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From the Principal

To all students and families, thank you for another great year at Hervey Bay State High School. We have had a most successful academic year with the largest contingent of students receiving an academic award and some of our best Year 12 Queensland Core Skills (QCS) and Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) results. Congratulations to the many students who have studied well and engaged with our teaching staff to ensure that they have achieved academic success this year.

Not only have we excelled in the classroom but many of our students have represented themselves, their families and the school proudly in many sports, culturally, in the arts and in many shows, competitions and events. We have had a great year of showcasing the many talented students we have in this school and I look forward to seeing even bigger and brighter performances next year.

This great success is only achieved by the partnership we share with home and the school community. I would like to thank the many parents, carers and families who support our students and this school. I look forward to your engagement and assistance again in 2018. Unfortunately we did not meet our attendance target of 85% this year. We came close with 83.3% so further work will be undertaken to increase this rate for next year with students and their families.

I would also like to take this time to thank my staff for their work this year both in and outside the classroom. I have a hardworking and great staff who care about their students and care how they perform academically. Some of these staff members will be not be returning next year and I wish those who are leaving us to start work in different schools all the best with their move and their careers.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday and I am looking forward to working with both students and staff in the New Year. Have a great holiday!

Ms Julie Learoyd

From the Deputy Principal

2017 has been another extremely successful year at Hervey Bay State High School and I am proud to have been a part of it. Our departing Year 12 students have done an exceptional job of maintaining exceptional academic standards. I am looking forward to receiving their OP scores later this month and hope that they match the exceptional levels of QCE completion and VET Certificate completion already awarded. This year I have had the pleasure to have been involved in many conversations with parents and students about a myriad of topics. I would encourage all families to keep communication lines with the school open at all times so that we can work together to give your student the best possible opportunities.

2018 draft timetables will be available to students via OneSchool as of December 15. While these timetables are unlikely to change, some may depending on late staffing changes and/or enrolment increases or decreases. If your child does access their timetable over the holidays, please use this as a guide to which subjects they will be studying in 2018.

I wish all students and families a safe and relaxing holiday period. If you have friends or family moving to the area, our enrolment sessions for 2018 will take place on January 15. Our school Facebook page will contain relevant information. See you all in 2018.

Mr Rob Burke

From the Deputy Principal

Year 6 Orientation Day

Last Thursday we welcomed Year 6 Students to Hervey Bay State High School for their first official day of secondary schooling. The day was action-packed with tours of the school, get to know you activities, zumba, dodgeball, handball, board games, art and a sausage sizzle. Students behaved well throughout the day and we are excited to meet everyone again after the holiday season - this time as our Year 7 2018 student cohort! Great work from Miss Josh and her team providing students with a fantastic day.

Reports and Start Up Procedures for 2018

This week student academic report cards will be sent home via post. Also included with report cards is a resource materials list for 2018 and details for the start of 2018. Please note that enrolment interviews will be held on Monday 15 January in the eHub at 9:00 a.m. for SEP, 10:00 a.m. for Year 7, 8 and 9, and 11:00 a.m. for Year 10, 11 and 12. Our school year will start with Year 7, 8 and 11 having their first day of school on Monday 22 January, and then all levels on Tuesday 23 January 2018.

Recap on 2017

Being new to Hervey Bay State High School this year has been an amazing experience. Getting to meet new staff and students is always an exciting time, but I have really enjoyed becoming part of the Hervey Bay State High School community. There is something very special about this school and the people who make it so. Highlights from this year for me have definitely included seeing students participate in the wonderful range of lunch time activities, working with our talented staff on literacy and numeracy agendas, seeing our students succeed in a number of academic and sporting pursuits and last but not least, getting to know the students in my Year 9 and 10 cohorts. Thank you to staff, students and parents for my first year as Deputy Principal at Hervey Bay State High School in 2017. I have felt very welcomed and supported, and cannot wait to start again in 2018.

Have an enjoyable and safe holiday break.

Ms Sharyn Thomas

Craft Activity

Students get crafty during lunch times

Glue, glitter, beads, paint, cotton wool, pom poms These are just a few of the items that students had attached to them after leaving craft group every Wednesday! Deb Tuche, our school nurse, facilitated craft group where up to 30 students each session designed and created a number of projects and discussed numerous health related topics. Projects included self-portraits, necklaces and bracelets, mugs and Halloween and Christmas ornaments.

Craft group will once again run in 2018 and it is a great way to meet new people, be creative and discuss any health issues in an informal setting.



