Principal’s Report...

Welcome to our second newsletter for term three. This newsletter again highlights the extensive learning opportunities provided by North High. I want to focus on the Success School Project, the Year 7 teaching team for 2015, development of the junior school precinct, the Planeteer’s memorial Littoral rainforest project, vocational education opportunities offered by our school, road safety and a community petition.

Year 7 teaching team for 2015

The school has completed the recruitment process for selecting our Year 7 teachers for 2015 in preparation for the arrival of Year 7 students. The team at this stage, based on our predicted enrolments, will consist of three existing North High teachers and three teachers who will be joining us as new appointments to the school. The teachers who will make up the team are: Belinda Arnold (Year 7 Co-ordinator), Dan Smith, Sharon Kidman, Sue Jenner, Julie Hanak and Jessie Tallon. The team will also include Junior Secondary Head of Department, Gillian Colasimone and Junior Secondary Deputy Principal, Michelle Pole. A big thank you goes to Michelle Pole for her work in securing the team and the commitment from our staff to be part of this exciting new phase in the history of North High. As the term progresses I will share further developments in the preparation for the arrival of our Year 7’s.

Development of the junior school precinct

We are continuing to develop the concept of a junior school precinct between B and G blocks as part of our ongoing preparation for the arrival of Year 7 students. Development to date has included the building of Q block and the refurbishment of B block as well some minor landscaping work. We are now in a position to add a shade structure to the precinct which will provide shade and seating for our junior school students. This project will be funded by our successful Gaming Fund Grant application, where the school, with support of the P&C, was successful in attaining a $35,000 grant. Work on this project will commence in the next few weeks and will be a welcome addition to our facilities. I thank Carmel Brinkley and the P&C for their efforts in securing this funding.

Planeteer’s memorial littoral rainforest project

The Planeteers, which is the school environment group, are soon to commence a vegetation project at the back of N block. The vegetation project will see the group plant and tend a small littoral rainforest as a memorial garden to commemorate the 100 years since Australia’s entry into World War One. It will be a garden of peace and a place to go for students wanting some quiet reflection time. As part of preparing for this project the students entered into a ‘Futures Leaders Program’ conducted by the University of Southern Queensland where the students had to present a pitch for a leadership project of significance to a panel of judges. Our students, represented by Laura Billing and Owen Puccini were successful in securing $5000 to support the development - ‘The Memorial Littoral Rainforest’.

P & C Meeting  Thursday 7th August, starting from 5.00pm. All welcome!
Congratulations to the students and the *Planeteers*, well done and a big thank you goes to Sue Firinne for her efforts in supporting this group and their endeavours for protecting our planet.

**Vocational education opportunities**

In 2015, there will be a number of new and existing opportunities for students to participate in vocational education programs in addition to our school based subjects offered to students. These will include a number of partly government funded programs or VETIS funded programs offered by East Coast TAFE and other private providers. These programs are in industry areas where the government has identified a skill shortage and has provided funding for training.

While these courses are part-funded, there will still be fees payable if students wish to participate in the course. The school will provide details on these costs and our fee payment policy in the future. A students enrolment will not be confirmed until all fees for the course for that year are fully paid.

In addition to this, the school will continue to run its Certificate III Community Services Childcare course and the Certificate I Construction course that we commenced this year. A completely new program being offered by the Australian Agricultural College Corporation (AACC) through the school will be the Certificate II Rural Operations course. Year 10 students interested in this course will have the opportunity to participate in a career experience day next Wednesday, 13th August and if there is sufficient interest, a ‘taster’ course will be available in term 4.

We are also working towards all Year 11 and 12 students who are OP ineligible and have a post-school destination of employment and/or vocational training, completing at least 10 days of work experience. This will require students to complete a short Work Readiness program in ‘Access’ prior to engaging in work experience.

All of this is very exciting news for the students who see work and or vocational training as their destination post- Year 12. I thank Fay Harvey, our Vocational Education and Home Economics Head of Department, and Janine Cronin, our School to Work Community Liaison Officer, for their ongoing efforts in securing opportunities for our students.

**Road safety and a community petition**

Recently, one of our students Travis Maddern was seriously injured in a pedestrian traffic accident on Fairymead Road shortly after the conclusion of school. I have spoken on the school assembly about this incident, which serves to remind all of us just how unsafe roads can be and to act safely in all road and traffic situations. I am sure that this is a message that you share with children as often as is appropriate. Travis’s family share the same concerns and have taken the initiative to launch a petition for the establishment of a 40 km zone and zebra crossing near the Fairymead Road shop. The family are inviting students and parents to sign the petition. If you wish to discuss this with your student please do so and if you are comfortable for your student to sign the petition, a copy can be signed in the school office.

In conclusion, please continue to contact the school if you have any concerns regarding your student’s education. Working together we can produce the best outcomes for your child.

