Principal’s Report…

Welcome to our first newsletter for this term which again highlights the extensive learning opportunities provided by North High. In this article I want to concentrate on; Winter vacation opportunities, academic successes, academic target setting, My Big Picture Plan: Student Led Conferences, Year 10 Pre Senior Subjects and uniform.

Winter vacation opportunities:
Thank you and congratulations to Leigh Moroney and Tracy Hall for their leadership, organization and time invested in running another successful Year 10 Media Trip with the destination this year being Sydney. The learning experiences provided to the students were perhaps once-in-a-lifetime events for them.

Academic success:
Congratulations to our Year 7 and 12 students who have achieved great results during semester one. 85% of students have attained “C” or better in 75% of the subjects studied by Year 7 and 12 Subject students. Well done, this is a strong academic performance. A further congratulations to our Year 12 students, 84% of whom are on track to attain a QCE, with another 14% of students requiring just a small amount of extra effort to gain a QCE.

Target setting:
In 2014 our school commenced a practice of academic target setting where students, in discussion with their teachers, set academic target for themselves to aim for in the semester ahead. All students and staff in all subjects across the school are nearing the completion of this activity for semester two. Students identify a target result and also give consideration to their strengths and weaknesses based on their previous performance and how they might maintain or strengthen these. Once these targets have been set they are then collated by teachers for their class and then reported to their Head of Department as a class academic target for discussion and review at the end of the semester. Throughout the semester both teacher and student keep track of the students’ progress after the completion of each piece of assessment. We have found this process to have a positive impact on all student’s academic performance with both motivation levels and knowing what is required to improve increasing. We have also found that when parents are aware of these targets and discuss them with their students, this also increases the effectiveness of this program. I encourage you to discuss this with your student.

My Big Picture Plan: Student Led Conferences:
On Thursday, July 28 we will hold our final round of Student Led Conferences for 2016 and we are expecting to improve the numbers of parents and students participating from 50% to 75%. This concept which was introduced in 2015, is new to North High and it is a concept that has been implemented across the world and is often referred to as student self-reported grades. It has been found by educational researchers to have a significant impact on improving student academic performance. The majority of parents have reported in their feedback about Student Led
Conferences that they have been a positive and motivating experience for their student. All of our RAS teachers in the first three weeks of this term are working with students in preparation for the upcoming conferences, reflecting on their semester one performance and their progress towards their education and career goals, developing and recording a plan of action for semester two. Our booking system PTO, was opened this week and we are steadily receiving bookings. For more details on this system and how to book please refer to the letter sent home with your student. I look forward to your participation in the Student Led Conferences so that together we can get the best outcomes for your student.

**Year 10 Pre-Senior subjects**

Congratulations to our Year 10 students who make history in our school this semester as the first group of students to participate in our Pre-Senior Curriculum program. These students in semester one chose subjects to study in semester two that are similar to senior school subjects that they are interested in studying in Year 11 and 12. This gives students the opportunity to “try before they buy” to work our whether their chosen subjects are for them, before they fully commit in Year 11 and 12. In a sense, it is an extended subject selection process with students getting a real feel for the subject by actually studying it. We envisage that the Pre Senior Curriculum along with the Senior Education and Training Plan program, Subject Selection Information Evening and the Senior Education and Training Interviews all scheduled for this term, will result in students making good choices and being better prepared for the rigours of senior school study. I wish our Year 10 students well in their new subjects and their decision making. I also hope to see all Year 10 parents at our Year 10 into 11 Senior Subject Selection Information Evening later in this term.

**Uniform:**

Bundaberg North State High School is a uniform school that has a school uniform supported by our P&C. In general almost 95% or more of our students meet our uniform requirements and I thank you, our parents for your support of this. In the circumstances where students do not meet our uniform standards we aim for co-operation rather than conflict with students and families to meet this expectation. I seek your assistance in working with the school to ensure that all of our students are meeting our uniform requirements including jumpers, socks and shoes. To view our uniform policy, please click the link – Uniform policy.

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.

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**Ross Robertson**

Principal

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**2016 Early School Leavers survey**

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 during 2015. The Early School Leavers survey is a short, confidential survey that collects information about what young people are doing the year after leaving school. The information from the survey helps our schools to understand the pathways young people follow after leaving school and to plan services to support transitions into study or employment for our students.

Between July and August 2016, our students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 last year, can expect to receive an invitation to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office to complete the survey. Please encourage early school leavers to take part.

For more information, visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.
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Nationally Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Dear parents/carers,

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.

All Australian schools participate in this annual data collection.

The data provided to the Australian Government is aggregated data only. Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:


Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

School Principal
Senior News

Pre Senior subjects have begun.

All Year 10 students have now commenced the Pre Senior subjects that they will continue in for the remainder of semester 2. Classrooms are abuzz as these student set out on a new journey to explore what senior schooling will be like.

Year 10 Subject Selection Information Evening

Tuesday, 16th August is our Subject Selection Information Evening. Our Subject Selection Information Evening is a compulsory event for all students in year 10 at North Bundaberg State High School. The Subject Selection Information Evening is divided into static displays, tours and presentations to make the evening as interactive as possible, and to ensure that students get a complete understanding of the subjects on offer and how these will contribute to their life after high school. The information sessions that will take place include; static information displays in the hall for all subject areas, guided tours of specific subject facilities, a Vocational Studies Information Talk and an Overall Position Information Talk. More information about Subject Selection Information Evening will be sent out over the coming week.

