4 August 2016

From the Principal

This week we have all Year 10 students engaged in discussion with parents, carers and teachers concerning their future pathways. These conversations are essential to ensure that all students identify what their direction is following Year 10 at Hervey Bay State High School. Students have a choice of pathways on completion of their ‘compulsory’ education that could include further study at TAFE, community programs or continuing with their education into Year 11 and Year 12 at Hervey Bay State High School.

Students are also making decisions whether they leave school to pursue employment, traineeships and apprenticeships. Making an informed decision is important for all students. Students choosing to continue with post compulsory education into Year 11 and Year 12 will be involved in robust conversation at their SET Plan meeting if they are not already maintaining a pass in Year 10 and meeting the required 90% attendance. To assist some students to meet a pass achievement in English and/or Mathematics by the end of Year 10, they have been enrolled in English Communication and Vocational Maths studies for this semester. It is imperative that students complete their Year 10 with a pass in literacy and numeracy regardless of their future pathway. Successfully completing senior studies at Hervey Bay State High School in Year 11 and Year 12 is determined by each student’s individual commitment and attitude to post compulsory schooling. A high level of academic engagement and school attendance is necessary and it is for this reason that some Year 10 students are not suited for this pathway.

Requirements of the QCAA (Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority) and the school’s AGS (Academic Good Standing) policy place extra pressure on students to achieve, engage and attend Year 11 and Year 12. As a school community we want to ensure that ALL students choose the best and most appropriate pathway. I urge all parents and carers to ensure that they take part in this vital discussion concerning their student’s future.

As a part of our ongoing expectation of high attendance by all students, the school will be focussing on students who arrive late to school and class next week. Not only is it important that students attend class each and every day, but they need to be on time, prepared and organised for learning. The school attendance at the moment is sitting at 85.6%. Our Year 9, 10 and 11 cohorts have had a decline following the July break and this is affecting our ability to reach our target of 90% or better attendance. Keep up the good work students in Year 7, 8 and 12 and to all the Year 9, 10 and 11 students who are here regularly.

Ms Julie Learoyd

From the Deputy Principal – Senior Secondary

Year 10 ‘SUMMER SCHOOL’

As part of our commitment to assisting every student to achieve, this year we will be introducing a Summer School for those students who have not met the minimum requirements for entering Year 11. Historically, students who have not achieved academically in Year 10, have not managed to achieve success in Year 11, no matter what courses they choose to study.

Students wishing to enrol into Year 11 in 2017 will need to ensure that they meet the following requirements prior to the commencement of Year 11.
• Successful completion (C grade or better) in the majority of their Year 10 subjects
• Meet the pre-requisite requirements of academic courses in Year 11 (some subjects require previous study to allow success in senior)
• Completion of Summer School to complete courses if academic success is not achieved at the completion of Year 10

Further information about the duration and content of Summer School, will be forwarded to the parents of students who are not achieving at the start of term 4.

We encourage all families to use the academic achievements indicated on Semester 1 report cards as the starting point for any conversation with your Year 10 student. We will continue to work with your student over the next 15 weeks to give them the best chance of academic success.

Mr Rob Burke

From the Deputy Principal – Junior Secondary

Enrolment 2017

Last week, I had the pleasure of visiting our primary schools with Ms Stacey Josh, Head of Student Support – Junior. We spoke with the Year 6 students about life at high school, our school rules and answered many of their questions.

On Tuesday 9 August, we have our first bulk enrolment session for incoming Year 7 students. Two sessions will be available for parents of current Year 6 students to attend – 3.30pm and 5pm. This will be an opportunity for parents to hear some information, submit enrolment paperwork and apply for the APEX programs if they have not already done so. They will also be able to take applications with them and submit them in the days that follow the enrolment afternoon.

Junior Leaders

During Year 7 and 8 assemblies last week, Ms Josh and I have also announced the opening of nominations for junior leaders. Students applying to become a junior leader are those students who contribute to the school community – culture, sporting and environment. We look forward to talking with each applicant and working with them to develop their leadership skills.

Junior leader applications close shortly so please encourage your student to collect a form if they have not already done so. Forms can be collected from either myself or Ms Josh.

Miss Sarah Brierley

Hervey Bay State High School Senior Schooling

QCS Test

On Tuesday 30 August and Wednesday 31 August, the QCS Test will be conducted for Year 12 students. While the QCS Test’s four papers required imagination, concentration and stamina they also provide our students the opportunity to show what they can do when they put their mind to it. For students, class work, assessment tasks and the QCS preparation program have contributed to the broad range of skills that they will be called on to demonstrate.

As the QCS Test is a team commitment, it is very important that every member of the cohort makes the maximum effort to do his or her very best.

The school will be providing breakfast for students involved, with bacon, sausages, eggs, toast, yoghurt, fruit, juice and tea or coffee available. Breakfast will be served at the front of the Sports Centre from 7:45am.

