Principal’s Report...
Welcome to our third newsletter for this term which again highlights the extensive learning opportunities provided by North High. In this article I want to concentrate on; “Back to the 80’s” musical performance, Year 10 subject selection for 2016, BYOD- Bring Your Own Device, Winter uniform: pants and jumpers and the Queensland Certificate of Attainment.

Outstanding musical performance “Back to the 80’s”:
I hope you were able to get to the musical last weekend as it was an outstanding example of the quality this school can produce when students, staff, members of organisations within our community and parents work together. This collaborative effort produced three shows packed with entertaining singing, graceful dancing and convincing acting. It was definitely a showcase of the talented students and staff we have at this school. Well done to all the cast, back stage crew, and the sound and lighting crew - you were outstanding. Congratulations also go to our musical production team, Belinda Arnold, Robyn Kent, Sharon Kidman, Helen Coulton, George Shuter, Mike Jeffs, Jessie Tallon, Rhonda Cutmore, Lisa Crosbie, Terri Hartung, and Tim White [Year 12] for their creativity, energy and guidance of our actors, singers and dancers. Your skills are so appreciated.

Year 10 subject selection for 2016:
As indicated in the previous newsletter Year 10 students have begun the process of developing their Senior Education and Training Plan, deciding their pathway beyond Year 10 and thinking about their subject choices. This is a four part process which includes participation in a preparation program called SET P lessons, attendance and participation in the subject selection evening, discussion with and guidance from parents, and finally, engagement in a Senior Education and Training Plan interview. This is a life-influencing decision which must be given a high priority by the school, students and family, therefore attendance at the Year 10 into 11 subject selection evening is expected of all students and parents. The evening will be held on Tuesday, July 21. Participation in the evening by all students and parents is critical to ensuring students make good decisions about their future with the support of their parents.

Bring your own device (BYOD):
We have been working towards the implementation of a ‘bring your own computer’ or ICT device program since 2013. 2014 was a year of investigation and discussion of what was possible and this is a year of planning, trialling and communicating. 2016 will be the year of implementation. Next semester we will begin a limited trial of BYOD with some junior school classes but we also intend to keep you informed of the proposed BYOD program through an ongoing BYOD newsletter which will be emailed to all families. Please look out for this so you can be prepared for the 2016 implementation.
Winter uniform: pants and jumpers:

With the colder weather upon us our winter uniform is being worn more often by students. Our uniform expectations are met by most students most of the time but winter is a time when there tends to be a greater level of variation from the correct uniform. The areas of greatest variation are jumpers and pants. The school jumper is plain black with no writing or motifs and in 2016 the only acceptable jumper will be the one bearing the school name and logo. Pants must be either plain black track suit pants worn with the polo shirt only or, plain black tailored pants worn with the formal shirt. Jeans or cargo pants or any other variation are not part of our school uniform. I ask for your assistance to ensure students meet our winter uniform expectations. Please visit our full uniform guideline document to assist you.

Queensland Certificate of Attainment [QCE]:

I have asked our teachers and Year 11 and 12 students to make a strong effort towards ensuring that all of our students are on track to gain a QCE by the end of semester one. For some students in Authority and Authority Registered Subjects this may mean making that extra effort to achieve a ‘C’ result. For students completing a vocational qualification this may mean ensuring that all competencies have been completed and re-sitting those competencies that were not achieved in the first attempt. To do this, students need to work closely and co-operatively with their teachers and ensure they are focused on what they need to do to achieve the qualification. I urge you as parents to get involved in this push for students to attain a QCE. To assist you in any conversation you are likely to have with your student I have provided the following link to a brochure on QCE’s below.


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

Ross Robertson
PRINCIPAL
North High P&C News

The P&C are an important part of the school, both now and moving forward, contributing to the future of the school.

The current committee members of Mark McKean—President, Matthew Batchelor—Vice President, Julie Schulte—Secretary and Susan Ide—Treasurer are looking forward to working cooperatively with the school administration to enhance the relationship within the school.

Mrs Susan Ide has been our long serving Treasurer and would like to experience a rest with no longer having children attending North High. We are looking for a volunteer to take on this important position. Should you be interested, please do not hesitate to contact the school or come along to the P&C meetings.