Student Led Conferences – 28th July

This week our Year 12 students spent individual time with their RAS teachers to prepare for their Student Led Conferences, and our Year 11 and 10 students will complete their preparation over the next two weeks. Student Led Conferences are part of our school culture and focus on using the relationship between student, parents to fulfil our vision of; Outstanding Learners, Outstanding Achievements, Outstanding Futures. Student Led Conferences focus on the student sharing their work and achievements so far this year and provides opportunities for students to develop confidence and ownership for their individual future goals. We look forward to sharing in your students successes at their conference and strengthening the relationship between school and home. You are able to book your conference time online now.

Maths tutoring

Tutoring will take place Tuesday afternoons after school until 4pm in C3.

“ATHLETICS – The Inter-school District athletics carnival will be held 25th, 26th July at the Bundaberg Athletics Club. Students who placed 1st & 2nd will be required to compete. We will also be needing extra runners for the relay teams. Parents are welcome to attend. There will be a free bus to and from the venue both days. Permission forms will be sent home to be signed by the end of the week. Results of our Inter-House carnival will be presented after My Big Picture Plan- Student Led Conferences.”
CENTRAL QUEENSLAND REGATTA

On the first weekend of the June/July holidays eight of North High’s rowers competed at the Central Queensland Regatta. Alice Wake made it into the final for her single skull and placed a very close 2nd overall, scoring North’s only medal. Most rowers made it through the heats, semi and into the finals. All rowers performed extremely well and the effort displayed by all was commendable. This was a great experience for the North rowers as there were competitors from all over the state. Well done to all of the North team!

Students Who Competed:
Kerrod Box, Thomas Walker, Nathan Richardson, Ethan Kruger, Alice Wake, Jess Laven, Jamima Stephenson, Georgia Haupt

Alice Wake in her single

Year 9 Quad, Nathan Richardson, Kerrod Box, Georgia Haupt, Thomas Walker & Ethan Kruger (Cox)

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**Year 6 into Year 7 Information Evening**

Date: 28th July 2016
Where: North High School Hall
Time: 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Presenters:
- Ross Robertson – Principal
- Michelle Pole - Deputy Principal, Junior School

Topics:
- Academic Success in Year 7
- School expectations: attendance, behaviour, uniform etc
- Transition and orientation process
- School routines
- Enrolment procedures
6pm Friday 29 July
@ School Hall, Bundaberg North State High School

Major Prize! Lucky Door Prize!
50 Continuous Raffle Prizes!

Mexican food!
Soft drinks, tea & coffee available

BOOKINGS:

Tickets @ the door:
• Pay $10 on the night at the door

Booking a table in advance:
• Email principal@bundnortshs.eq.edu.au or
• Call 4130 0222
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

The Avoca Family Cent Sale will be held at the Bundaberg RSL on Saturday July 30th at 1pm. Entry will be $5.00 and includes afternoon tea. There will be plenty of prizes, jackpots, whip arounds and raffles. Come along for a fun afternoon. For bookings please phone Naomi on 0401 947 757 or email: teshah24@gmail.com

Youth Engagement Sub Committee
Are you aged 12 to 25? headspace Bundaberg wants to hear from you.
We support young people going through a tough time or just needing some additional support.
We are looking for You to help us plan events, provide advice and promote headspace to other young people.

MEETINGS fortnightly outside school hours (contact us for details)
Youth Committee Members have the opportunity to:
ument, feedback
Create ideas
 Represent headspace at events
 Develop new skills
 Make new friends
 Gain professional experience
...and have some fun....

Are YOU interested in getting involved?
CONTACT US NOW: Call Tricia on 0439 720 855 or email headspacebundaberg@headspace.org.au to express your interest.
Free singing workshops for high school students

If you have always dreamed of taking centre stage don’t miss this opportunity for free coaching from Opera Queensland artists and the chance to perform in front of an appreciative audience as part of the Childers Festival.

The Open Stage workshops are a unique opportunity for high school students with an interest in singing to work with some of the state’s most talented artists from OperaQ.

Workshop participants will also have the opportunity to perform in Childers Festival events including Opera by The Lake at Lake Redbrook Holiday Retreat and a Festival Day performance in the Isis Cultural Centre alongside OperaQ artists.

Special student workshops will be offered on July 26, 27, 28 and 29. Speak to your school music teacher about registering.

For more information head to childersfestival.com.au or call Bundaberg Regional Council’s event team on 1300 883 699.

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Free Pizza

With 2014 Young Australian of the Year Finalist – Nicole Gibson

Learn to master yourself – We are inviting young people to come and share some food, and explore the themes of identity and belief systems. Learn how to change your self talk, reverse negative thinking, and have healthier relationships.

**When:** Tuesday 6 September

**Time:** 4.30pm to 7.00pm

**RSVP:** UnitingCare Community on 4153 8400

(Limited places - bookings essential)

**Where:** 3a River Terrace, Bundaberg

**Cost:** FREE

_in conjunction with Bundaberg Regional Youth_