Students are required to be dressed in uniform. It is recommended that they dress appropriately and can remove layers if necessary. The canteen will be available during breaks.

The QCAA Instructions for Students handout has been distributed to all students. A copy of the QCAA Instructions for Students has been reproduced in this newsletter and is available from the link below. This information is extremely important as it details all necessary equipment, directions and conduct during the test and what should occur if a student is unavoidably absent.


As they enter the final stages of preparation, students should ensure they make time to eat, sleep, relax, avoid distractions and read over the strategies given in the preparation program.

On a final note, all the best Year 12s – stay focussed, be positive and do your very best.

Ms Tracey Gist
Head of Department – Senior Schooling

Science Trip

Canberra-Sydney Trip

During the first week of the term, two teachers and 18 students travelled to the cold southern states for the Science Trip. Students had the opportunity to visit the new and the old parliament house and learn firsthand how laws are made in Australia and the lengthy process it takes to make them. The same day students visited the Australian War Memorial, where they learned about past and present conflicts. The visit finished with Josh Lewis and Courtney Fulton representing the school in the daily wreath laying and last post ceremony.

Students also visited Questacon, Royal Australian Mint, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), Canberra Glassworks and Canberra Deep Space Communication Centre. Students were very intrigued to find out that the radio dish was part of the communications used for the recent Juno mission to Jupiter and that they still communicate with the Voyager probes that have left our solar system.

While the majority of students were prepared for the cold weather, some mornings were minus two degrees, they were lucky enough to witness snow falling in Canberra on the Wednesday morning, which is a rare event for Canberra.
A very early start on the Thursday moved the trip to Sydney where students visited the National Martine Museum and learnt about life aboard the HMAS Vampire, and the technology developed by early sailors to determine their position before the use of GPS. During the afternoon students visited Taragona Zoo and saw that the giraffes have the best view of Sydney Harbour. To finish the afternoon students travelled by ferry to Circular Quay and the Opera House. The final visit for the trip was the Sydney Observatory at the Rocks. Many of the students found this a highlight as they were allowed to look through a telescope that researchers use to get a brilliant view of Saturn and its moons.

All students on the trip represented the school with pride, with many tour guides complimenting the students about their attentiveness and excellent behaviour.

If your student missed out on the trip this year keep your eye out for a similar tour in 2018.

Michael McLaren
Science Trip Co-ordinator

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Fraser Coast Maths Quiz

We entered two teams into the Fraser Coast Year 7 and Year 8 Maths quiz this year. The students were Caitlin Brummell, Caius Robertson, Damon Opresnik, Emily Brummell, Brianna Cooper and Ty Smith-Rasmussen. This was 2 teams among about 24.

Students were given team and individual problem solving questions, speed tests, history and general knowledge questions. Both our teams did well. Emily, Brianna and Ty were placed fifteenth, while Caius, Caitlin and Damon came third. The two top teams tied, and beat our team by ½ point.

This gives our top team the chance to compete in the regional finals, held at Bundaberg State High School on the 22 of August, from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Parents and friends are welcome to attend.

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China Trip

Parents and Student Meeting

September 2017 is our proposed China Study Tour. Students who are interested in this trip must attend a meeting with parents/carers on Monday 8 August at 5.00pm in the school ehub.

Quick details about the trip include:

Where we go: Shanghai, Beijing and Xian

Places we visit: Great Wall, Temple of Heaven, Terracotta Warriors, Forbidden City, Disneyland Shanghai, Yu yuan Gardens, Pearl Tower, Olympic Park, Shanghai Wildlife Park to see Pandas, Silk Markets and many more places.

When: September School holidays (roughly 12 days) 2017

Cost: Approximate Cost is $4500 (depending on numbers) which can be paid in instalments. Includes all flights, accommodation, most meals, entry to all attractions, visa’s, travel insurance, train travel and gratuities.

Who is invited: Any student at Hervey Bay State High School, you do not have to be studying Chinese to go.

If you would like your student to participate in this wonderful opportunity please come along to this meeting, if you are unable please email me on sjosh1@eq.edu.au or call on 41943777.

Stacey Josh
China Trip Coordinator

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Junior Camp

Junior Camp is Nearly Here!

Less than 2 weeks until Junior Camp! Please ensure that the balance of $275 is paid before Wednesday 10 August. What to pack lists were sent home with students 2 weeks ago, if you do not have one of these they can be collected from students services or please email me on sjosh1@eq.edu.au

Below is a brief itinerary:

Monday 15th of August

8.00am All students to arrive outside Great Hall to pack bus/roll etc
8.30am Depart Hervey Bay High School
10.00am Toilet stop in Gympie Duck Ponds
11.00 am Arrive Mapleton Camp

Wednesday 17th of August

12.30pm Depart Mapleton Camp
3.00pm Arrive Hervey Bay State High School outside Great Hall

Stacey Josh
Student Support – Junior
Positions Vacant

Hervey Bay State High School is seeking applicants to fill the teacher aide position as outlined below:

Teacher Aide Inclusive Education Center

Permanent 8.75 hours per week

Application Packages are available from the school administration office between 8.00am and 3.30pm, Monday to Friday.