*Ross Robertson*
*Principal*
North High P & C

Hi to all parents. Your P & C association has operated since the establishment of this great school. We act at a level between the parents and the school, to hear what is going on, have an input to many decisions and events that occur throughout the school year, and to provide items for the students and staff that are not part of the school budget. This is why the Tuckshop operates, as well as providing healthy food for your child’s hungry stomach. Currently we need new members to operate efficiently. There are just a handful of dedicated parents and other interested persons, left to run the P & C and make decisions that ultimately affect you. Please seriously consider regularly attending the meetings, which are held at the school on the first Thursday of every month at 5 pm; the next is on the 7th of August. Without your help, the future of the P & C is questionable, and its demise would be of serious consequence to you and your children. Please make an effort to be part of this important committee. If there are enough of you interested, but find the current meeting time inconvenient or impossible, it can be changed to 7 pm. Contact the office to indicate your interest.

Roger Burtt - President

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Students give to breast cancer support

In term 2, the Student Council organised a free dress day to raise money for breast cancer support. At Parade on 30th July we were proud to give a donation to Dr Denise Powell, representing the Bundaberg Health Services Foundation. We thank all students for participating in the fundraising activity.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE:

- If your student will be absent from school, please use the absence line to advise the office. The line is open 24 hours a day so you can leave a message at your convenience – save the number to your phone.

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Year 8 Student Council representatives appointed

Congratulations to our new Year 8 representatives to Student Council. Each year in semester 2, year 8 students have the opportunity to nominate for Student Council and we would like to welcome the following students:

David Scott
Ayley Smith
Thomas Quinn
Holly Giudice
Aaron Silcox
Katherine Canavan

Congratulations from the Student Council

Year 10 - SETP interviews

The Senior Education Training Plan program that Year 10 students have been completing in SETP classes this term is culminating in 7 days of interviews from August 18th to August 26th. Every Year 10 student is being interviewed to review their learning plan for the next two years and to check that their subject selection for Year 11 is appropriate to their goals, future career plans and their skills, interests and capabilities.

We would like to invite all parents/guardians to accompany their student to a 30 minute SETP interview. The interview is a very important part of the SET Plan process. It could mean the difference to your student being successful in Year 11 and 12. On Tuesday, students should have received a letter outlining the process for making a SETP interview. If your student does not have a letter please ask them to collect one from the Office or ring the Office directly to make an appointment.

If parents miss an interview or students are away on the day of their allocated interview, please contact the office to re-schedule within the interview period, if possible. We will compile a list of students who were not interviewed at the end of the fortnight to ensure that we know whose interview has yet to take place.

If parents are not present at the interview, the SETPlan will be printed and sent home for signing as verification by the parents/guardians that they agree to the selections their child has made.

We look forward to seeing you at the interviews.
Are you interested in becoming Microsoft Certified?

As North High is registered through Microsoft and Education Queensland to deliver this program to our students, we are also able to offer certification to any other interested people in our community. This means that if you would like to sit for any formal Microsoft IT certification exams we are able to provide this service to you through our school at a significantly reduced cost compared to what other private providers charge.

If you are interested in finding out more information about this opportunity for you or perhaps your employees, please contact Gail Norris or Grant Newell on 41300222 to discuss.

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**IT students gaining real world qualifications**

Once again our senior school Information Technology students have been hard at work ensuring they have what it takes to meet the skill challenges required in today’s IT workforce. Four students completing the Microsoft IT Academy course offered here at North High were successful in gaining certification for various courses.

Jade Bishop passed three certification exams administered by Microsoft which saw her receive awards for Word, PowerPoint and Excel. Alex Stead received two certificates for Word and PowerPoint. Luke Rowe and Hannah Catalano received their certification in PowerPoint. This is an outstanding result especially as the students only enrolled in this program at the beginning of the year. We look forward to seeing what other qualifications they can achieve before the year’s end.

The subject “MOS” is offered to Year 11 and Year 12 students. When selecting this subject, they are actually enrolled in the Microsoft IT Academy Program course. By completing this course, students receive formal qualifications that are not only recognised by industry, but also recognised worldwide. Another advantage of enrolling in “MOS” is that when students pass a formal examination which is set by Microsoft Corporation, they receive 1 QCE point for each exam they are successfully certified in. For Jade, Alex, Luke and Hannah this means they are already banking points towards their Queensland Certificate of Education. This is a fantastic result and we look forward to further success with our Microsoft IT Academy program in the near future.

