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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Best wishes for the Year 12s

This newsletter will be the final one for our Year 12s as they enter their final two weeks of formal schooling. Students will spend this week finishing off all assessment, coursework and competencies and will then engage in an alternative program next week.

During the alternative program, students will listen to a variety of speakers ensuring final advice is given before they leave us for good. They will also have dance lessons, singing and practice for Graduation.

The Year 12 Graduation will be held on Friday, 21 October commencing at 9:00am in the Multi-purpose Shelter. The Senior Formal will be held at Glengariff Estate that evening. This is a closed event, but there is an opportunity for family and friends to see our students all dressed up at the front of the school from about 4:00pm before they make their way to the venue.

This cohort of students have excelled in many areas – academic, performance, sporting and service – and we are very proud of them individually and as a group. They have worked particularly hard in the last few months and have set themselves up for a successful transition from school to work or further study.

We wish all of you success in your future careers and we look forward to hearing from you in the years to come.

What a year for Connor

While his peers will be getting ready for their formal and graduation, Connor Cox will be embarking on a tour of England and France as a member of the Australian Schoolboys Rugby League team. After assembling in Canberra with his new teammates, Connor will play five games in England including two tests before playing a further two matches in France. Connor now joins a select group of players such as Brad Fitler, Greg Inglis, Isreal Folau, Corey Parker and Ben Hunt to wear the green and gold while still at school.

His path to representing his country is very different to many others, with Connor’s early years spent following in his father’s footsteps by playing soccer, which he continued to do up until a couple of years ago. Once at Morayfield State High School Connor joined the Rugby League program and attended the state carnival in both Year 10 and Year 12. This year he was selected at fullback for Queensland before being only one of five Queenslanders to be named in the national team, despite still being only 16 years of age. Connor only commenced club Rugby League last year and was selected to play for Queensland before State of Origin 1. A great highlight for him
was being able to spend some one-on-one time with Billy Slater while in camp.

Connor’s sporting talents have resulted in him being awarded the Senior Sportsperson of the Year at Morayfield for 2014. He has also attended the state carnival for Touch Football twice and captained the school at the Queensland All Schools this year in his third year as a member of the open boys’ team. By the end of the year Connor will have travelled to Sydney, Brisbane, Hervey Bay, Mackay, Darwin, Canberra, England and France.

We are all very proud of you Connor and look forward to hearing of your successes for many years to come.

Remembrance Day - Tuesday 11 November 2014

Remembrance Day (11 November) marks the anniversary of the armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18). Each year Australians observe one minute silence at 11 am on 11 November, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

Focus on achieving your personal best

Our Year 10/11 students enter the variation free period from 17 November. During this period we do not permit excursions or other activities which will take students out of class. The focus during this period is ensuring students complete classwork, revision and assessment to the best of their ability.

Year 11s Block Exams are scheduled from 20-27 November. Timetables and expectations will be emailed to students this week along with expectation in relation to attendance.

World Teachers’ Day

Staff would like to thank the Student Representative Council for the breakfast you prepared to celebrate WTD.

Text messaging trial

This term we have been trialling a text messaging system to monitor student attendance. We have received lots of positive feedback from parents and we thank you for your support for our efforts in improving attendance. If you need to update your contact details to continue the efficiency of this service, please contact the school.

Janelle Amos
Principal

UNIFORM SHOP:
Blazers and Formal Hats

Year 10 and 11 student leaders can now place their order for blazers and hats. These are worn as part of the school formal uniform.

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The last day to place your order in the Uniform Shop is 20 November. Operating hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:00am – 9:00am. Sizing is available for all orders.

Carrolyn Reiter
Uniform Shop Convenor

What is BYOx?

Morayfield State High School is currently investigating and exploring new ways to embed technology into learning. Currently students have access to computer laboratories, sets of laptops, take home laptops specialised computer facilities for Industrial Technology Graphics and Multimedia plus a large range of other devices like data loggers in Science and robotic equipment in our STEM program.