Ms Steinhardt
Head of Student Support

Five Program

Five continues to support student engagement

Sixteen Year 7 and 8 students participated in the FIVE program this year. Focussing on Instilling Values and Engagement (FIVE) has been devised as a school-based program for students at Hervey Bay State High School who need support engaging in the classroom environment. The program focuses on providing positive role models, building resilience, instilling values, teaching the value of education and building self-esteem through activity based learning.

This year, FIVE students refined their culinary skills by planning, preparing and cooking a number of two course meals and the creation of a cook book. Through cooking, students developed their communication and team work skills and therefore, relationship skills were improved. Resilience, persistence, problem solving, literacy and numeracy skills were also developed through the various activities.

Students also participated in Michael Green's Integrated Martial Arts program that improved their mindfulness and fitness. Students then were able to use the skills developed in FIVE to aid their success in the classroom.

Overall, FIVE was successful in supporting students engagement at Hervey Bay State High School and will continue to run as an intensive support program in 2018.



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Team Up

Team Up creates tomorrow's leaders

Year 7 and 8 students' leadership skills were pushed to the limit while participating in the PCYC's TEAM Up program this year. A total of 38 students completed the leadership program that aims to help young people stay engaged with or excel at school by focussing on leadership qualities, emotional intelligence, resilience and communication skills. Team Up contains a variety of practical activities designed to build crucial life skills like resilience, emotional intelligence, conflict resolution, social

competencies and skills around communication, patience, assertiveness, and problem solving - all skills imperative for dynamic and successful leaders.

A big thank you goes to Mark Staib for developing the future leaders of Hervey Bay State High School.



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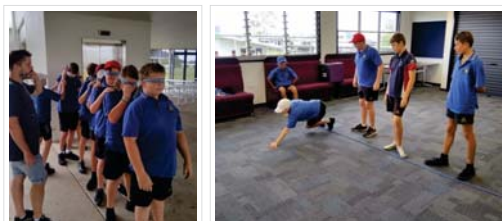
Vital

Vital – Helping students reach their potential

Paul Featherstone, our school Chaplain, worked with over 100 students this year in the VITAL program across Years 7 to 10.

The main aim of VITAL is to develop students respect for themselves and others and to assist students in discovering the value and importance of appropriate behaviours and attitudes through adventure based learning. All of these experiences encouraged students to consider and discover higher levels of meaning and purpose to their lives.

A new concept in VITAL this year was getting the Year 10 students who participated in the program at the start of the year to mentor and co facilitate the program with the junior students in the latter part of the year. This mentoring fostered relationships between the different year cohorts and also developed the communication and interpersonal skills of our senior students.



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Xtreme Reading Program 2017



The Xtreme Reading Program is a direct systematic phonics-based program that has proven very successful for the participants from Years 7, 8 and 9. The multisensory nature of this program and the one-on-one sessions have assisted struggling readers to acquire skills to



become more proficient readers. It has also benefited some participants in improving their spelling skills.

The Overall Results are worth Celebrating!

During 2017, forty-nine students participated in the Xtreme Reading Program. Thirty-seven of these made gains in their Reading Age.

The Reading Age gains were from as little as nine months to as much as five years growth. Gains were made by one student in Year 10; fourteen out of seventeen Year 9 students; fourteen out of eighteen Year 8 students and eleven out of thirteen Year 7 students.

Impact of the Xtreme Reading Program

Academically, there have been improvements in some of the participants' results in English.

Year 7

These students began the Xtreme Reading program at the end of Term 2.

Seven of the twelve students showed an improved academic result in Term 3 and they maintained this improvement into Semester 2, 2017.

Year 8

These students began the Xtreme Reading Program in February.

Seven of the thirteen students showed improved academic results from Semester 2, 2016, to Term 1, 2017.

Six students maintained the improved result into Term 3, 2017

Three students maintained the improved result into Semester 2, 2017

Year 9

These students began the Xtreme Reading program in February.

Five of the seventeen students showed improved academic results from Semester 2, 2016, to Term 1, 2017.

Five students maintained the improved result into Semester 2, 2017.

Five students had improved their NAPLAN Reading results.

To initiate, fund and maintain engagement and such positive results in this program was truly a joint effort by our Hervey Bay State High School Community - students, parents/carers, teacher aides and other Support Staff, specialist teachers and class teachers, HODs, Deputies and our Principal.



Congratulations to all those involved in the Xtreme Reading Program in 2017.

