1 August 2014

From The Principal’s Desk

Firstly, Year 10 Senior Education and Training (SET) Plan evening will be held on Tuesday 19 August 2014. A SET Plan is more than just choosing particular subjects for year 11 and 12. It is designed to help your student to map individual pathways through the Senior Phase of Learning. In preparation for this evening, Year 10 students have been discussing eligibility requirements of the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) as well as subject selection materials in their Access periods. Students will also be provided with an electronic copy of the Job Guide and Ipswich SHS Subject Selection guides prior to the evening.

During this SET Plan evening students will complete an online plan with their parents and a nominated teacher. It is a compulsory requirement of Education Queensland that all students complete this plan. Your student has been allocated a nominated member of the teacher staff to assist them with their choice process and the online planning.

For this event the school will be utilising the same electronic registration process as Parent-Teacher interviews. Details of how to logon and register for a time that is suitable for yourself and your student will be sent home this week.

At the completion of the SET Plan, students and their parent/guardian will be encouraged to explore a range of post-schooling options from a variety of education and training providers such as Universities, TAFE institutions and other government agencies. These providers will be located in the Resource Centre.

Secondly, all eligible Year 12 students will be sitting the Queensland Core Skills Test on Tuesday 2nd September and Wednesday 3rd September 2014. To support them in this process the staff and administration team have invited all eligible students to a cooked breakfast before the start of testing each day.

We will be serving pancakes, bacon, eggs, fruit and juice from 7.45am outside C Block to ensure their minds have enough energy to get through the rigorous testing. Please help your student in their preparations by making sure they have the appropriate equipment.

It has also been decided students who are not sitting the tests have permission to stay home from school to do study.

Furthermore, this is a little reminder that Year 12 students cannot attend any end of year celebration activity, including the formal and mystery tour, unless they have completed all their assessment and all school fees are paid.

Good luck to all Year 12 QCS students. Please remind your Year 12 child to check their results to make sure they are on-track for obtaining their OP / QCE. Please also encourage your child to get involved in all areas of school life as much as possible to help reduce stress levels when faced with unfamiliar situations.

It is a privilege to wear an Ipswich State High Senior Jersey. Our senior students wear this jersey with pride. Therefore, this is a reminder for all Year 11 students that they will be ineligible to order and purchase a senior jersey for 2015 if they have poor attendance, have not completed all their assessments for the year and have not got their school fees up to date.

Finally, congratulations to the Year 11 students who completed their first week of work experience at the end of last term. We have had some fantastic feedback from our local businesses in regards to your work ethics and participation. Well done.

Michelle Campbell
Acting Principal

Year 9 & 12

It has been an interesting journey with my eldest daughter starting Prep this year. I did all the due diligence on the surrounding schools, in the hope of selecting the best school for her and my family. High on the agenda was a school that catered for the whole student. For example, I did not want a school that only cared for Academic success. In my opinion, Academic success is only one aspect. A complete education should take into consideration the “whole” student.

Academic success is only one indicator of success. What’s the point of having a child that is academically gifted but emotionally cannot handle the rigours of University? Or for that matter a student that is socially unaware and cannot work with people or show empathy. Just recently we had the soccer
world cup where players are earning over a $100 million – how can you say they are not intelligent?

Schools are more than just Academic Success. They provide an opportunity to educate children in becoming successful human beings, who contribute to society in positive manner in whatever field that is. We have a duty to help kids be the best they can be. If that’s helping them to develop social skills, respect, empathy and of course to give them the literacy and numeracy skills to be successful citizens in an ever changing world.

With hand on heart I can say we do this here at Ipswich State High School. We offer the complete package. We are not pretenders, we know the world is not perfect and neither are we. I do believe though, we cater for the whole student.

Michael Hornby
Year 9 & 12 Deputy Principal

Year 10

Year 10 Camp

I had the pleasure of attending this year’s Emu Gully year 10 camp last week and I had such an enjoyable time watching the students grow as a team. Henry Ford stated the following about team building:

“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.”