We recognise that many students also have access to technology at home like Laptops, Tablets and Smartphones that could be used productively at school for learning. BYOx stands for Bring Your Own… the x means Something (like a Laptop, Tablet, Smartphone or some other device).

A BYOx model will offer our students an exciting opportunity to enhance their learning using the device of their choice. More information about what types of devices would be best for use at school will be released over the coming months as we finalise the technical details of getting the widest range of BYO devices working with the school’s current ICT infrastructure (no small task!).

ICT Technology Team
SENIOR SCHOOL

YEAR 12 STUDENT RESULTS

All results (QCE, OPs and FPs) will be available in your learning accounts on the Student Connect Website, https://studentconnect.qcaa.qld.edu.au/ from 9:00am on Saturday 20 December.

QCST results will be available online. All Year 12 students have received instructions on how to access their results and were informed of the importance of accessing their account before they finish school to check that they have access. Students have also been advised to change their email address to a personal one, as they will not have access to their school account after 21 November.

Mail out - Students will begin receiving their Senior Education Profile in the mail from Monday 22 December.

All inquiries about Year 12 student results should be directed to the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA).

Queensland Curriculum Assessment Authority
http://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/

Address: 154 Melbourne St, South Brisbane, Qld 4101
Post: PO Box 307, Spring Hill, Qld 4004
Phone: (07) 3864 0299
Fax: (07) 3221 2553
Email: office@qcaa.qld.edu.au

Office hours: Monday–Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm, excluding public holidays

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING CERTIFICATES

Qualifications and Statements of Attainment issued by Morayfield State High School that were not available at Graduation will be posted to student’s home addresses and should arrive in early December. If these documents have not arrived by that time please contact Mr Simpson, Head of Senior School when school resumes in 2015.

All inquiries about VET Certificates not issued by Morayfield State High School should be directed to the Registered Training Organisation (RTO) that is issuing the qualification.

SCHOOL LEAVERS

Brisbane TAFE is running a three week Summer School for Certificate II in Logistics at Bracken Ridge. A flyer was sent to all Year 12 students via school email. Certificate II in Logistics assists in getting jobs in warehouses and Distribution Centres. Job outcomes can include Logistics Support Officer and Logistics Clerk. Cost is $50.00 per student (Concessional) and $100.00 per student (Non-concessional).

Bricklaying Apprenticeships – ABBTF is interested in hearing from school leavers who are interested taking up a Bricklaying apprenticeship. A resume is required from the student providing at least contact details, age, any work experience, personal interests and a reason why this career step may appeal.

ABBTF are available to take queries from parents or from students via email, ideally with a resume sent to the Queensland office at abbtf.qld@abbtf.com or call 1300 66 44 96.

The Certificate III Guarantee provides subsidies to assist Queenslanders obtain their first post school Certificate Level III qualification.

A Certificate III is the first level of post-school qualification shown to have a significant impact on a person’s employment and earnings. It is also the level of qualification usually required to get a job in industries like aged care, child care, hospitality and small business.

To help students who may need to develop skills before undertaking a Certificate III course, the Certificate III Guarantee will also cover foundation skills including language, literacy and numeracy as well as Certificate I and II qualifications that lead to the Certificate III.

Eligibility

The Certificate III Guarantee is for students who commence a certificate level III course on or after 1 July 2013.

To be eligible for the Certificate III Guarantee a student must:

- not hold or be already undertaking a Certificate III or higher level qualification (Certificate III qualifications completed at school are not counted)
- be 15 years of age or older
- have finished secondary school or left school
- be a Queensland resident - an Australian Citizen or permanent resident living in Queensland, or a New Zealand citizen permanently residing in Queensland.
- Employment status does not matter and nor is there any minimum education requirement, only the standard entry requirements for the course of study.

