Chatham High School is a welcoming, large comprehensive high school that services the town of Taree and adjacent rural and coastal areas. The school community aims to meet the needs of all students and provide education in a safe and friendly learning environment. A broad school curriculum, as well as diverse cultural and sporting pursuits are provided for all students. An alternative timetable for senior students increases access to Technical and Further Education (TAFE) and vocational courses.

Student support services
Homework centre • Learning Support team • Student Representative Council • Two Senior Norta Norta tutors

Languages taught
Year 7 only: French • Mandarin • Japanese

Special programs
Debating, public speaking and drama • Shared curriculum in Years 11 and 12 with other local high schools • Art Spectacular • Authentic Assessment program helping Year 10 students prepare for interviews and work skills • Chatham Curriculum Extension class

Academic achievements 2012 HSC results
Seventy percent of students go onto further education • Top HSC scores are in the mid 90s • 35% of students were offered a place for university

Local area features
Chatham High School is approximately 20 minutes from beaches, mountains and bushland.

The Manning Valley is home to a range of some of the best beaches in Australia and what’s even better is that they’re not crowded like the more popular coastal destinations. The Manning Valley features some 11 beach areas all offering a range of different beach experiences from surfing to swimming in protected and patrolled areas and some great beach walks.

The Manning Valley’s natural attractions offer qualities of an area still largely untouched by commercialisation. We have spectacular views from lookouts to forest walks with some of the largest trees to be found in NSW. There are also local arts and craft galleries, specialty shops and many fine restaurants, cafes and cozy tea rooms.