This is exactly the journey our students went on while on camp. They really had to think about what was important to them, how do we work together as a team and not leave anyone behind, what was important in leadership and who they wanted to lead them many different scenarios, while having fun at the same time.

I was able to capture some to these moments on camera and am pleased to share these photos with you. Please take a look the moments below that the students will never forget.

Open Day

Our school open day is on Tuesday 2 September 2014 from 9am to 11am. The community will have the opportunity to see firsthand the variety of subjects on offer and how they operate. There will be opportunities for questions and enrolments at the end of the session.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews are on Tuesday 29 July 2014 from 3pm to 7pm. I would strongly encourage all parents to attend and if you are unable to come along and arrange an interview over the phone to discuss your child’s progress.

SET Planning Evening

Year 10 students will all be required to attend SET (Student Education and Training) Planning interviews on the 19 August 2014. The interviews will run from 2pm to 8pm. Please book in an interview time by calling the office on 38134488. Students will be paired with a teacher that is best suited to their chosen pathway.

Days of Experience

Each year Ipswich State High School organises “Days of Experience” where students from local primary schools get the opportunity to experience high school subjects that they haven’t participated in before. This year, due to the 7 transition into high school, our classrooms are coming to primary schools instead. So if you would like your son or daughter to participate in “Days of Experience”, follow this up with your primary school and we are happy to arrange the day.

Kristie De Brenni
Year 10 Deputy Principal

Australian Defence Force Families

Hi my name is Shelley MacDonald and I am the Defence Transition Mentor at The Ipswich State High School.

Does your family receive the DCO Amberley Bulletin? If not, please contact me and I can advise you on how to be placed on the mailing list.

DCO can keep you informed of all current events and programs planned for the Amberley area.

A local support group is Amberley Defence Communities Inc. (ADC Inc.). This is a group of Defence spouses and members who have received funding from DCO to provide support for the Amberley posting location. As well as various planned activities they have arranged regular coffee meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 10am at Wild Poppy Café, Warwick Rd Ipswich.

If you are new to the area attending a coffee group could be a great way to meet other defence families in the local community.

There are various publications produced both locally and nationally to provide information to Defence families. If you would like more information on what’s out there, give me a call or send an email.

I am at school Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays upstairs in AS01 so feel free to contact me.

Shelley MacDonald
Defence Transition Mentor
smacd84@eq.edu.au 3813 4488 or 0448184013
Parents & Citizens Association

The next P & C meeting is at 6.30pm on Monday 25th August in the Resource Centre. (Please note P & C meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month except when they fall in school holidays.)

Our P&C is the voice for you and your students to assist in school decision making when appropriate. Each year the P & C tries to assist the school by providing our students with access to the resources that are not always readily available through the school grants process.

We would encourage you to attend the meetings or to please find attached a letter to consider making a donation to the P & C of $25 per family in order to begin to build a solid working account through which we will be able to assist our students.

2014 School Fees

Reminder – 2014 Term 3 student Resource Scheme fees are due as per the below table – This should complete your payment for 2014 Student Resource Scheme.

Payments being made to your student’s account will automatically be paid against the oldest invoice first. ie any outstanding Student Resource Scheme invoices will be finalised before payments can be made toward the current year.

Student Resource Scheme payments must be up to date to be eligible for specialist subjects or extra-curricular activities

Term payment due dates

Term 1 7th February 2014 $75
Term 2 2nd May 2014 $75
Term 3 25th July 2014 $70

Students in credit

Written notification must be presented for student credit to be used. This could be in the form of excursion letter/uniform order form etc. with “PLEASE USE CREDIT” clearly printed on the form.

Yr12 Students Payments

If you have a payment plan for your school fees these plans will need to be finalised by the end of term 3 to be eligible for end of year non-curriculum activities – formal, mystery tour and to receive your complete graduation folder.

