PROMOTING SUCCESS

Year 7 Cultural Tour

The above photo shows Yaegl Aboriginal Elder Uncle Ron Heron speaking to Year 7 students at Brooms Head during the Year 7 Cultural Tour 2011. The Year 7 Cultural Tour Program is in its second year of operation. All Year 7 students participate in a one day excursion to Red Cliff and Brooms Head to observe local, culturally significant sites.

Local Yaegl Elders conduct the tours by passing on their knowledge verbally and through a booklet produced by them in conjunction with Macquarie University.

This invaluable experience will ensure that in the coming years all students and staff at Maclean High will have a greater awareness and appreciation of some aspects of local Yaegl culture.

Our ‘River of Learning’ program at Maclean High School

At Maclean High School the River of Learning Program was highlighted by a celebration day to acknowledge the work undertaken by all Year 7 students. These students went on the above mentioned Cultural Tour, conducted by Yaegl Elders, and have produced a common task based upon lessons taught in Science, Geography, History, Art, and PDHPE. Macquarie University’s continued support of our school was exemplified by the staff who attended our day. Their presentation of the Yaegl Medicinal and Plant Resources Handbook was greatly appreciated.

This year we have also incorporated the Ambassador Program into our day. Our Ambassador was well known radio personality and Murri School CEO, Tiga Bayles. He inspired all with his address.