Principals Report

Our Annual Awards Night celebrated the outstanding achievements of our students for Academic, Cultural, Leadership, Citizenship and Sporting achievement in the past 12 month period. We were informed by Mr Noel McBride, School Captain in 1971 at Mackay SHS, who now follows his passions in assisting less fortunate young people in other less affluent countries and also working at coaching young athletes to follow their dreams in Athletics and sports in general. The culmination of the evening was the announcement of the 2013 Dux, awarded to Mark Bico Year 12, who with his family was very excited. Other Awards were presented to over 150 recipients with several students needing to keep the return to stage on a number of occasions.

The large assembled audience of family, friends, Award winners and staff were entertained by members of our Stage Band and our Choir throughout the evening, showcasing the outstanding efforts and achievements of Ms Boyd, Mr Johnson, capably supported by Ms De Brueys and Mr Webster. Special recognition was given to Mrs Ann Wall at the end of the evening with a bouquet of flowers for her commitment and many hours in preparing the awards.

For all students whether in Year 12, or other year levels, it is imperative that they do their best in their final assessments of all of their subjects in preparation for 2014. As always daily attendance and engagement in every lesson is of paramount importance.

It is very pleasing to see nearly 30 nominations this year for Prefects for 2014. These people will present to their Year 11 peers on Monday 11th and then on Tuesday afternoon again to the gathered staff in the auditorium. The following week they will commence their Exam Block after the Year 12s leave, before many of the students will head off to Magnetic Island for the Leadership Camp.
The Townsville Science Experience

By Megan Antcliffe (Year 9)

During the September holidays Michelle Marcum and myself, attended the Science Experience held at the Townsville James Cook University. It was a fantastic event that lasted 3 days. We were inspired by world renowned lecturers, hands on activities and once in a lifetime opportunities such as being able to hold a 3 million year old Neanderthal skull!

We met many new friends from as far south as Brisbane (that is a long drive from Townsville). We did activities such as dissecting barramundi, exploring the anatomy labs which were home to many jarred human specimens, using 100 times zoom microscopes to examine bacteria. A member of the CSIRO even assisted us in learning about the forensics behind cattle duffing. In this activity we were able to use all the amazing crime investigation techniques that you would have seen on TV. It was truly a captivating three days that neither of us girls will ever forget.
Mackay State High School has a set uniform endorsed by the school Parents and Citizens Association. We have worked hard to ensure that the uniform is functional and affordable. When purchasing uniform items we would like to advise parents that uniform shirts or shorts are only available at the Uniform Shop, located near School Tuckshop. Parents may choose to purchase shorts that are plain navy blue and suitable style.

Please check with the school administration if you have any questions or concerns relating to the uniform requirements.

**GENERAL UNIFORM**

The uniform is to be worn to school daily. Students are not permitted to wear bicycle pants or coloured shorts under their uniform.

**Shirt**  
All students are to wear the tri-coloured polo shirt with the school badge. Students are not permitted to wear t-shirts under the polo shirt. **Sporting Academics and Key Groups have an extra curricula activities shirt. Only students currently enrolled in these activities may wear these shirts as part of the set uniform.**  
Training shirts, Tour shirts etc. are not to be worn as part of the uniform.

**Shorts**  
Unisex Navy Mackay SHS Sports shorts. Boys navy boxer cut style with elastic top. Girls navy tailored style shorts, skorts or culottes or skirt.  
*Fashionable variations and basketball shorts are not acceptable.*

**Formal Uniform**  
The school has a formal uniform which students may wear to school as a complete unit – details are in Prospectus. It is not acceptable to wear items of General uniform in combination with formal uniform.

**Winter Wear**  
The school tracksuit or a plain navy or maroon tracksuit may be worn with the school uniform during winter. This is not to be worn under the summer uniform.  
**Year 11 & 12 students only may wear the nominated senior jersey. Hooded sweatshirts are not acceptable. Plain flesh coloured stockings only may be worn.**

**Hat**  
A school hat/cap is available and students are strongly encouraged to practice sun safe practices.

**Socks**  
White ankle length. A range of socks are available at Uniform Shop.  
*Football socks and multi coloured socks are not permitted*.

**Shoes**  
Predominantly white or predominantly black joggers with solid soles and enclosed upper, preferably leather or leather-like not nylon mesh, are to be worn. White shoes must have white laces, black shoes with black laces; coloured laces are not acceptable. For safety reasons, students will be refused entry to all workshop, laboratory and kitchen areas if wearing incorrect footwear.  
**Skate type shoes, volleys basketball or high top shoes are not acceptable.**

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**ACCEPTED EXAMPLES**

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**NOT ACCEPTED EXAMPLES**
1:1 eLearning Program

Mackay State High School 2014 Years 9-12 students will again have the opportunity to study using technology through the 1:1 eLearning Program. For an investment of $200 per year, your student will receive:

- a school laptop to use at school and at home
- access to the latest educational and productivity software
- subject specific applications and digital resources
- on-site qualified technical help and support services
- connectivity through our high density wireless network
- Accidental Damage and Theft insurance (Excesses apply).