Refund Policy

As the school cannot meet any shortfalls in funding for an excursion or camp due to the subsequent non-participation of a student who had previously indicated attendance of the activity, fees already paid for an excursion or school camp may be refunded in full or in part or not at all, having regard to the associated expenses incurred and the circumstances of the non-participation. If a parent/carer wishes to apply for a refund due to their child’s non participation in an excursion or camp activity, they may do so by completing the Request for Refund form available from the school office.

This process must be completed within the same school term as the activity or refund may be forfeited. Refunds won’t be paid immediately but will be paid after the reconciliation of the activity. Refund amounts of $20 or less will be credited to your students account.

Uniform Shop Hours for 2014

Our uniform shop is open every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8.30am – 9.00am.

We recognise it is often difficult for parents to visit the school uniform shop, for your convenience we have developed a new process for ordering school uniforms with direct deposit payment now available. Follow the prompt (uniform price list) to complete the order form and return to school with the completed method of payment form attached. You will note a sizing chart guide has also been provided.

If you would like to avoid the waiting lines pre-order and your order will be awaiting collection once payment has been received.

After forms are returned to school our retail students will pack your order for collection and notify you or your student.

Ipswich State High School SNAPBACK CAPS are now for sale in the uniform shop.

Only $15. Hurry in before stocks run out!

Guidance News

Overall Position (OP) – FAST FACTS

What is an OP?

An OP (Overall Position) is a student’s position in a state-wide rank order based on overall achievement in Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) subjects. It is used for tertiary entrance purposes only, and indicates how well a student has done in comparison to all other OP-eligible students in Queensland. Students are placed in one of 25 OP bands from 1 (highest) to 25 (lowest).

How do I get an OP?

To get an OP you must study a certain number of Authority subjects and satisfy other requirements including completion of Year 12 and the Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test. The basic eligibility requirement is 20 semester units of credit in Authority subjects with at least three subjects taken for four semesters. Authority subjects are based on syllabuses that have been approved and issued by the QCAA.

How is my OP calculated?

The calculation of your OP begins with the results you get in the subjects you study in Year 12. These results are reported on your Senior Statement in terms of five levels of achievement: Very High Achievement, High Achievement, Sound Achievement, Limited Achievement and Very Limited Achievement. These levels of achievement alone are too broad to calculate OPs. Finer grained comparisons of student achievement are made using subject achievement indicators (SAIs). SAIs are numbers from 200 to 400, assigned by
teachers to OP-eligible students. They show your achievement compared with the achievement of other students in each subject you study in your school.

Find out more ................

Visit www.qcaa.qld.edu.au and www.studentconnect.qcaa.qld.edu.au

Jashu Vekariya, Greg Ballin, Cheryl Wilson-Ayala

Guidance Officers

SCHOOL BASED YOUTH HEALTH NURSE 2014

Problems: Some tips to help!

Even though it may seem obvious, problem solving is something we do all the time. It’s what we do to deal with all types of issues, hassles and decisions that we face every day. There are two main types of problems: everyday ones about what to wear or what to do; and conflicts between ourselves and other people. Along with this goes fixing things that are broken and changing things for the better. Don’t ignore problems; try to solve them and if you have heaps to deal with then look at each problem one at a time. You will need more time to solve larger problems and for these you may also need to get some help.

Some ways to solve problems include:

- De-stressing by doing some exercise or relaxing;
- Talk about serious problems to someone you trust like your parents, a friend, a teacher, your student welfare teacher or the school nurse;
- If you are not ready to talk to someone then express your feelings in writing, drawing or listening to music, this may help get the problem out of your system;
- Find out information about your problem from books or the internet; and
- Try solving the small problems first to gain confidence for the bigger ones.