Cost

Under the Certificate III Guarantee, the Queensland Government will subsidise the training costs for a range of Certificate level III courses.

The amount of subsidy provided will depend on the demand for skilled workers in the area of study. Some students, including those with a health care or pensioner concession card, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, will receive a higher subsidy.

The remainder of the course cost must be met by the student. This means students should expect to contribute to the cost of their training through a student contribution fee.

Ken Simpson
Head of Department Senior School
Reality fiction and biographies are making a comeback. We have recently added more to our collection. Prince Harry left the day after we put him on the shelves.

The non-fiction section is being arranged according to your curriculum. It should make it easier for you to find what you are looking for. If you cannot find resources, always ask staff for assistance. Books can still be very useful for your assignments. If you cannot find it in a book – try the Online Library.

### Online Resources

The school website has links to online journals that may be helpful your research. Use these links to get you there.

- [https://morayflesh.eq.edu.au/Facilities/Library/Pages/Library.aspx](https://morayflesh.eq.edu.au/Facilities/Library/Pages/Library.aspx)

*Julie Mabb*

**Teacher Librarian**

### Guidance News

#### Congratulations Amy Rogers – a future leader.

Congratulations to Year 10 student Amy Rogers for being accepted into the QUT Future Leaders Program for 2015. QUT Future Leaders is a unique program offering high-achieving students an opportunity to engage with QUT through a series of enrichment events during Years 11 and 12.

Throughout the program Amy will participate in a range of thought-provoking and challenging activities that will enhance her senior studies, put her in touch with like-minded students from other schools, and give her the confidence and inspiration to explore further opportunities available once she reaches university.

QUT Future Leaders will provide a broad selection of workshops and activities including:

- enrichment in specific subjects, with a strong emphasis on innovation and entrepreneurship
- study skills to enhance learning and academic abilities in senior years
- life skills such as networking, leadership, resilience, an awareness of social justice, and community engagement

To qualify for next year’s QUT Future Leaders program students should:

- Be in Year 10 at the time of application
- Be in a leadership role within the year level and have demonstrated consistent involvement in extra-curricular activities
- Have achieved an ‘A’ standard for at least 75% of Year 10 results
- Be able to attend a number of scheduled events set by the university

Congratulations to Amy we wish her all the best in the program.
Students should apply for the EAS if they have been impacted by:

1. financial hardship
2. disruptive home environments or increased responsibilities
3. English language difficulties
4. a disability, injury or health condition
5. an education disruption.

More information about each of the categories is available at www.qtac.edu.au/Applying-SAS/EduAccess.html

It is not too late to add it to your QTAC application for study in 2015. It is important when applying for EAS that you supply the required documentation. A recent analysis of EAS applicants for QUT courses found that most students who are eligible through EAS have not supplied the documentation required. To be considered for the January 2015 offer round applications and documentation must be submitted prior to 15 December 2014.

Why should our kids have all the fun in 2015?

If you are one of the many adults who left school early or a long time ago, then you may be interested in this study opportunity at the Caboolture TAFE, which is supported by QUT.

TAFE offers a low cost flexible Year 12 alternative course that is taught by dedicated staff who understand adult learners.

In fact, it is so good that QUT actively encourages people to use this bridging program by providing financial and study assistance in 2015 – offering students who are enrolled in the Certificate IV in Adult Tertiary Preparation (ATP) at Caboolture TAFE, or External Senior Studies at Coorparoo Secondary College, a $600.00 Encouragement Bursary in 2015 to assist full time and part time students with education expenses.

The Certificate IV in Adult Tertiary Preparation – prepares learners for further education at TAFE and university. With a range of subject choices, effective study skills, and a QTAC rank (OP equivalent) in case you want to go on to further study.

Attend an Information Session at TAFE Queensland Brisbane, Caboolture campus: 6:00pm-7:30pm; 19 November or 20 January 2015.

