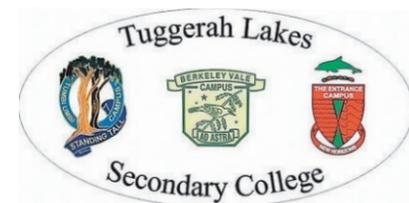


Secondary entry #2: TLSC - Tumby Umbi Campus



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CLEAN ACT: The Take 3 organisers promote an important initiative with TLSC students.

Eliminating plastic from our shores

By **ELISSA REID** and **JAIME HARVEY**

THE Take 3 initiative is changing the amount of rubbish on pristine beaches and the surrounding pollution.

The main focus of Take 3 is to make communities aware of the damage being created by plastic. Take 3 implements one simple rule: when leaving the beach, take three pieces of rubbish with you.

Take 3 has recently been involved in the organisation of an artwork known as the *Rake Fish*. The *Rake Fish* is made up of marine debris left at local beaches, with a rake being one of the main focal points of the art. This fish has been travelling to different schools, raising the discussion of marine debris.

The artwork, as it travels from one school to another, leaves with a new façade. The *Rake Fish* is soon due to travel Australia-wide, and then to Japan with the help of Take 3. The artwork has been a talking point for students, and ensures awareness is prominent during schooling years.

TLSC teacher Mrs Maracheal said: "Take 3 was only a Band-Aid solution for something bigger."

But with every small step, the removal of beach rubbish and marine debris is bringing relief to sea life and its ecosystem. Take 3 is one of many organisations creating good where plastics and rubbish overrule. So next time you are at one of our beaches, remember to "Take 3".

Avid aims for enhancing

By **MAKAYLA BOOTH** and **ALARNA BIRD**

AVID represents individual determination in the classroom and excellence throughout TLSC.

With its upcoming third anniversary at the school, AVID aims to support students with average grades to reach their full potential in their schooling life.

AVID classrooms focus on repetition, and how students can be helped with their study by taking notes in a more extensive way.

Over the past three years, AVID students have improved not only in their attitudes towards learning, but also the confidence they have in themselves and their achievements.

AVID co-ordinator at TLSC, Mr Howard, has made an easy transition from being an AVID teacher to becoming the co-ordinator. He came from a background that is very typical of an AVID student. He was from a family where his parents did not complete high school. Although he got through school, and achieved what he wanted to be in life, AVID would have helped him improve or change the path he took.

When Mr Howard first heard about the program he thought: "It sounded too good to be true." He was sceptical but still optimistic of where AVID could take his students. He said he is "127 per cent



IMPROVING: TLSC students at Ourimbah university for the AVID program.

proud of all AVID students, proud of the hard work that they put in to improve in everything they do, no matter how big or small the task is".

According to Mr Howard, most AVID students do not have a lot of contact with people who have gone to university, so this program aims

to help and motivate students to receive further education after high school.

AVID student, Caitlin Berka-Oates, is another typical example of an AVID student. She has stuck with the program since the beginning to better herself as a learner.

She said: "AVID has helped me so much in my learning, my studying and confidence in public speaking."

The AVID program has opened new doors for students at TLSC, and they hope that soon it will be utilised in schools across Australia.



CARING: Laurie Maher aims to reduce poverty and homelessness on the Central Coast.

Ending coastal poverty for good

By **GRETA STOKES** and **SEDONA ANDERSON**

HOMELESSNESS on the Central Coast is on the rise according to former mayor Laurie Maher.

During the past year, homelessness has increased by 26 per cent. The majority of homeless people suffer from a range of disabilities or mental illnesses.

To put an end to homeless-

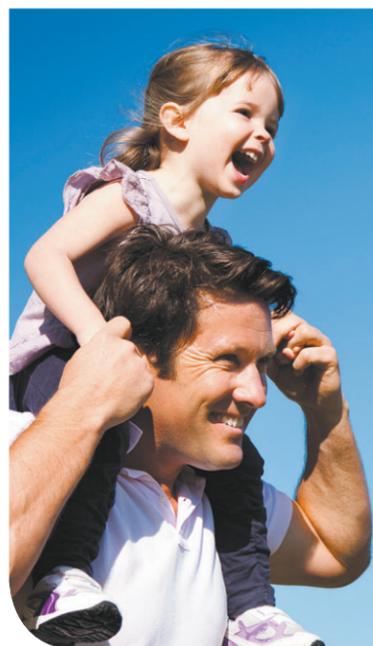
ness on the Central Coast, the Coast Shelter Organisation has provided accommodation, food and well-being services to those in need for the past 21 years. Mr Maher and his team of compassionate staff raise up to \$300,000 per year with the help of local businesses, members of the community and the government.

They provide breakfast to those in need from Monday

to Friday, lunch from Monday to Saturday, and dinner is served almost every night.

Coast Shelter's goal is to end homelessness everywhere, but to do that, Mr Maher said: "We would have to get people from everywhere to build half a million houses tonight. Unfortunately, that can't happen."

Between 30 and 40 people on the Central Coast sleep on the streets each night.



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