Useful websites;

www.headroom.net.au
www.itsallright.org
www.moodgym.anu.edu.au
www.kidsmatter.edu.au
www.cyh.com

Angi Gibbon
Upstairs A block
(Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday)

Employment News

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Please see Mrs Zampech if you would like help with your resume and covering letter – upstairs in A block

Senior Schooling News

We have had another very busy term in 2014. Semester One reports have been sent home allowing students and parents to gain a clear indication of progress across all curriculum areas. Students who have been identified as having significant difficulties will be interviewed by Mrs Gilvarry, HOD Senior Schooling, to identify the best course of action to support the success of each student at ISHS to complete their senior studies. If you were unable to attend Parent-Teacher Interviews held recently, to discuss your student’s progress, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant staff to organise another opportunity to meet and discuss options for your student.

On Tuesday students were given the opportunity working with visiting University of Queensland – St Lucia students regarding their next step in education. Students were able to speak to other students in the same position as themselves and see what their competition is for the future. This visit supports student study towards their future options, QCS test, university entry and QTAC applications that will take place over the next few months. It is essential that students understand what they are working towards.

For our Year 12 students it is time to put serious thought into their QTAC applications and university course selection. The Queensland Tertiary Applicant Centre [QTAC] is the central
point where most university applications are processed. As a result, students need to begin working on identifying [6] six course preferences, in order of ideal to worst case scenario. They will need to take on board the advice and information provided by our Guidance staff who will begin this dissemination of information.

Other Key dates for Year 12 Students:
- QCS exams – September 2 and 3
- QTAC application data input by students in access time [September 8-18]
- QTAC applications due September

Key dates for Year 10 Students:
- SET planning and Senior Subject selection interviews – August 19 [will require parent attendance also]

If you have any questions about the information above or any other concerns please don’t hesitate to contact the school.

Donna Gilvarry
HOD Senior Schooling

Youth Support Coordinator Program

As we look back over Term 2 in the YSC program, one of the highlights was our Families Week Community Project. This consisted of a group of 6 students coming together to help celebrate and educate other students in building stronger family with in our school community.

This event was a fun and productive day that saw a great resource being made to give to other students seeking advice or help with getting along better with their parents or carer. This flyer was placed in fun student information packs and handed out at a free lunchtime BBQ.

A big thankyou to Patrisha Kewai, Selena Faulkner, Ben Stuart, Kassie Hutchins, Lisa Tummers and Chloe Bigby for all your hard work and enthusiasm for making this day successful.

Below is a snippet of the flyer these students help developed:

Tips on getting along better with parents.

1. **RESPECT EACH OTHER**
   Without mutual respect, any relationship will be an unhappy one. People who respect each other: a) value each other’s opinions, b) listen to each other, c) know it is ok to disagree but do it without screaming or insults. And remember, your parents have lived longer than you - don’t discount their experience and knowledge.

2. **COMMUNICATE:** Your parents want to know what’s going on in your life. If you keep them in the dark they won’t know when you need their help or whether they can trust you. Tell them what you’re up to, share your thoughts and feelings with them, and seek their advice for your problems (what you do with the advice is your choice but you may be surprised at how helpful they can be). **Communication** builds closeness.

3. **BUILD TRUST:** Trust is your key to freedom. The way to build trust is through honesty and responsibility. Honesty means you don’t lie or manipulate. Responsibility means you are reliable and can be counted on to use good judgment. When your parents trust you, it’s a lot easier for them to say “yes.”

All families at times experience challenges. If you or someone you know may need a little extra support or advice, please do not hesitate to call one of the numbers listed.