Phone the Customer Service Centre: 137 248 to book your seat, and find out more at www.tafebrisbane.edu.au and SEARCH “Adult Tertiary Preparation”.

About to finish Year 12 and need a plan for 2015?

We can help you make one. You may not be ready to study yet, or are not sure of your options, but we can help you make a plan for 2015.

We have useful information here, there and anywhere:

HERE:

Real Decisions

Tuesday 23 December, 9:00am-1:00pm, QUT Gardens Point campus
Tuesday 23 December, 3:00pm-6:00pm, QUT Caboolture campus

These events are an opportunity for you to talk face-to-face with QUT staff about study choices after you know your OP/ Rank. All Year 12 and mature-aged students are encouraged to attend.

Visit www.qut.edu.au/study/events for more information.

THERE:

Free, independent careers information and one-on-one counselling to people in the Moreton Bay region. Our Career Counsellors are located at QUT Caboolture campus or the Moreton Bay Regional Library Caboolture (visit www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au and search ‘career counselling’ for more information. Appointments are one hour. To book an appointment to see our Careers Counsellors phone on 5316 7666 or email yourfuture@qut.edu.au

ANYWHERE:

Via email to our Careers Counsellors at yourfuture@qut.edu.au with ‘Help me make a plan for 2015’ in the subject line
Visit us at www.bridgetostudy.com.au
Find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/yourfuturecareer

If you are not ready to study yet, or are not sure of your options, please come and see us for free, impartial and confidential career information. Make an appointment to see our qualified Careers Counsellors at two locations:

- QUT’s Caboolture Campus or
- Career Kiosks in the Moreton Bay Regional Library, Caboolture (visit www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au and search ‘career counselling’ for times and locations)

To make an appointment call 5316 7666 or email yourfuture@qut.edu.au
Visit us at www.bridgetostudy.com.au
Find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/yourfuturecareer

CAREERS IN HEALTHCARE

For students interested in careers in healthcare, experience working in a clinical environment is vital.

Gap Medics are offering an Australian Schools Summer Program, designed to give students an unforgettable insight into life as a healthcare professional.

The program is hugely popular each year as students aged 16 and older are offered the chance to shadow doctors and other healthcare workers in Thailand, Tanzania or Europe.

The specifics of the program can be found on the website below we welcome students to contact us for more information.

Mark Hinksman
Gap Medics
Telephone: 1800 351 691
Email: mark@gapmedics.com
Website: www.gapmedics.com.au
Real Decisions is an opportunity for you to come check out the Caboolture campus and talk face-to-face with our staff and students about study choices after you know your OP.

Our staff will provide advice about courses and careers, and current students will be on hand to talk about their university experience.

The program also includes campus tours, and seminars about:

- study costs
- upgrading pathways to university
- getting started with us

Date and venue
Date: Tuesday 23 December
Time: 3.00pm – 6.00pm
Venue: Caboolture campus

Program
From 3.00pm to 6.00pm, staff and current students from the Business, Creative Industries, Education and Health faculties will be on hand to answer your questions and provide advice on courses and career outcomes. There will also be staff from Equity, Careers and Employment, and student services that can provide information about the courses on offer at the Caboolture campus and pathways for entry to QUT.

Seminars
We are running a series of seminars throughout the afternoon to provide you with additional advice and information on upgrading, costs, getting started at university and life as a student.

Student life: Students share their experience of studying at QUT and offer tips for getting started at university.
Time: 3.30pm – 4.00pm

Pathways to University: Discover how you can get the most from your OP or rank score and learn how you can use your current qualifications to upgrade to the course you want.
Time: 4.00pm – 4.45pm

Student finance: Prospective students and their parents are invited to attend the Study costs and Scholarships session to learn about course fees and HECS places plus how to access more than $9 million in scholarships and financial support.
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Time: 5.30pm–6.15 pm

Career counselling
Our careers counsellors will be available throughout the event to offer advice on exploring your career options, examining pathways to career goals and planning for the future. Limited one on one sessions with the careers counsellors will also be available on the right.