Mrs Liz Puller
STLaN Teacher

Teaching & Innovation

STEAM

2017 saw the implementation of the school's STEAM (Science – Technology – Engineering – Arts – Mathematics) initiative and programs with students taking part in a range of workshops. These have included students travelling to Meridan State College for the “Level Up” Student Conference and workshops, followed by a visit to the school by Taj Pabari and his team from Fiftysix Creations, the Founderfest weekend workshop, students travelling to Bundaberg for the Social Entrepreneurship Student Conference and a group of our students visiting the University of the Sunshine Coast for a series of Arduino workshops.



Through these opportunities and experiences, students delved into new and emerging technologies such as virtual reality headsets, augmented reality and holograms. The participating students also learnt about business enterprise and entrepreneurship, marketing, problem solving and pitching their ideas. Thanks goes to all staff and students involved in participating in these events.

The work we have done this year so far in our STEAM initiative will continue to expand throughout 2018 and beyond. Next year will also see the first Hervey Bay State High School “STEAM DREAM” student conference and workshops in term two.

Business

Our Year 10 Business students had a busy second semester, with learning about the ASX and how to run a small business. Students were involved in the ASX share market game where they were issued with a virtual \$50 000 in order to invest on the Australian Share Market over a period of eight weeks. They were also involved in catering for the Movie under the Stars Event, organised by the Year 11 Business & Communication Technologies (BCT) class. Students worked in teams and researched companies to invest in so they could buy and sell shares with the aim of increasing their investment. Four of the six groups were successful in growing their Portfolio as shown in the table below. Congratulations to Dayna Katene, Ellisa Sendall, Tania Roots, Stephanie Roots for their winning Syndicate from our class results with a final “investment” of \$51 705.60.

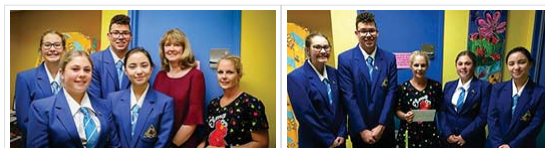
#	Syndicate	Portfolio	School	
1	DETS	\$51,705.60	Hervey Bay State High School	QLD
2	Hill Uns	\$51,290.87	Hervey Bay State High School	QLD
3	Mrs W - teacher	\$50,581.25	Hervey Bay State High School	QLD
4	Mexicats	\$50,542.95	Hervey Bay State High School	QLD
5	SA	\$50,057.00	Hervey Bay State High School	QLD
6	Cool name pending---	\$49,973.33	Hervey Bay State High School	QLD
7	lmt	\$49,933.30	Hervey Bay State High School	QLD

In addition to the game, the class was issued with virtual dollars as payment for their participation in class activities, completion of homework, exemplary behaviour and passing assessment. In the final lesson for the year, we held an auction where students

could bid for various items with their virtual dollars. Some happy customers below!



Our Year 11 BCT class did an amazing job earlier this term, organising our inaugural outdoor movie night, “Under the Stars”. Between the outdoor movie screen and fresh popcorn, students and their families who attended had a great time. All funds raised from the movie night were donated to the Hervey Bay Hospital’s Paediatric Ward – a total of \$1200. Well done to Mrs Wilson and her students for organising such a great event. We look forward to seeing the outdoor movie night becoming an annual event.



Senior IT

A highlight for our senior IT students was their excursion in April to University of Sunshine Coast’s Innovation Centre for the BiG Day In IT Careers Conference. The day provided students with the opportunity to hear from industry leaders about the future of the information technology industry and what it takes to be successful in such a thriving and dynamic industry.



I'd also like to take this opportunity to wish Mr Lawson (pictured above) the very best as he moves to a new position next year, with the Brisbane School of Distance Education where he will be teaching Digital Technologies and IPT online, to students from different locations across the state. Mr Lawson has been a valuable member of our faculty team and we will miss him.

Miss Sarah Brierley
Head of Department – Teaching & Innovation

Procedures for Absenteeism, Late Arrivals and Leaving Early

Collecting your child early . . .

If you are planning to collect your child during the day, please provide a note to Student Services at the beginning of the day. Your student will then be issued a pass to leave class. This assists your student to be in the Student Services office ready to sign out when you arrive.

Please be aware that there are no telephones in classrooms nor is the public address system allowed to be used during class time. Therefore, to communicate a message to a student during class requires a school officer has to physically go to that room and deliver the message in person.

If your child is absent . . .

Please provide a note to Student Services the next day or phone the Student Absence Line on 4194 3760. Alternatively, respond to the text message requesting an explanation. All absences need to be explained.