Parents Helpline – 1300 30 1300
Relationship Australia Ipswich – 1300 364 277
Uniting Care Family Support Program – 3816 9600
Ipswich community Youth Service (ICYS) – 3812 1050

Bree Kulick
Youth Support Coordinator (YSC)

Ipswich Junior Dance Eisteddfod

On the 3rd and 4th June over 200 dance students competed in the Ipswich Junior Dance Eisteddfod at the Ipswich Civic Centre. All students performed to the best of their abilities in the Jazz, Contemporary, Entertainment and Hip Hop genres while against some stiff competition. All their hard work, both on the night and during the rehearsal period, paid off as this has been our most successful Eisteddfod in a long time. A massive congratulation is due to all who were involved with special mentions going to the following groups which placed:

- Junior High Performance Hip Hop Team – 1st Place
- Junior High Performance Contemporary Team – 2nd Place
- Year 8 Hip Hop, #Selfie – Highly Commended
- Year 9 Jazz, Everybody – 3rd Place
- Year 9 Entertainment, Girls just want to have fun – 3rd Place
- Year 10 Contemporary, Dear Darling – Very Highly Commended
- Year 11/12 Contemporary, Hunger Games- Highly Commended
- Year 11/12 Jazz, Addicted to you – 2nd Place
- Vanity Dance Crew, Hip Hop – Very Highly Commended
- Senior High Performance Contemporary Team – 1st Place
- Senior High Performance Hip Hop Team – Very Highly Commended
- High Performance Culture Team – 3rd Place

Well done to all involved and please congratulate yourself on your efforts and behaviour on the day.

SCHOOL TRAFFIC ZONES

Hello, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am Senior Constable Storm KOLERA of the Queensland Police Service. I am the newly appointed School Based Police officer
for Ipswich State High School. Part of my role at Ipswich State High School is to ensure that your children are able to enjoy a safe school environment. One of the ways I work towards this is by conducting traffic patrols in the designated school zones both before and after school. I would like to thank most of you for keeping your children safe by following the road signage and road rules. However I have noticed that some parents picking up children are disregarding the signage and speed limits in our school zones. So just a quick reminder that I will be conducting regular traffic patrols and enforcing the road rules and signage. Take care and drive safe.

**Constable Storm Kolera**

**Year 12 Formal 2014**

The Year 12 Formal (cost $100) will be held on Tuesday 18 November 2014 at Ipswich Civic Centre, Nicholas Street, Ipswich. Students normally arrive between 6.00 and 6.30pm.

The official photographers for the formal are Berg Studios. They offer a package deal for $70. (4 photos 7” x 5” and 1 photo 12” x 8”) If students only wish to purchase single photos, each 7” by 5” photo will cost $10. Payment for the photo package or single photos can be made at the finance office.

All payments must be finalised by Friday 17 October. EFTPOS facilities are available at the finance office.

Students currently in Year 12 are unable to attend the school formal unless they have paid all outstanding school fees.

**Year 10 Camp 2014**

What better way to start a new semester than to take off toward Helidon and spend three days on an adventure camp? 23 Year 10 students had this experience and enjoyed every minute of it at Emu Gully Adventure Camp.

Students were challenged to crawl through dark, damp tunnels, climb over walls, walk along swinging logs, traverse freezing dams on rickety bridges, and crawl through pits of mud over a meter deep. Along the way, students were faced with problems to solve and challenges to meet that helped to develop their teamwork and leadership skills.

The camp motto of ‘attitude determines destiny’ was reinforced in every task, driving home the old saying that “if you think you can or think you can’t, then you’re probably right.” Students left the camp knowing that if they expect to succeed then they can do anything.

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**Tony Swan**

**Year 10 Student Welfare Officer**

**The future of Netball is bright at Ipswich!**

During the last term, a few teachers with a passion for netball identified that the Ipswich State High School needed a netball presence. With a number of eager students throughout the school also netball enthusiasts, two teams with a wide range of expertise and experience started competing in the regional competition.

Considering the comparative lack of training to schools that have formalised netball programs, the girls have improved out-of-sight and will continue to provide a competitive game for any opposition. We have been praised by the opposition for our sportsmanship and love of the game.

