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Dates to Remember

7 December	Year 7, 8 & 9 Semester Reports Distributed
8 December	Year 7, 8 & 9 Last Day
22 January 2018	School Term Begins
26 January 2018	Australia Day - Public Holiday



From the Principal

It is hard to believe that this is the final newsletter for 2017! The year has passed so quickly, but it has been a very successful year for our students and staff. The year has provided many opportunities, avenues and pathways for students to experience learning in the classroom and the real world and achieve outstanding success. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely congratulate all students who have achieved to their potential and acknowledge the hard work of our staff and the support of our parents and the community in ensuring our students have been able to make the most of the wonderful opportunities they have had. Can I also wish all students, families and friends of our school community the compliments of the festive season and a wonderful summer vacation.

YEAR 12 FORMAL AND GRADUATION

It was with great pride that we saw our Year 12 students attend their Formal and Graduation ceremonies in Week 7. These events provided a wonderful opportunity for our school community to acknowledge our Year 12 students as they finalised their school studies in preparation for their move into the next phase of their life journey. Our Year 12 students presented themselves as mature, confident and respectful young adults at both ceremonies.

Overall the Year 12 cohort has achieved positive results in their academic and vocational studies, as well as through the leadership they have provided for our school community. On behalf of our staff I would like to congratulate our Year 12 graduates on the wonderful year they have had; the legacy of high standards you have left behind and wish them every success for their chosen pathways into the future. It has been a pleasure and an honour to work with you all.

YEAR 6 INTO 7 TRANSITION

Throughout the year we have been working with our primary school partners at Morayfield State School, Morayfield East State School and Minimbah State School to prepare the Year 6 students to transition to high school in 2018. This work culminated in an Orientation Day for all students on Friday 1 December 2017. Students had the opportunity to meet with staff, explore the school's facilities, unpack the expectations of being in a secondary school and undertake lessons and activities to get ready for the new school year.

Our staff certainly enjoyed welcoming the new Year 7 students to our school and the chance to begin building positive working relationships with them to ensure a smooth and successful start to the 2018 school year. I would also like to thank the Year 9 leaders who worked with our new Year 7 students to assist on the Orientation Day.

YEAR 11 INTO 12 PATHWAY INTERVIEWS

In preparing for the 2018 school year, all current Year 11 students returned to school in Week 9 to participate in a Pathway Interview. The aim of these interviews was for students

to reflect on their performance over the year and to confirm they are in the correct subjects and pathways for the beginning of Year 12. Any requested subject changes were discussed in these meetings, thus avoiding unnecessary subject changes at the beginning of next year. Any students who request a subject change after these interviews need to be aware that they will be preferred after students who attended interviews due to class numbers guidelines.

END OF SEMESTER REPORTS

Year 10 and 11 students may collect their Report Cards from the School Office from Friday Week 9.

Year 7, 8 and 9 student report cards have been emailed to Parents/Caregivers. If you require a paper copy please collect from the Office between 7:45am - 3:45pm.

RESOURCES AND PLANNING FOR 2018:

Stationery:

For 2018 a required Stationery List has been developed for each year level and is accessible from the school's website. 2018 timetables will be emailed to students in the New Year so students are aware of the subjects they will be doing and can purchase requirements accordingly. All students need to ensure they bring the items they need for the relevant subjects for the 2018 school year. Students are NOT permitted to turn up on Day One without writing equipment and exercise books.

Student Resource Scheme and User Pays Fees:

The Student Resource Scheme Payment will remain at \$200 per student for the 2018 school year. Students who are part of the Student Resource Scheme will be allocated textbooks during Weeks 2-4 of the new school year. Students who have not elected to be part of the scheme are required to purchase resources themselves and have these for classes. Lists of these resources can be obtained from the School Office. Please make sure you have paid your SRS fees so that your student can receive an ID card and Student Diary once school photos have been taken. Families experiencing financial hardship should contact the School Office to arrange a payment plan with our Business Manager.

School Uniform:

The School Locker is the official supplier of uniforms for Morayfield State High School for 2018. Information about The School Locker and ordering uniforms is available on the school's website. Please ensure your child is presented in their formal uniform including black leather shoes ready for Day One, 2018.

From 2018 all students will be required to wear their formal uniforms for at least two days per week. This is due to the change of assemblies to accommodate sports, AIM, QCS and excellence programs.

- **Year 7** – 9 students will wear their formal uniforms on Monday and Wednesday.
- **Year 10** – 12 students will wear their formal uniforms on Monday and Thursday.