Campus tours
Current QUT students will be leading campus tours throughout the afternoon.

Tours are 20 minutes long and leave from the foyer of L block at the following times:

3.30pm, 4.00pm, 4.30pm, 5.00pm, 5.30pm

Bridging courses in Chemistry, Physics and Maths B
Bridging courses in Chemistry, Physics and Maths B are offered through QUT’s Continuing Professional Education unit. These programs provide students with the assumed knowledge in these subjects for QUT courses and may meet prerequisite subject requirements for other institutions.

Students can register their interest now for the Chemistry bridging course in Semester 1, 2015. Dates for the course will be published on the chemistry bridging course website in December.

Students can still register for the Maths B bridging daytime summer semester classes commencing on 17 November 2014. The course will also run in Semester 1, 2015, with dates to be confirmed on the Maths B bridging website in December.

The Physics Bridging Course is an online course. Students can commence at any time, and have six months to complete the course. Registration is open until 24 December 2014, and will then re-open on 7 January 2015.

QUT’s Assumed Knowledge Scheme means we specify the subjects we assume applicants have completed before commencing each course. If students do not have the assumed knowledge through their high school subjects, we recommend they undertake preparatory or bridging studies either before the course begins or during the first semester of study.

Please note, from 2016 onwards the Bachelor of Education will have prerequisite subjects instead of assumed knowledge. For more information see the assumed knowledge web page.

For more information about bridging courses contact QUT’s Continuing Professional Education or visit the short courses page and click on Science and Mathematics.

Students need a tax file number
Students considering university should apply early for a tax file number (TFN), even if they are not currently working. Once at university, students in a Commonwealth supported place who are eligible to defer their fee payment through HECS-HELP (to pay later through the tax system), must provide a TFN to the university where they are studying.

To obtain a TFN, students can get an application form from the school office or contact the Australian Tax Office and complete
Off the Shelf

Mathematics Comedian

On Thursday 16 October, students in Year 8 Literacy and Numeracy Essential Skills (LANES) attended a celebration of numeracy called the ‘Mathematics Olympics’.

This one hour, action-packed show hosted by Queensland University of Technology featured Simon Pampeña – a Mathematics Comedian – inspired students by combining energetic stand-up comedy with mathematics. The show is designed to provide a shared experience with mathematics. Students came away from the show having been entertained by solving problems together.

For more information about Simon Pampeña visit www.numbercrunch.com.au

Casey Reibelt
Literacy Numeracy Coach

The Age-Old Debate

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In order to truly learn a skill or a procedure, we need to practise it again and again. In order to challenge ourselves and deepen our knowledge, we need to apply what we have learnt to different situations. This is where homework comes in. Homework allows students time to go over what they have learnt and ensure they have mastered a skill or procedure before moving on to the next step. It need not be time-consuming! Research has shown that the most effective homework tasks are short, but administered frequently, and not necessarily graded or assessed but simply monitored by the teacher to check you are on the right track.

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Michaela Lee
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Trade Training Centre News

We recently hosted a two day Try-a-Trade event run by the Australian Brick and Blocklaying Training Foundation involving Year 11 and 12 students. Students had hands on experience laying bricks in a simulated exercise using mortar without the cement. Using skills learned, students constructed holding bays in the Morayfield Trade Training Centre using concrete blocks. Three bays were built to hold materials such as sand and builders mix which are used in construction classes.

During the Try-a-Trade days students completed two courses of bricks of the five required for the bays. Construction classes completed the remaining three courses with teachers and students, who participated in the Try-a-Trade days, mentoring fellow students. Skills students learnt in the construction of the bays include usage and handling of concrete masonry blockwork, trowelling skills, brick/block laying techniques, retaining walls systems, reinforcement and concreting.
Rob Ashcroft  
**Industrial Technology Teacher**

**SPORT NEWS**

**State Track and Field**

Niam and Ronan Mayes, Johanne Cantuba and Jed Motu all headed to Brisbane for the State Track and Field Championships last weekend. All students competed admirably and a fifth in the 16 Boys Shotput for Jed was our best result. It was a superb effort by all four students to make these championships.