We look forward to a possible teacher-student match in the future. No doubt the students will be looking forward to showing their coaches what they have learnt. Although the season is quickly drawing to a close, the future of Netball at the Ipswich State High School is bright. Ipswich State High School will be offering year 7 and 8 students in 2015 the opportunity to be a part of the first Ipswich Netball Academy program. For more details please contact the school about information evenings coming up in term 3.

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**Year 7 & 8 Enrolment for 2015**

The Ipswich State High School enrolment process for Years 7 and 8 for 2015 has now started. Enrolment sessions for term 3 are scheduled for Tuesday 5th August at 3.30pm and an evening session at 6.30pm, Tuesday 19th August, Tuesday 2nd September at 3.30pm and an evening session at 6.30pm and Tuesday 16th September 3.30pm. All of these sessions will be held in Resource Centre. Parents wishing to enrol their student[s] at subsequent enrolment sessions should phone the School Office on 3813 4488 to make an appointment.

Parents are required to bring a copy of their latest school report and their birth certificate.

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**New - Bring Your Own Device Program**

Ipswich State High is inviting students to be part of our new Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) trial. This is a great opportunity for students to use their own laptops to enhance their learning.

The school is offering this opportunity to all students that have a device that meets our minimum specification requirements:
Windows Vista or newer
Intel Core i3
4GB RAM
Wi-Fi
Long life battery

Participation in this program will allow students to use their laptop in class where appropriate, access the school network resources for documents that the students require and allow access to the schools filtered internet for research work. Students need to have student resource scheme fees paid or a payment plan in place to partake in the project.

For more information please see Mr Maddy in the Resource Centre

Spotlight on student success @ The Ipswich State High School

Tahlia Condon

“Directing her own future” – latest update

Tahlia Condon driving her way into the record books

Tahlia Condon’s busy year in 2014 has continued, particularly over the June holiday break. Since the initial ‘spotlight’ article on Tahlia’s achievements last term and update last months she was part of the Brisbane & District Junior Jug team, which played in the Queensland Championships in Sarina during the holidays. The matchplay event, played over four days, sees the seven districts in Queensland play a round robin event with three girls selected from each district. Tahlia, and her team mates, won the State District Matchplay Junior Jug! A wonderful achievement with Tahlia only losing one match on the 17th hole, and winning all her other matches convincingly. This is the first time in 10 years that Brisbane and District have won the event!

Further holiday success came with the Sandy Gallop Mixed Foursomes championship. Tahlia and her partner won the championship with a course record of +5 over the 36 holes. This is the third year in a row she has won this event (every year with a different partner).

Tahlia also gained national selection when she was part of the Australian team competing against the USA at the Junior Golf Tournament played at Robina. This event saw 40 juniors play with the best 10 nett winners from each of the male and female players join their scores, and the Australians came out on top. Tahlia came away from this event with a gold medal and a new American friend.

The impact of all this success has been the further reduction in Tahlia’s handicap, now sitting at 4.7. She has achieved a lot so far this year and is likely to add to her numerous achievements in upcoming events. This term she will be participating in the B&D club Champion of Champions event and then the State Championships as part of the Metropolitan West team.

Maths/IT

IT - Student laptops are available for hire, see Mr Maddy for more information and forms.

BYOD (Bring your own device) has come to Ipswich High. If you already have a Windows enabled device that you would like to use for school, you can be added to the school system so that you have full access during school times. See Mr Maddy for BYOD forms.

Maths tutoring is happening Tuesday afternoons from 3 pm to 4 pm in the Library.

Calculator engraving – Make sure you see Mrs Brown to get your name engraved on your calculator. Remember that EVERY student has to have their own calculator that they are familiar with. Calculators can also be purchased from the Finance office.

Online Mathematics – Mathletics: Every student in the school is able to access Mathletics. All they need to do is see their Maths teacher for their user name and password. Mathletics has a range of areas from lessons on Maths topics, practice assessment and Numeracy games where the students compete with others from around the world.