_Gail Norris - HOD Business & ICT_
ECOMAN - 2014
On Monday, 28 July – Wednesday, 30 July, Queensland Private Enterprise Centre (QPEC) hosted a 3 day economics management – ECOMAN - program. This program was hosted at St Luke’s Anglican College and 4 students from the year 11 Accounting class were chosen to participate. There were 2 other teams that were a part of this program – one from St Lukes and one from Shalom.
In the ECOMAN challenge, each member of the team is a co-director of a coffee machine manufacturing company which has been in business for 10 years and has not been very successful. Our goal was to run the business for a further 4 years and increase the share price. During trading, 31 decisions relating to sales, marketing, environmental impact, training, numbers of staff, income, expenditure, dividends, borrowings and much more had to be made. For each year of trading, there was a different economic scenario; for example, in the 1st year there was a boom in the economy, while in the 3rd year there was a recession.
A part of taking over the business was changing the businesses name and allocating roles amongst the team. To begin with, the name of the company changed from “Beatin Coffee” to “Baristalin”. After deliberating over roles, Indiah Saunders was made CEO and Human Resources Director, Caitlin Turnbull was made Financial Director, Amanda Brocklehurst was Marketing Director and Jess Mann was the Production Director.
In the 3rd year of trading, Baristalin increased the share price to $720 which won us that particular year of trading. At the end of the 4 years of trading, the winner of the ECOMAN challenge was announced and we reported to the shareholders about our successes since taking over the company.
Although we were not victorious, we still managed to have the highest net income of $19 million and a large share price of $863. The supervisors of the program mentioned that the 3 teams were the closest they’ve ever seen as there was only a difference of $6 between 1st and 3rd place.
The whole experience was fantastic and extremely enjoyable. We would definitely recommend the future accounting students to take part in the opportunity. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Norris for offering us this opportunity.
By: Amanda Brocklehurst, Jess Mann, Indiah Saunders & Caitlin Turnbull

Year 12 career and tertiary pathways
Tertiary trip 2014.
On July 24th and 25th, a number of year 12 students visited some South East Qld universities. These included: University of the Sunshine Coast; Griffith University; University of Qld and the Qld University of Technology. At each of the Universities, students were given a tour of the campus and a short presentation by university staff and students about the courses and procedures at that university. These visits were planned to assist students to make well informed choices in regards to future tertiary study that they might undertake. As well, the students were given a taste of campus accommodation, by staying at The Women’s College on the University of Qld campus, on the Thursday night. Feedback from the students in relation to the trip was very positive and the behaviour and cooperation of the group was exemplary.
Queensland Tertiary Application Centre (QTAC)

Application lines are open from the 5th of August. All students who are intending to study at university in Queensland need to make their application through this organisation. Year 12 students have been instructed on how to make their applications, but they are strongly encouraged to make an appointment with the Guidance Officer, to discuss their intended courses. Parents are also welcome at these appointments. Applications cost $35, if made before the 30th September. After this date, the cost is $130.

Scholarships

Studying at university can be expensive, particularly if you are attending a university that is in another town or city. All the universities offer a range of scholarships, designed to help students meet these costs. Some are up to $12,000 per year. All students are encouraged to apply for these scholarships. Visit the university websites or see the Guidance Officer for more information.

Rob Miller - Guidance Officer

Internet Safety Awareness presentation - What’s happening behind the screens?

Like communicating in the real world, there are risks involved in interacting online. Cyberbullying, identity theft, scams, sexting and inappropriate content are some of the issues that can pose challenges for all young people. Knowing how to use online technologies safely, and how to deal with these issues, is essential to adolescents having positive experiences online.

As a parent, you have an important role to play in helping to educate and guide your child online. To assist you we are running the CyberSmart Outreach Program at our school in August. There will be a parent Internet Safety Awareness presentation delivered by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) on Monday, 25 August from 6.00pm – 7.30pm in the school assembly hall. The presentation is aimed at parents who have students in Years 8-10. We would like to extend an invitation to our parents of these year levels to attend this informative evening. However if there are any other interested parents of senior students you are also very welcome to attend this evening.

This internet safety awareness presentation offers an overview of cybersafety issues focussing on the interest and needs of parents. It is an easy to understand, thorough, non-technical and informative session. It gives parents an understanding of the issues and provides advice on how to help your children stay safe online.

As part of this program all Year 8-10 students will be attending their own Internet Safety Awareness presentation on Tuesday, 26 August which will by delivery by ACMA.
Defence Force information sessions

Bundaberg

Mon 18th Aug 2014, 6 – 8 pm
Bundaberg RSL
17 Quay Street, Bundaberg

Hervey Bay/Maryborough

Tue 19th Aug 2014, 6 – 8 pm
Oceans Resort
569 Charlton Esplanade
Urangan QLD

***** Bookings can be made by emailing Colleen at cbrucebriggs@dfr.com.au or by calling 07 5459 8700.

Cool, Calm and Collected

Stress

Cool, Calm and Collected is a 2 hour workshop that explores the causes of stress and offers some practical tips and exercises for managing stress.

When: Wednesday September 17, 2014
Time: 9.30am to 11.30am
Contact: UnitingCare Community on 41538400
Cost: (Bookings essential)

Rollercoasters

Workshop for Children

A program to assist children with the task of adjusting to family change. Each session helps children explore the dilemmas faced when parents separate.

When: Wednesday October 8, 2014
(6 week duration)
Time: 3.30pm to 5pm
Contact: UnitingCare Community on 4153 8400
Cost: (Bookings essential)

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