooling journey and identify subjects aligned with their career aspirations. From entrepreneurial thinking to active citizenship and the “Letter to Future Self” project, our Year 10s took meaningful steps toward shaping their future with confidence, curiosity, and purpose.



Senior Schooling



Pathways to Success ▼

At Yeronga State High School, senior schooling is more than just completing subjects—it's about opening doors to future possibilities, nurturing student aspirations, and connecting learning with the real world. This year, our senior students have embraced a range of enriching opportunities that are setting them up for success beyond the school gates.

A key strength of Yeronga's senior program is the support provided to students in exploring post-school options. Through tailored work experience placements, students have had the chance to test out career ideas, build confidence in professional environments, and gain insights into industries they're passionate about. These hands-on experiences often become the spark that guides students toward a clear and achievable career pathway.

Our strong community and industry partnerships continue to thrive. This year, students participated in multiple site visits to local businesses, gaining firsthand knowledge of workplace expectations, industry trends, and vocational pathways. A highlight was the regular tours of the Yeronga Heart construction site, located right next door to the school. These visits have been particularly inspiring for students interested in construction, architecture, and project management, offering a live case study of innovation and collaboration in action.

Through these experiences, many of our students have taken the next step by securing School-Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SATs). These paid, nationally recognised qualifications allow students to work one day a week while completing their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE).



Pathways to Success ▼

This year, Yeronga SHS students have commenced SATs in a wide range of industries, including:

- Childcare
- Hairdressing
- Screen and Media
- Health Services
- Pathology Collection
- Plumbing

These placements not only reflect the diverse interests of our students but also highlight their determination to build futures filled with purpose and possibility.

Senior schooling at Yeronga is about finding the right path for every student—whether it's university, TAFE, a trade, or straight into the workforce. We are proud of our students' achievements and the choices they are making to shape their futures. Their journeys are a testament to the power of opportunity, support, and community.

Well done to our seniors—you are building futures worth celebrating!



Year 11 Learner Agency Program ▼

2025 was a defining year for our Year 11 students as they explored the theme “Global Ideation – Leading the Conversation & Building Connection.” Through workshops on academic integrity, wellbeing, and communication, students developed the skills to lead with purpose and empathy.

A standout experience was the Emu Gully Leadership Camp, where our future Year 12s showed courage, teamwork, and resilience through muddy challenges and moments of reflection. Students also engaged in projects inspired by the UN Sustainable Development Goals, exploring ways to make positive change in their communities. A year of growth, leadership, and stepping confidently into their senior roles.





Year 11 Leadership Camp



Resilience. Grit. Confidence. Year 11 students prepare themselves for their future roles as leaders and role models at Yeronga State High School. The students left the school as individuals and returned from Emu Gully as one well-oiled machine.

Trust and teamwork were essential if these students wanted to persevere in the grueling day-to-day activities full of blood,sweat,tears and mud. Long-lasting bonds were forged between students,despite typical social cliques and groups,establishing connections throughout the cohort of future leaders.

Together they collectively and indiviudally matured over the days of this experience and are now ready to lead and represent our school with pride.



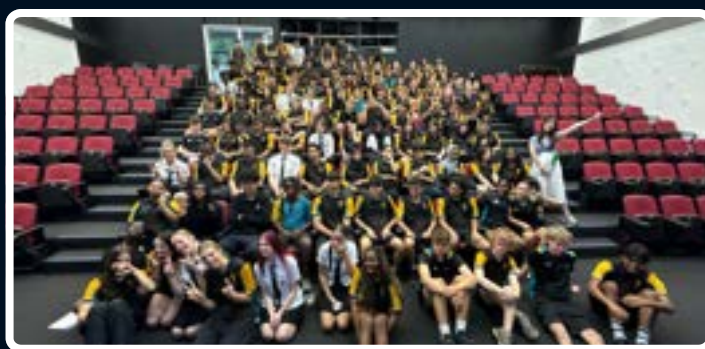
Year 12 Learner Agency Program ▼

This year, our Year 12 cohort embraced the Global Ideation theme — “My Future, My Impact.” Across four terms, students explored what it means to live and lead as global citizens, think critically and ethically, and leave a positive legacy for their community.

From the very start, students reflected on their identities and values through conversations on respectful relationships, diversity, and active citizenship. They engaged in workshops with Griffith and QUT Universities, RACQ Life Ready, and community leaders to prepare for life beyond school. The Link and Launch Resume Workshop, first aid training, and financial literacy sessions provided practical tools for adulthood.

Highlights included the 100 Days Celebration, where students marked their final countdown together, and the Year 12 Formal, a night of elegance and shared memories. In Term 3, students focused on community legacy through projects like the Yearbook Committee, Yeronga Celebrates Festival, and advocacy campaigns, with some earning Griffith University micro-credentials through the New Metrics partnership.