Skoolbo: Skoolbo is an exciting new numeracy and literacy online website that is being used by students all over the world to increase their abilities. The founder of Mathletics has made Skoolbo as he believes every student has the right to develop in numeracy and literacy. Students will be issued with usernames and passwords by their teachers soon.

ENGLISH TUTORING

Attention ALL students!

Any students needing help in English or SOSE? Tutoring will be held again this year on Thursday afternoons in the Resource Centre from 3 to 4 pm. Come along for some general homework and assessment help!

Ipswich State High School: SunSmart Policy Statement

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Expectations of Students:

- Be aware of the school’s SunSmart policy
- Comply with SunSmart policy by compulsory wearing of a HAT in all HPE lessons! (consequences will be applied for non-compliance)
- Use shaded or covered areas when outdoors
- Take responsibility for their own health and safety by being SunSmart
• Act as positive role models for other students in all aspects of SunSmart behaviour
• Help to design and regularly update the SunSmart policy
• Participate in initiatives to protect the school population from excessive exposure to the sun

STUDENTS DRIVING TO SCHOOL

Students wishing to park their cars in the school grounds are required to complete a permission form. Please see Miss Taylor for a form. Students parking in the grounds without permission will be asked to remove their cars from the grounds. The designated parking area for students is on the grassed area at the back of the car park. Remember it is a privilege to park in the school grounds and this privilege can be withdrawn if littering from cars occurs or dangerous driving is observed. Car keys must be deposited at Student Services on arrival.

Did you know that we are an ASTHMA FRIENDLY SCHOOL

What does it mean to be an Asthma Friendly School?

An Asthma Friendly School is one that provides a safe and supportive environment for students with asthma. Asthma Foundation Queensland recognises an Asthma Friendly School as one that meets the following criteria:

– Education and Training
  Majority of staff have received asthma first aid training from Asthma Foundation Queensland

– Equipment
  Asthma Emergency Kits are accessible and include in-date reliever medication, spacers and mask for under 5 year olds (where applicable)

– Information
  Asthma first aid posters are on display

– Policy
  First aid and other health and safety policies explicitly include asthma

ISHS Is Twittering

Are you following us on Twitter yet? Twitter is a fantastic, easy way of keeping in touch with the school and staying informed about all of the amazing things that are happening at ISHS. If you are already on Twitter search for Ipswich SHS and follow us. If you are not yet a Twitterer it is easy to sign up at www.twitter.com and find people and groups to follow. One of the great things about Twitter is that you can read posts from your computer, mobile phone, ipad etc – you don’t have to be at home to keep up with the latest news.

Like all social media, remember to check the security settings on Twitter:
  • Go to your profile page

• Click on Edit Your Profile (Top right corner of the screen)
• Click on Account (Left side of the screen)
• Scroll down and locate Tweet Privacy. If this box is unticked anyone can see your tweets, videos or images. If you prefer to keep this information available to people you approve of only (this option is recommended for personal accounts) tick this box. Your account will now be locked and only those people who follow you can see your tweets.

Ipswich State High School – Facebook

Some of you may be unaware that Ipswich State High School has recently added an additional social media platform to our portfolio. We can now be found not only on Twitter and Q-School but also on Facebook.

By introducing these social media applications, Ipswich State High School firmly believes we will be able to connect more effectively with parents, students and the community. Our delayed entrance into the Facebook realm was met with a vast array of un-official Ipswich State High School pages. In an effort to ensure ease of access and the correct information being conveyed we, in conjunction with other government departments have endeavoured to eliminate non-affiliated Facebook pages that use the Ipswich State High School logo and slogans.

As a school administered Facebook page students achievements and activities will be published, with the permission of parents and carers via the “Facebook Media Release Form” which has been recently forwarded home to all students within Ipswich State High School. Without receipt of this permission slip we are unable to highlight your student’s successes and achievements. If you haven’t received this please contact the school for a copy.