Late arrivals . . .

Please send a note with your student, to be given to Student Services on arrival, explaining their lateness.

For more information regarding these processes, please refer to the information in your student's diary.

Student Resource Scheme

Hervey Bay State High School offers a Student Resource Scheme (LRS) for students in Years 7 to 12. The LRS requires an annual payment of \$200.00. A discount of \$20.00 is offered per student if LRS is paid in full by 02 February 2018.

For families who choose not to use this scheme a full list of resources can be requested from the office.

Office hours: Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Collection of Textbooks

Students who have paid their LRS2018 fees or are on a contract will be issued textbooks during their English class at the beginning of 2018.

If your student is absent during this English class, please inform them that they must collect their textbooks from the eHub **before school** or **during recesses**. This will also apply to students who start at the school or pay their fees after this day.

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

HBSHS Uniform Shop																									
<p>HBSHS Ph: 4194 3790 Kylie (0407 746 073)</p> <p>2018 Open for uniform sales in the UNIFORM SHOP before school resumes: Tues. 16 Jan: 9am – 5pm Wed 17 Jan: 2pm – 6pm Thurs 18 Jan: 8am – 1pm</p> <p>----- <i>Please enter and exit through Old Maryborough Road gate.</i> -----</p> <p>Cash, Cheque or EFTPOS</p>	<p>PRICE LIST</p> <p>Please note: Uniforms are ONLY available for sale at H.B.S.H.S. 8:00am – 9:00am Monday-Friday, and 3:00pm-5:00pm Wednesday</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Blue polo (Years 7, 8 & 9) / White polo (Years 10,11 & 12)</td><td>\$30.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Black mesh shorts with logo</td><td>\$20.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Black dress shorts with logo (2 styles available) / boys & girls</td><td>\$30.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Black skirts with logo(All Grades)/Tartan Check Skirts (Years 11 & 12 ONLY)</td><td>\$35.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Black skorts with logo</td><td>\$25.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Black sports shorts with logo (2 lengths available)</td><td>\$25.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Black school jacket with logo</td><td>\$42.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Black school jumper with logo</td><td>\$42.00</td></tr> <tr><td>PLAIN Black shoes – various styles</td><td>\$20.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Girls Peplum blouse / Boys dress shirt (Years 11 & 12 ONLY)</td><td>\$40.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Tie (must be worn with Senior blouse/shirt) (\$10.00 if purchased with skirt/blouse)</td><td>\$15.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Hat (replacement)</td><td>\$10.00</td></tr> </table> <p><i>New Students will receive their first hat free under the school's Sun Smart initiative</i></p>	Blue polo (Years 7, 8 & 9) / White polo (Years 10,11 & 12)	\$30.00	Black mesh shorts with logo	\$20.00	Black dress shorts with logo (2 styles available) / boys & girls	\$30.00	Black skirts with logo(All Grades)/Tartan Check Skirts (Years 11 & 12 ONLY)	\$35.00	Black skorts with logo	\$25.00	Black sports shorts with logo (2 lengths available)	\$25.00	Black school jacket with logo	\$42.00	Black school jumper with logo	\$42.00	PLAIN Black shoes – various styles	\$20.00	Girls Peplum blouse / Boys dress shirt (Years 11 & 12 ONLY)	\$40.00	Tie (must be worn with Senior blouse/shirt) (\$10.00 if purchased with skirt/blouse)	\$15.00	Hat (replacement)	\$10.00
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<p>Hunter Low Canvas and Synthetic Leather</p> <p>Chase Hi Top Canvas and Synthetic Leather</p> <p>Chase Low Canvas and Synthetic Leather</p> <p>Limited Sizes available so be quick to pick up a bargain!</p> <p>Please note: no returns.</p> 																									

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 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

Kylie, Renei and Janet would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and students that utilised the Canteen in 2017. Thank you to all our very hard working volunteers who give up their time to serve the students and staff. We hope you enjoy your thank you dinner this week.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to serving you in 2018.

Price Rise

Some students will notice a price rise on some of our favourite items next year.

Pies \$4.00 - \$4.50,
Sausage Rolls \$3.00 - \$3.50,
Salad Boxes \$4.00 - \$4.50.

Our canteen prides itself on providing staff and students with a selection of items at a very reasonable cost.

Help Needed

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, reduce their waiting time and keep the prices down. If you could lend a hand, please contact Kylie Atkinson on 4194 3790.



Ms Renei Lewis
Canteen Assistant