Monday 2 March saw the annual Combined Universities Roadshow visit Bombala High.

This is a great opportunity for all students to start gathering information on tertiary institutions in Canberra.

We had visitors from the University of Canberra, CIT, the Australian Catholic University, the University of Wollongong and the Australian National University.

As always our students were great ambassadors for our school, asked many questions and read all the literature they received. Well done!!
Endeavour Reserve fieldwork

The Year 11 Biology class conducted their mandatory fieldwork at the Endeavour Reserve yesterday. The students completed an overview map of the area studied and included the main features such as leaning trees, human impacts and changes of vegetation.

Abundance was measured by the quadrant method, where 1 metre squares are randomly placed in the ecosystem and the different types of plants are observed, drawn and numbers are recorded. A transect line was used to measure the distribution of plant life through the area. This was recorded as a cross section line drawing of the area.

This ecosystem, the Endeavour Reserve, has been studied by Biology classes since 1991 and in this time period the students have been able to observe the changes that have been taking place. This year it was pleasing to see the increase growth of new saplings and the decrease of fire hazard materials. There was a marked increase of human impacts that have affected the ecosystem including litter and removal of trees for firewood.

But overall the students found that the studied area health had improved.

Open Girls Basketball enjoyed a day in Bega

On Thursday 26 February, the Open Girl’s Basketball team competed against 4 other teams at Bega. The team consisted of Renee Ingram, Tanika Hampshire, Courtney Crotty, Janine Jamieson, Keiarna Rodwell, Makayla Standen and Kayley Keavey. Although the scoreboard painted a different picture, the girls played their personal best every game. The sportsmanship shown by the Bombala girls was noted by several other coaches and is a reflection of their respect towards each other and other teams. Overall, we had a fun day and many thanks to Jason Crotty and Cleo Jamieson for volunteering to drive the girls to the stadium.
Over the last few days I have been conducting individual meetings with our current Year 12 students. This is to investigate their desired post school destinations which will enable us to forward relevant and tailored information to each student and organise any possible excursions to tertiary institutions based on interest.

The majority of our senior students have already identified a clear future path, whether it be into tertiary study, employment or apprenticeships.

I know this may change over the next few months so they have all been encouraged to drop in and let me know any other options.

There has also been a keen interest in some resume writing sessions and I will arrange them in the near future.

If there are any parents/caregivers who would like to have any input or have any questions about post school destinations please do not hesitate to contact me on 6458-3358 or 0409 556 813.

Our Year 12 students should be very proud of their mature approach to mapping out their post school options.

I just would like to point out that it is OK to still be unsure!

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The Bundian Way project continues to gather momentum as the educational opportunities on this ancient walking track for Bombala High School students increase.

On Monday, Aileen Blackburn, a Monaro/Yuin elder from Cann River came up to visit the school and promote the AWAY program. The Aboriginal Women And Yams project is now into its second year and plays a vital role in the scientific and educational components of the Bundian Way.

Yams were a traditional food source for the Monaro/Yuin people but since colonisation, yam propagation has fallen away. Yams grew all over the Monaro tablelands, often near waterholes, where reeds for making women’s tools and implements were also found. Yams are a tuber food source which was roasted, and they were also used for medicinal and ceremonial purposes.

The AWAY project will assist many women of the South East to revive the propagation and harvesting of yams and to continue to inform the local people of their significance. Learning and reviving the traditional ways of the indigenous peoples of the South East means, amongst many things, the revival and harvest of yams.

Yams are Women’s Business. The propagation and harvesting of yams give women the opportunity to hand down their extensive knowledge to the younger women. It is important that this knowledge is retained – ceremony helps connect Aboriginal people via an opportunity for ‘story telling’ and through these stories, safe and spiritual connections are fostered and maintained between women and the land. The hope is to see these yam plots and fields – they are a great teaching opportunity and assist in restoring, or perhaps even creating, connections to the land amongst all people.

A number of yam plots have already been established along the Bundian Way. They have been fenced to prevent native and farm animals from grazing on the tips of the yams. These plots will allow AWAY participants to experiment with various propagation strategies, including digging and burning, to establish the most efficient way of reintroducing and maintaining yam fields all over the south east.

Women and girls from the school community are warmly invited to play a role in this scientific and cultural experience. Please contact Marty Lyons at Bombala High School for more information.

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Culture Au Pair

I have received information regarding Au Pair in the USA. This is a childcare, travel and cultural exchange program for young people aged 18-26. If you would like any information please drop into the Careers Office.
Getting to know Donna Shelley

I grew up in Beacon Hill on the Northern Beaches of Sydney. I attended Beacon Hill Public School and Beacon Hill High School, completing Year 11 before becoming an exchange student in Year 12, spending 12 months with a host family in a small town in Uruguay, South America.

Upon returning I worked in administration whilst completing a Diploma of Travel. This led to a career in the hospitality industry and employment with Hyatt Hotels in Sydney where I worked my way up from Food and Beverage Secretary to Food and Beverage Manager overseeing all the functions and restaurants within the hotels.

The travel bug had bitten however, and I spent many years travelling in New Zealand, United States and then Europe where I worked as a Contiki tour guide. I moved back to Australia with Jordan, completed my HSC and enrolled in University whilst working in Retail Management. The rest as they say is history...

I studied a Bachelor of Economics with a Diploma of Education at Macquarie University and was fortunate enough to be a targeted graduate which meant that my first permanent appointment was at Bombala High School.

I am currently the Careers Adviser whilst continuing to teach our Senior Studies Vocational class, Year 12 Legal Studies and some support periods. I am very passionate about public education and after previously teaching in large Sydney schools I appreciate the excellent resources we have at our wonderful school including a very experienced staff and excellent technology and sporting facilities.

I love that we are able to work closely with our students on an individual basis. The community support that our school receives is also very positive.

Bombala is a wonderful place to work and live – it must be because this is my 16th year here and I was only planning on staying for 5!

Year 11 Edrom Excursion

The Year 11 excursion has been cancelled. Unfortunately, we have not met the minimum number required to make the excursion viable.

Those students who have already paid, please see the Front Office for a full refund.

Emma Sullivan
Year Adviser

From the office...

Last week invoices were sent out for students fees. Please note that we are more than happy to accept part payments by either cheque, cash or via the internet.

Our details are:
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The school fees are used to purchase resources to support and enhance your child’s learning experiences.

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