The page will also be used to inform students and parents of upcoming occasions, school experiences/excursions and sporting events. For example we recently used the page to promote QCS and VET Information Nights for Senior Students and had an unprecedented turnout of students and their parents on the night. By liking the page you will be able to access information to make your student’s engagement in the school and school events more streamlined.

To find us please search “The Ipswich State High School” or enter in this URL:


You know that you are at the correct page when you see this image:
So like us today and keep up to date with the wonderful achievements of our school and community.

Student Services News

REMINDER FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

If your child is unwell it is best keeping them at home to rest. This is an important stage to recovery and will minimise the risk of transferring infection to other children. If your child has continued fever, aches, pains or any other symptoms after three (3) days please seek further medical advices or contact 13HEALTH on 13 43 25 84 for further attention.

STUDENT DETAILS UPDATE

If students have any changes in their details (address, phone numbers, emergency contacts, email address) please let Student Services know. This would be greatly appreciated as many times we have had students in sick bay and we do not have current contact details.

Up to date email addresses can be given to Student Services if you wish to receive a monthly edition of our school newsletter.

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE FOR ALL ABSENCES 3813 4401

FOR LATE ARRIVALS: Students who arrive at school after 9.05am are required to sign in late at the Student Services Window.

Parents may call the school or provide a note to approve the late arrival either prior to, or after the fact.

All other late arrivals will be marked as unexplained, a note is sent home with each unexplained late arrival for parent approval.

FOR EARLY DEPARTURES: Parents who need to pick their students up early can either call the school or provide a note for the student to Present to the Student Services Window prior to the commencement of school to receive a LEAVE REQUEST slip.

The REQUEST slip is presented to the teacher at the appropriate time to get out of class. The student brings the REQUEST slip to the Student Services Window to receive their LEAVE PASS.

What to do if my student texts or calls me to leave school early?

You can phone the school and give permission over the phone.

If they are sick, please tell them to go to Student Services and sign in for sick bay where they can wait in air conditioned comfort and be monitored by first aid trained staff. This also makes locating your student when you arrive a very fast process.

Relief Teacher Aides/Cleaners needed

If you are interested in working at the school as a relief Teacher Aide or relief Cleaner please contact Jenny Shard on 3813 4409 with your details or bring in a resume.

There are two shifts for the relief cleaners – 6am – 9am and 3pm – 6pm.

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Head in the clouds?

Why not fly something there too? The Australian Air League is a youth organisation for boys and girls of 8 years and over who are interested in aviation and associated subjects. Parade nights are held weekly and include marching, physical activities, aviation, meteorology, and aircraft building. Cadets regularly fly RC aircraft more than their size through the skies, and inspect airfields, hangars and more on day outings, along with travelling further afield on overnight camps with other Squadrons. Specialist training and leadership courses are also available.

For more information about the Australian Air League Inc. and Forest Lake Squadron contact:-

Chris Chandler
0421 578 641
oc.forestlake@airleague.com.au
www.airleague.com.au
information on eyes and vision; family support; education and related issues; braille and low vision aids; technology supporting vision impairment; newsletters from Australian low vision agencies and support groups, useful websites; and news and events that might interest families across Australia.

Sue Silveira Research Fellow, Renwick Centre
Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children
sue.silveira@ridbc.org.au
(02) 9872 0248

LEICHHARDT & NORTH IPSWICH PARISHES
SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM for 2014:

Dates have now been set for our Sacramental Program for 2014 which will culminate with the celebration of the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist around the time Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be visiting our Parishes from 24-26th October.

If you are interested in being involved in this Program, you are asked to come along to our ENROLMENT MORNING on Sunday, 17th August on conclusion of the 9.30am Mass at St. Joseph’s Church (42 Pine Mountain Road, North Ipswich)

You are very welcome to join us at 9.30am Mass, and then enrol your child/ren.

(Parish Office: 3201 6298)

AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS

225 Squadron – Now Recruiting
Tuesday Nights (during school term)
West Moreton Anglican College

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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