**Sports Awards Night**

A fantastic night was had at the recent Annual Sports Awards Night. It was great to see so many students and their families in attendance to congratulate those students who have excelled in our school sport program this year.

Our Junior Sports Star of the Year is Niam Mayes who was a member of the Year 8 Rugby League, Touch and All Schools Touch teams plus represented the Sunshine Coast in Cross-country and Athletics. Niam was also an Age Champion in Cross-country and Athletics. He was also awarded the Coaches Award for Touch in summer.

Our Senior Sports Star of the Year is Connor Cox who was a member of the Open Boys Touch, Rugby League and All Schools Touch teams. Connor also represented the Sunshine Coast in Touch and Rugby League this year and to culminate his year, Connor was recently named in the Australian 18s Schoolboys Rugby league team where he will be touring France and England from November 15. Connor is in Year 12 and this is a fantastic way for him to finish his secondary school career.

Many thanks to gold medal winning Para Olympian swimmer and 400m world record holder, Brenden Hall who was the guest speaker. Brenden spoke of the obstacles he has overcome to get to where he is and his message was of believing in yourself and always challenging yourself, no matter what barriers are put in front of you.

I would like to thank the staff who coached our teams this year in the various sports because without your efforts, sport at our school does not exist.

We have exciting times ahead in 2015 with the introduction of Year 7s to our sports program that unfortunately has meant Year 12s do not participate in interschool sport as the District does not have adequate facilities. This does not prevent a Year 12 student from trialling for sunshine coast teams and we will be looking for many of our Year 12s to be involved as coaches and mentors to our younger students in the various sports.

Steve Moody  
**Sports Master**

**ACHPER Women in Sport Breakfast**

On the 15 October, three Morayfield State High School students were invited to attend the ACHPER Women in Sport...
Breakfast at the Brisbane Exhibition and Convention Centre. The event is held to recognise the achievements and role that women play in sport.

Emily Griffin (Year 11), Taylah Lakerdis (Year 12) and Leah Griffin (Year 11) were all invited to attend this event because of their sporting achievements at Morayfield State High School and their achievements in Health and Physical Education and Outdoor Recreation.

We heard from three special guest athletes, Courtney Hancock (Ironwoman), Cate Campbell (Australian Olympic Swimmer) and Holly Ferling (Australian Women’s Cricketer). All of these women were inspiring in their own right and spoke about their career highlights and challenges they encountered on the road to achieving their sporting goals. They spoke about the importance of support in any achievement and commented that they could not have achieved their sporting endeavours without the support of their family, friends and teachers.

Holly Ferling (Australian Women’s Cricketer) spoke about the challenge of achieving sporting and academic success while in Year 12. Holly was chosen for the Australian Women’s Cricket team to compete in the World Cup at the beginning of Year 12 in 2013. Holly then had to balance her academic and sporting career to achieve her goals. To her credit Holly was able to debut for the Australian Cricket team and achieve an OP 2 all in the same year.

It was a great morning celebrating the success of women in sport and the students had a wonderful time.

**Success in Trans Tasman Test Team for BMX Australia**

Year 9 student Sara Jones attended New Zealand recently to compete in the Trans Tasman Test Team for BMX Australia. Sara held the position as Captain for the Girls team and lead the girls to a successful meet winning against the New Zealand Girls Test team.

In addition to this, on the same weekend Sara competed in the New Zealand North Island Championships where she was the outright winner and gained the 15 Years Girls title.

Sara is to be congratulated as this is a follow on from her recent Queensland Championship title win for her age.