Parents/caregivers can choose to pay the $200 laptop fee for 2014 Year 9-12 students now or at the beginning of the school year in January 2014. By paying the fee early, students currently in the program can retain their laptops over the summer holidays and new students to the program can be assured of early placement in the program. The fee can be paid at the General Office in person, by credit card over the phone or direct debit (please phone General Office for payment details).

Early payment dates are:

Year 11 students - payment required by 11 November 2013
Year 10 students - payment required by 18 November 2013
Year 9 students - payment required by 25 November 2013

Book Reminder

As the year is drawing to a close, we are looking for books. If you have any books at home that belong to the English Department please return ASAP. If you have not returned your books you will be invoiced!

Upcoming Events

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Its exam time again for seniors, and that means that we have many wonderful young people spending extra time in the Library. The Year 12s take advantage of extra time to study, complete assessment or to just catch up with friends before and after exams. We wish the year 12s all the best for their exams and for their future beyond school.

It is nice to know that chivalry is not dead and that a young gentleman will still take the time to read to a young lady. Zephyr Routh (Yr 12) and Hunter Ramsay (Yr 11) share the joy of reading during a spare period in the Library.

Website and app reviews (From SCIS Connections Issue No. 85)

Cybersafety help button


An initiative of the Australian Government, the free Cybersafety help button can be downloaded at home or school onto smart phones, tablets, computers or networks. If a student encounters inappropriate material they then click on the button which offers access to cybersafety information, reporting and assistance. Resources available include advice about dealing with cyberbullying, scams, offensive material and unwanted contact.
SCIS no: 1595953

Origami for kids: paper airplanes

www.origami-kids.com/

Teachers using paper airplanes to explain flight, or simply for an engaging origami lesson, will find an extensive array of plans here. The plans are step-by-step and don't involve cutting, gluing or taping. Flight tips are also included.
SCIS no: 1596014

The Art Zone

www.nga.gov/kids/zone/zone.htm

This stunning site was devised by the National Gallery of Art, Washington, to broaden the knowledge of students and inspire them to explore the richness that the variety of online art experiences offers. Topics include still life, collage, motion painting, 3D effects, and digital photography.
SCIS no: 1595825
SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIPS/TRAINEESHIPS AVAILABLE

- Brodon Mye from Novaskill has the following school based traineeships available for indigenous students currently in Year 10:
  - Tyre Fitter
  - Fitness
  - Light Vehicle Mechanic x 2
  - Fitter Machinist
  - Media
- A local Hairdressing Salon is looking to employ a school based Apprentice Hairdresser.

FULL TIME POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS

- A local company situated at Paget is looking to employ a full time Business Administration Trainee to commence in 2014.
- A local Leasing Company situated in Mackay is offering a full time Business Traineeship to a school leaver.
- Benlee Concepts are seeking expressions of interest from senior students that are looking at obtaining a trade in carpentry. To apply you need to be committed to completing a four year trade (Certificate III in Carpentry) and be able to demonstrate your ability to learn and develop and not be afraid of a bit of hard work. A licence is preferred.
- Sommerfeld and Sons Pty Ltd a local Brick & Block laying company is looking to employ a full time apprentice to commence as soon as possible. The successful applicant will be given the opportunity to do a week’s work experience as a trial for the position.
- Adenbrook Homes are looking for a student to fill a Cadet Estimator full time position within their company. **Position Description:**
  - General Building: - Learning general building practices and building relationships with local trades and suppliers
  - Production Estimating: - Reading and interpreting plans to input data into computer based estimating systems to complete quantity take off to producing purchase orders to send to suppliers and trade.
  - Sales Estimating: - producing and pricing client variations
- A rare opportunity exists for a position as a Security Electronics Trainee with a successful Mackay technical security company.

We are primarily involved in the supply, installation and service of alarm, access control and camera systems. It would suit the type of person that may be thinking about an electrical apprenticeship though may have thought it not quite challenging enough. It does allow the person to work and live in the Mackay region.

2014 CQ TAFE SCHOOLS PROGRAM

- Students in Year 10 who are interested in attending TAFE one day per week in 2014 as part of the school program. A copy of the Schools Program Guide listing the courses being offered in 2014 is available, **Programs being offered in Mackay for 2014:** Certificate III in Children’s Services; Certificate III in Information, Digital Media Technology; Certificate II in Manufacturing; Certificate II in Electro-Technology; Certificate III in Allied Health Assistance; Certificate II in Tourism; Certificate 1 in Engineering; Certificate III in Fitness.

**gogettajob.com.au** is a new **job website** aimed at 14 to 20 year olds. Check it out!!

It is new to the Mackay region but give it time and this will be an excellent tool for job seekers whether it be that you are looking for casual work while at school or for school leavers.