The year concluded with Spirit Week, Learner Agency reflections, and Graduation, celebrating growth, resilience, and pride. Our seniors depart embodying Yeronga’s values of Quality, Harmony, and Sustainability — ready to make their mark on the world.



Link & Launch – Supporting Yeronga Graduates Beyond the Gate

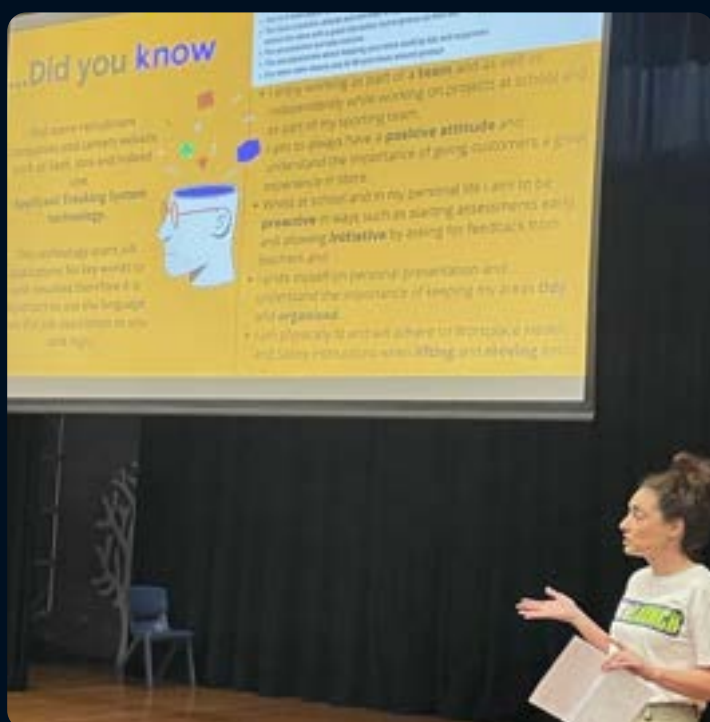
As our Year 12 students prepare for life after school, Yeronga SHS is proud to offer continued support through the Link & Launch Program, led by our dedicated coordinator, Serena Camilleri.

This term, Serena delivered a hands-on Resume and Cover Letter Workshop to help students confidently take their next steps into work, training, or further study. The session covered everything from crafting stand-out resumes and mastering Applicant Tracking Systems (ATS) to writing persuasive cover letters that capture employers' attention. Students left with practical, personalised tools – and the confidence to use them.

But the support doesn't end at graduation. Link & Launch is a Queensland Department of Education initiative hosted right here at Yeronga SHS. Now operating across 36 schools, the program has helped more than 3,200 Year 12 graduates transition successfully into study, training, or employment – with 87% still engaged 18 months later.

Serena continues to provide one-on-one guidance for Yeronga graduates, helping them explore their passions, prepare job applications, and connect with real-world opportunities.

For ongoing support or advice, contact Serena Camilleri at 0460 039 273 or scami21@eq.edu.au.



100 Days left of school

With only 100 days left of school, Yeronga State High School year 12's celebrated the countdown with laughter, music, and memories. The day was filled with fun and nostalgia as seniors gathered for games of musical chairs, cheering each other on in friendly competition.

A special "Memories Jar" invited students to write down their favourite moments from their years at Yeronga — from friendships and sports days to school camps and lunchtime laughs.

The highlight of the day was the senior sign-out, where students marked the beginning of their final chapter with pride and excitement for what's ahead. It was a perfect mix of joy, reflection, and anticipation for the future.





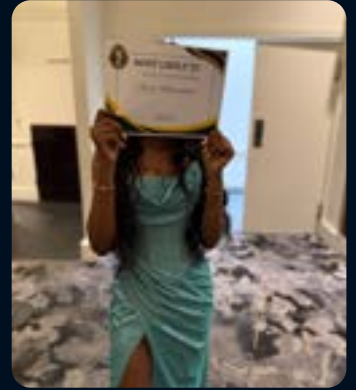
Year 12 Formal 2025



The grade 12 senior formal this year was a beautiful event held at Hillstone golf club. Dressed up in elegant and stylish clothes, all graduates had an amazing evening together celebrating the final year of their journey through high school



Awards 2025



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Spirit Week

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Monday - Crazy Accessory Day

Monday kicked off with Crazy Accessory Day, featuring funky hats, oversized sunglasses, and wild jewellery.



Tuesday - Cartoon Day

On Tuesday, the halls came alive with Cartoon Day, as students transformed into their favourite animated characters.



Spirit Week



Wednesday - Anything but a bag

Wednesday brought endless laughs with “Anything But a Bag” Day, as students carried their books in everything from buckets to cereal boxes.



Thursday - Mix n’ Match and Friday - Pyjama Day

Thursday’s Mix n’ Match Day saw the boldest fashion choices yet, and the week wrapped up in comfort with Pyjama Day on Friday — a cosy, fun end to a week celebrating Yeronga’s amazing school spirit.