The P&C are currently endorsing innovative and existing programs within the school including the ‘My Big Picture Plan’ Student Led Conferences and the formal Uniform Policy enhancing the image of the school as forward thinking and progressive.

But we also need your help. We would love to see some new faces attend our monthly meetings currently held in G block conference room (look for Art near the main entrance - you will be there).

The next P&C meeting is on Thursday 04 June 2015 commencing at 5.00pm.

We are also in need of volunteers for the tuckshop. If you are able to volunteer your time just one day a month, more if possible, we would love to hear from you. The school tuckshop is a major fundraiser for the P&C. Please contact the school and I am sure they will be more than happy to forward details to the tuckshop staff or place you in direct contact.

Come along to a P&C meeting and learn what the P&C does for the school and how it assists the school.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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A BIG THANK YOU!

Thank you to our school community for supporting our movie night fundraiser on May 13th, “Pitch Perfect 2”. All 200 tickets sold out quickly and it was great to see so many parents, students and past North High students attend this fun evening. This event enabled us to raise $1000 for one of our school teams competing in Relay for Life on 15th August.

A very special “shout out” to the Year 12 Relay for Life students who helped organise this event. I’m sure all who attended will agree that it was a great night.

With thanks
Keri Jensen & Relay for Life Team Members

(Left) Tiffany Lovett, Hayden Johnston and Sarah Dray are pictured hiding vouchers under seats prior to the movie starting.

(Below left) Cooper Habermann, Nick See and Jess Mann selling raffle tickets to movie goers.

(Right) Amanda Brocklehurst and Lachlan Jensen welcome and thank our audience for attending.
Office news

When you telephone our school, we would like to manage your enquiry as quickly and efficiently as possible. To assist us in doing this we have introduced a new telephone system which will direct your call to the most appropriate place. When prompted, please select (1) to inform us of a student absence, (2) to make a payment or to ask a question about finance, (3) for all other enquiries.

Lost property

If you have lost a jumper, or any other clothing, please go to Reprographics to collect your lost property. Any items unclaimed at the end of the term will be donated to charity.

Geography excursion - Paradise Dam

On Thursday, 14th May, the Year 12 Geography class went on a field-trip to explore Paradise Dam as part of their Managing Catchment unit this term. Despite the long drive to and from the dam, the students enjoyed their day. The highlight included a tour from the Ranger/Caretaker at the dam and fossicking through the old gold mine rubble. A few students were lucky enough to find some specs of gold. Students now use their primary data collected to complete their report assessment.

Geography teacher - Teressa Gibson

Year 12 Geography Class
In 2015 we will commence the trial in our school of BYOD - Bring Your Own Device. As a school we will be working towards total digital integration in all curriculum areas by the commencement of 2016. Trial classes are asked to bring along their own device to use as a tool in the classroom.

We are attempting to make this process as smooth as possible for families by not mandating a particular device but letting parents know what our minimum requirements are for a device and asking that you choose which device best suits your student.

**Student’s Responsibility**

It will be the student’s responsibility to;

- Bring the device to school fully charged
- Know how to use the device
- Use the device responsibly in the classroom
- Access the school internet
- Fix the device if broken
- Have insurance or breakage cover for the device.

Students will require the device every lesson of every day and will be required to submit assignments, classwork, homework etc via the internet.
### Minimum /Recommended Specifications

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Year 12 Physical Education excursion

In week 4 of this term 24 Year 12 Physical Education students travelled to Brisbane as part of their senior physical education course to extend their knowledge on training program design and exercise physiology.

The trip consisted of the following three components

1. Attend a Broncos training session
2. Tour of Suncorp Stadium (old Lang Park)
3. Visit the University of Queensland to undertake some laboratory testing to examine the body’s physiological responses to exercise

The trip started early in the day as students had to be at school by 3.45am. Most were still half aslepp but keen to get the bus rolling.

