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School Motto

Scientiae Luce – Light of Learning

Established

1929

School Population

Total number of students	600
Average class size	15
Number of international students	7



Ballina High School was the school I chose with the help of a friend. It has lived up to my expectations. I can say that the school is better than I expected. I get a lot of support from everyone... the teachers, the principal and the students. I will remember the kindness of the teachers and the students in this school.

Solveigh Lingens, Year 11, Germany

GENERAL SCHOOL INTRODUCTION

Ballina High School is the original high school in the town and continues to provide quality educational and vocational opportunities for young people. A broad range of academic courses are offered to the highest level.

Some programs offered are unavailable in other Australian schools. Students can obtain their ultra-light pilot's licence as part of the Aeronautics Engineering course. Senior students can study aeronautics engineering. Students can also gain their car driver's licence.

The marine discovery and resource centre is nationally acclaimed. Credentials offered include the PADI international scuba, boat licence, marine coxswain and aquaculture.

Our sister-school is Toke High School in Japan. Every alternate year, an exchange visit enables students to experience aspects of Japan.

Students have graduated to undertake courses in medicine, optometry, aeronautics, pharmacy, teaching, veterinary, engineering, graphics, nursing, accountancy, automotive, hairdressing, and much more.

In 2007, Ballina High School opened the first NSW Trade School and now offers apprenticeship programs in Hospitality and Construction.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) PROGRAMS

- Special ESL programs are available

LANGUAGES TAUGHT

- Japanese
- Italian, German, Spanish and French through distance education

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- Gifted and Talented Programs
- Bands – concert and rock have attained state and national awards
- Sports – Australian Olympic champions have attended the school
- Marine studies
- Debating and public speaking
- Aeronautics

STUDENT SUPPORT

- Year advisers
- School counsellors
- Student Representative Council
- School to work coordinator

SPECIAL FACILITIES

- Computer laboratories and more
- Dual-controlled driver car
- Electrical car
- Commercial kitchens
- Engineering workshops

- Construction workshops
- Aeroplane
- Jet Flight Simulator
- Six motor boats
- 25-seat troop carrier
- Multipurpose hall
- High-class oval and sporting fields
- Extensive library
- Science laboratories
- Marine discovery centre
- Darkroom
- Visual arts studios
- Amphibious Vehicle LARC-V
- Spectacular garden-like grounds

2007 HSC RESULTS AND YEAR 12 UNIVERSITY/TAFE PLACEMENTS

- 50% of Year 12 were offered placement in universities and 33% at TAFE NSW Institutes
- Students were listed on the NSW HSC Honour Roll in a range of subjects
- Several university scholarships

FEATURES OF LOCAL AREA

- Ballina is a coastal tourist town with a subtropical climate and 28,000 people.
- The town boasts surfing beaches and is situated on the mouth of the Richmond River, with protected bays.
- The Gold Coast is one hour north and Byron Bay, Australia's most eastern point, is 30 minutes north.
- The hinterland has rainforests, waterfalls and wildlife.

OTHER INFORMATION

Ballina High School has achieved:

- Director-General's Awards of Excellence for academic success, curriculum development, aviation, marine, music, driver education and trades
- Australian and NSW Training Award 2004
- Minister's Award of Excellence for Student Achievement in 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007
- International Science Forum attendee 2007 and 2008; National 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007
- North Coast Vocational Excellence in Schools Award – 2002, 2004
- District Award for Academic Excellence – 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006
- Professional Teacher Council Media Award – 2002, 2003, 2005
- Readers Digest Environmental Award – 2002
- Australia's Best Schools Program Award: Marine – 2003
- NSW Tidy Towns Environment Award – 2005, 2006
- Premier's Teacher Awards 2006, 2007
- Representation at Beijing Olympics 2008 in band performance