Mrs Andrea Dearden’s office is in P09
4957 9152
adear20@eq.edu.au
Vocational Education Training Co-ordinator

Mrs Sharon Barnard’s office is in P08
4957 9134
sbarn53@eq.edu.au
HOD Senior Schooling
MESSAGES: Parents are reminded that arrangements for social, work commitments or travel home from school should be made with your student before they leave home in the morning. We are a very large school and delivering non-urgent messages disrupts the smooth running of our school and the learning of students. If a more pressing situation arises in the school office your message may be delayed.

A reminder that students mobile phones are not to be used during School hours, it has become apparent that students are contacting parents this is not acceptable and not in accordance with our eDevice policy and could result in confiscation.
LIFEGUARD TRAINING COURSE IN MACKAY

Surf Life Saving Queensland is offering a limited number of positions free of charge in a Lifeguard training course held over 5 days during the end of year school holidays: 2nd-6th December 2013. To be eligible you must be:

- 17 years of age or older
- Able to swim 400m in less than 8 minutes
- Interested in working as a casual Lifeguard with SLSQ

This course covers the following awards: Bronze Medallion, Cert II in Public Safety, Advanced Resuscitation Techniques, and Applied First Aid.

For more information or to apply contact: hrslld@lifesaving.com.au or (07) 49535116 by 5.00pm Monday, 25th November 2013.

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Do you have children who love to sing, dance, act and perform on the stage? Enrolments for the 2014 Conservatorium Academy Music Theatre classes are now open!

These classes are held on Saturdays in the fully equipped theatre and studios at the Central Queensland Conservatorium of Music at CQUniversity Mackay.

Mini Music Theatre (Prep & Grade 1); Music Theatre A (Grades 2 - 4); Music Theatre B (Grades 5 – 7); Music Theatre C (Grades 8 – 12).

Teacher: Hannah Blomfield, B Theatre (Music Theatre)

Register your child early to secure a place. For an information booklet & registration form email: academy@cqu.edu.au or phone 4940 7800.

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50 year Reunion
for Mackay State High School
Grade 8 - 1964

First Grade 8's to go to High School
An invitation is extended to students from that year, and their partners, to attend the reunion on Saturday, 26th July, 2014.

Please register your interest by contacting
Jenny Parnell (Scott) at graham.scott7@bigpond.com or Sandra Wait (Bartlem) at morris.sandra@hotmail.com or Rhondda Laverack on 0400837722

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Position Vacant

Mackay Northern Beaches State High School has 2 permanent positions commencing in 2014:-

- Schools Officer (Grounds & Facilities) – 38hours/week
- School Science Operations Officer – 36.25hrs/week

All details on how to apply for the above positions are available on the school’s website www.macknorthbeachesshs.eq.edu.au or contact the school on 4842 1333.

Applications close COB on Friday 15 November 2013.
Mackay State High School
Junior Secondary
Bringing Year 7 on board

Mackay SHS offers students a dynamic and exciting learning program, provides a safe, supportive and happy environment and a responsive transition program for students and families. Recent student outcomes include OP 1s, Australian Sporting selections, Gold Awards for Bands and outstanding results for Cattle Show team.

Mackay State High offers a safe and supportive school

We make you welcome with:
- Year Coordinators and Form Teachers providing daily personal support
- Senior buddies who visit Year 7 & 8 classes weekly and act as mentors and older friends
- Guidance Officer, Chaplain and School-Based Health Nurse
- Head of Department for Junior Secondary
- Junior Secondary Leaders who play a vital role in communication with our younger classes
- Junior Secondary teachers
- Junior Secondary Deputy Principal
- High behaviour expectations including promotion of positive behaviours and student leadership
- Valuing a wide diversity of cultures

An engaging and comprehensive curriculum

Our staff team focus on high expectations, applying our quality teaching model, with strong relationships with students.
- A strong core curriculum in English, Math, Science and History
- Modern resources
- Great team of friendly and dedicated teachers
- Scholarship program from our P&C
- Large range of electives for all interests e.g. Agriculture, Manual Arts, Arts, Technology, Home Economics and programs to support those with Special Needs
- We cater for students of all abilities and individual needs, and promote “Pride in doing your best”

A fantastic range of extra-curricular opportunities

There is something for everyone!
- High quality Instrumental Music programs
- Sporting Academies
- Cattle Show team
- Year 7 and Year 8 Leadership camps
- Competitions such as Optimands, Rock Pop Mimes, Debating, ICAS, Esthaddox
- Community engagement

Junior Secondary Leaders

It starts at Primary School

Our transition program starts with visits and talks to State Schools, making close links with your child’s teachers to share feedback on progress, strengths and needs. Our staff host an Information Evening, Open Day and, along with junior and senior students, actually visit schools and work with students and teachers in their classrooms.

Mackay SHS has a strong reputation for high academic standards and support of the wider community. We hope you will be part of this. Come along and enjoy our school!

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