New Enrolments 2018

Bulk Enrolment sessions will be held for new students wishing to enrol in 2018 who have either not attended an interview in 2017 or who have not completed their enrolment by the end of the year. Parent/carers must collect enrolment paperwork from the School Office and return it completed to attend a session. For new students wishing to commence school on Day One Monday 22 January 2018, this process must be adhered to.

2018 Enrolment Sessions:

Date - Thursday 18/01/18

9:00am	Year 7	Ms Michelle Pole
10:00am	Year 8	Ms Nicole O'Hearn
11:00pm	Year 9	Ms Kerri Furlong
12:00pm	Year 10	Mr Joe Bucher
1:00pm	Year 11	Ms Nicole O'Hearn
2:00pm	Year 12	Mr Joe Bucher

Day One Procedures:

The first day of school for 2018 is Monday 22 January. All year levels will commence school on this day. Upon arriving on Day One students should move to their year level assembly point where they will be seated in form classes. At the first assembly students will receive their timetable and diaries. During Form classes and AIM lessons, students will have the opportunity to add school dates and events to their diaries in preparation for the term.

Assembly points for Day One are:

- Year 7 Assembly** – V Block
- Year 8 Assembly** – Q Block
- Year 9 Assembly** – H Block
- Year 10 Assembly** – Multi Building (K Block)
- Year 11 Assembly** – J Block Courtyard
- Year 12 Assembly** – Trade Training Centre.

FAREWELLS AND THANK-YOUS

Thank-you to all of our wonderful staff for a great year!

Thank-you to our P&C Executive Team for their support of our school in 2017.

We look forward to a fantastic 2018, but will sincerely miss the staff, students, families and volunteers who are moving on or taking leave next year – we wish you all the very best.

Leasa Smith
Principal

From the Cashier

The Cashier will be closed from Wednesday 6 December 2017 and will re-open Monday 15 January 2018. Please see the flyer below with the change of Cashier hours for the last week of Term 4 and the hours for the week before the students return to school in January next year for confirmation.

Students have been issued a copy of the 2018 Student Resource Scheme form and the terms and conditions in their form classes, if you haven't received a copy or need another copy please see the link here <insert participation agreement form> <insert terms and conditions> all students will need to have this form completed and return to the school office as soon as possible. 2018 Stationery lists are also available on the school website

<https://morayfieshs.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Pages/Documents.aspx?RootFolder=%2FSupportandresources%2FFormsanddocuments%2FDocuments%2FStationery%20Requirements&FolderCTID=0x012000DC0A9DD854E5A84F96ED8C44F9921C3E&View=%7bA35C1545-B5CF-4>

Parents receiving invoices via email - you can now click on the BPOINT square on the bottom left hand side of the invoice to make a payment and it will take you directly to the BPOINT website with pre-filled information you will only need to enter your card details into the secure website to make the payment. BPOINT payments can also be made with the QParents app for those parents registered to use the service. Contact the office if you would like to register for the QParent app. BPOINT payments can be made via the phone as well. Please call BPOINT - 1300 631 073.

Please note all phone VISA or MasterCard payments will now need to be made via the Bpoint phone service - 1300 631 073. You will need your BPOINT Customer Reference Number (CRN) and invoice number. This information is located on your statement/invoices.

Sign up now to receive your invoices via email. Email the office: admin@morayfieshs.eq.edu.au with your child's name, date of birth, parent/carer name, phone number, address, email address and we can get this information updated for you. Please note only the invoicing parent can receive invoices via email.

Julie Hill
Cashier

From the Guidance Team

Welcome to the end of another amazing year. As we get closer to going on holidays it is a good time to reflect on all the wonderful things our young people have been involved with this year through the Guidance Service. These include:

- Record numbers of students in Years 9 and 10 attending the Explore Uni Day excursions at QUT to experience university life on campus.
- The school hosting over 40 stall holders at the Inaugural Careers Expo with students from Years 7 to 12 engaging in conversations and activities focussed on their future pathways.
- Almost 25% of Year 12s applying for University or TAFE through QTAC.
- A number of students successfully transitioning to work through Get Set for Work programs and external training providers.

- Students participating in workshops targeting a number of wellbeing topics including managing and building resilience around friendships and bullying, anger management strategies and mindfulness, self-defence skills and healthy relationships.
- Students nominating as Student Ambassadors, Student Leaders and Rise and Shine Award Recipients through QUT and USC.
- Improving young people's mental health and wellbeing by accessing local, community support services and agencies.

We would like to thank you all for your support of the Guidance Service throughout the year. Sadly we are both moving on at the end of this year but will be replaced by members of the North Coast Guidance Team who will bring their own skill set and expertise to Morayfield State High School and will offer a wonderful support service to students and their family members.

Take care throughout the holiday period and all the best for 2018.

Chenoa Matthews & Drew Potts
Guidance Officers