The first stop was the Broncos League Club at Red Hill to view a training session. Most students were impressed with the speed and intensity at which the players trained. However the highlight was when some of the Broncos players came to speak with the students at the completion of the session. Sam Thaiday, Anthony Milford, and Darius Boyd among others were generous with their time and were happy to sign autographs and have photos taken with students. Wally Lewis was also there as a commentator and also was willing to sign a couple of autographs and have his photo taken much to the delight of some of the avid footy fans.

The next stop was Suncorp Stadium, where our tour guide Ross was very informative by giving a history lesson of the stadium from its inception until now. The tour included access to the Members section, the corporate boxes, commentating area and dressing rooms. Students were physically able to see the facilities that are utilised for the television coverage. The statues of Wally Lewis, Darren Lockyer, Mal Meninga and Artie Beetson were used for numerous photo opportunities.

From Suncorp stadium it was off to the University of Queensland where we attended the Centre for Physical Activity and Sport Education. Selected students underwent scientific testing for their VO$_2$ max and anaerobic power testing. These test procedures and results will help students understand this term’s work and aid in their assessment for later in the term. All students tested, rated in the good to excellent category for their age group. Owen Puccini demonstrated (on the treadmill) the speed at which an elite marathon runner travels when doing the 42Km race. The speed is about 21km/h which seemed to have Owen ‘sprinting’ and only able to last about a minute.

Once completed it was back on the bus for the 5 hour drive back to Bundaberg. All students seemed to enjoy the trip and I would like to say that their attitude and behaviour was of a high standard throughout the day. Thanks to pre-service teacher Mr Lindsay for his added supervision on the day.

Keith Whalley
(Yr. 12 Physical Education Teacher)
ROWING – SECOND REGATTA

Sunday, 17th May saw the North High rowers participate in their second lead-up Regatta. With the extra training and experience under their belts (or maybe it was the new uniforms), the rowers definitely showed improvements. The outstanding results on the day included:

1st – Thomas Walker, Nathan Richardson, Ben Maddy & Georgia Haupt in the Yr 8 Boys Quad
2nd – Lachlan Jensen & Jake Thomson in Open Boys Double
2nd – Jemima Pacey, Jessica Laven, Simran Prasad & Alice Wake in the Yr 7 Girls Quad
2nd – Luke Laven & William Robertson in the Year 10 Boys Double
3rd – Jake Thompson in the U/17 Boys Single
3rd – Thomas Walker & Georgia Haupt in the Yr 8 Boys Double
3rd – Georgia Haupt, Lara Benecke, Simran Prasad & Jessica Laven in the Yr 8 Girls Quad
3rd – Connor Clancy in the U/16 Boys Single
3rd – Simran Prasad & Alice Wake in the Yr 7 Girls Double

Well done to our new rowers, who made it down the course in a straight line and past the finish line in their boats. The major Head of the River Regatta is on the 14th June. Again huge THANK-YOU to all the parents and coaches that helped out - couldn’t do it without you.

Coordinator/Coach Mrs Teressa Gibson
PRIMARY SCHOOL TRANSITION VISITS

Last week, the Junior Year Level Coordinator Team along with a handful of selected Year 10 & 11 Student Ambassadors participated in Term 2’s, Transition Program. This term, the program consisted of a YLC and four Ambassadors visiting a North High feeder school. Schools included, Yandaran, Avondale, Oakwood, Gooburrum, Sharon, West, Moore Park and South Kolan. During the visit, the Transition Team promoted North High’s RAS program with the Year 5s & 6s participating in sample RAS activities including, domino fall, speed dating and team building fun. All schools provided a positive response about the visit and loved seeing some of their previous students return and help with the Transition Program. We look forward to visiting again in Term 3.

Year 5 & 6 Avondale students participating in Domino Falls

Year 5 & 6 Oakwood students participating in team-building fun
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF!

As Marcel Proust, a late 19th Century novelist wrote: “the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but having new eyes”. Volunteer to host an international high school student arriving into Australia in July 2015 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for one term, one semester or two semesters from France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Spain, Sweden, Norway, Finland, and Denmark. They will attend a local High School, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive health insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. To enquire about becoming a volunteer host family visit us at www.scce.com.au email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles and capture the spirit of family and friendship.