Applicants must address the ‘How you will be Assessed’ section of the role description to be considered for the position. The successful applicant must have a Positive Notice Blue Card for Child Related Employment.

Applications close: 3.00pm Friday, 19 August 2016
Application to be addressed to: Business Services Manager
Hervey Bay State High School
Beach Road
Hervey Bay Qld 4655
Or email to: sgedd9@eq.edu.au

Payments using BPoint

If you would like to pay school invoices using BPoint but are unsure of the process, please read the information on the link below.

Student Resource Scheme

Collection of Textbooks

Would parents who have paid the LRS2016 fees in full, or are on a contract, CentrePay, Abstudy or instalment payment plan, please check that your child has received all appropriate textbooks. Students can collect the textbooks from the eHub before school or during a recess.

Parents, please note that it is the student’s responsibility to ensure they have collected their textbooks.

School Fees Payment

Reminder to parents: when depositing payments into Hervey Bay State High School’s bank account, please use a reference such as student’s name, invoice number or reason for the payment, e.g. SmithJ12345 or SmithJLRS. This will ensure accounts are paid promptly. We appreciate your assistance with this matter.

Uniform Shop

Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Enter and exit through the Old Maryborough Road gate. Available for parents and students.

Wednesday 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Enter and exit through the Old Maryborough Road gate.

By appointment: Telephone 0407 746 073
Payment: EFTPOS and/or cash acceptable
Lay-by available

Students can access the uniform shop at the canteen during first or second recess.

If it is more convenient, parents can place an order and pay over the phone. Students can then collect the order later.

Please contact 07 4194 3790 for any uniform inquiries.

Canteen News

We are excited to bring you all a variety of healthy meals for breakfast and lunch daily. Please remember that all students need their manners and full school uniform to be served.

EFTPOS is ONLY available for senior students (Yrs. 10-12), however all EFTPOS transactions incur a $0.15 surcharge.

https://herveybayshs.eq.edu.au/Facilities/Tuckshop/Pages/Tuckshop.aspx

Ordering

If you would like to order any items, please do so before 9:00 a.m. Pre-ordering, particularly our daily specials, avoids the disappointment of missing out. Every day we have a selection of fresh sandwiches, rolls, wraps and salads. We also have a ‘special’ each day. Please read the notices for the week’s specials.

AROUND THE WORLD IN TEN DAYS!!

Starting Monday 8 August, we will be celebrating two weeks of Olympics by highlighting foods from around the World. Each day, we will feature a main meal from one country and a sweet or desert from another country. These two weeks proved to be very popular last time, so we recommend that you pre-order to avoid disappointment. Students may even be surprised to see some canteen volunteers and staff getting into the spirit through costume.

BONUS VIVO POINTS!!

Earn 10 vivo points with any purchase of a sandwich, salad roll, wrap, panini or salad box from the canteen.

Make a healthy choice and be rewarded.

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| CHINA                                        | GREECE                | PORTUGAL                          | ENGLAND                                 | AUSTRALIA                                   |
| Steamed Pork Buns with Fried Rice           | Lamb Kofta and Rice   | Peri Peri Chicken Wrap            | Roast Beef Dinner with all the trimmings| Pizza Including Aussie                       |

We need your assistance!

On occasions we have had some ladies volunteering up to four days a week to help us fill the vacancies in our roster!

With volunteers to help us we do not have to increase our prices. Do you have a spare couple of hours once a week, fortnight or month?? We are always in need of extra hands to help feed the 1000 + students and staff and reduce their waiting time. If you could lend a hand, please contact Kylie Atkinson on 4194 3790.

Winter is here!

Please remember our school uniform policy before purchasing something warmer for your students.

Students may choose to wear a monogrammed school jacket or jumper, long black pants or plain black track pants during cooler days. Female students may choose to wear tights; however, these MUST be worn under school shorts or skirts. Tights are not acceptable as a ‘wear-alone’ option as this is a co-educational school.

- **Jumpers** - $20.00  
- **Jackets** - $35.00

Available from the Hervey Bay State High School Uniform Store

**SHOE SALE - $10 OFF!!**

The uniform shop is having a sale on all shoes in stock!! Get $10.00 off every pair of shoes. Hunter styles were $50 now $40 and Chase styles were $40 now $30. Be quick to grab a bargain.

**P and C Meeting**

- **When:** Thursday 11 August  
- **Time:** 6pm  
- **Where:** Main Administration Building

**Ms Renei Lewis**  
**Canteen Assistant**