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 the Quadrennial School Review and Strategic Plan Development, Queensland Certificate of Education [QCE] attainment, Gillian Colasimone’s retirement and farewell and our proposal to become an Independent Public School.

Quadrennial School Review and Strategic Plan Development – Thursday, September 1 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Last newsletter I provided information and an invitation to parents to participate in the School’s Quadrennial School Review and 2016 to 2020 Strategic Plan development process. The first step in this process was a major consultation meeting which was planned for Thursday, August 25. This has now been postponed to Thursday, September 1st 3.30pm to 5.30pm. This meeting will examine what we have achieved from our last 2013 to 2016 Plan, discuss what we have not achieved, consider how the school will prepare students for the future and give some broad general directions for the school from now until 2020. We want to hear more than my voice or the voices of our staff in this discussion of our future, we want to hear your voice, the voice of parents and students, and the voice of our community. So it is still possible to be part of this very important discussion. We would be pleased to have you join us, so we can shape the future of the school together. If you wish to attend this meeting please contact the school office to register your attendance by Tuesday, August 30.

To give you some idea of the future we need to plan for and the importance of your participation in this meeting, the following link provides access to an ABC Television, Four Corners program called, “Future Proof”. This program examines the impact of automation on the future of employment and its implications for our society and education.

http://www.abc.net.au/4corners/stories/2016/07/04/4491818.htm

Queensland Certificate of Education [QCE] attainment

In 2015, 94% of our Year 12 students achieved a QCE, which was an outstanding outcome and a significant improvement on previous QCE outcomes. Our goal in 2016 is to reach or exceed this benchmark and as a result of this desire, our efforts to attain this target are relentless. Evidence of this effort are the strategies the school has in place to support our student’s attainment of a QCE. These include monitoring of student’s progress towards a QCE; identification, intervention and support for students at risk of not gaining a QCE; academic target setting; and whole of subject performance monitoring by our Heads of Department. Our students will need as much support as possible to reach our goal of matching or exceeding our 2015 performance and I ask Year 12 parents to continue to play a role in this support. You can assist by discussing with your student their academic targets for the semester, skills they need to maintain or improve, their progress towards those targets and ensuring regular school attendance. All of us working together, teacher, student and parent will help to ensure the best outcomes for your student.
Farewell to Gillian Colasimone

On Friday, August 19 we formally farewelled Gillian from Bundaberg North State High School. Gillian has provided 34 years of service to the Bundaberg North State High School community as a teacher and Head of Department. Gillian, throughout her years of service maintained a dedicated and strong commitment to the school, students, parents and staff, always working hard at being the best she could be. Gillian’s contribution to this school will be long lasting and will always be remembered. I wish her health and happiness as she moves into the next phase of her life, and thank her for all that she has done for this school. Good luck and best wishes Gillian.

Independent Public School proposal

In addition to our Quadrennial School Review and Strategic Plan Development, the school is considering whether to become an Independent Public School in 2017. An Independent Public School is a high potential school, performing above like schools with the capacity to be already or to be engaging in innovative practice that can lead to system wide change and improvement. In order to innovate and try new ways of working. Independent Public Schools are given additional support through advice, direct access to central office, a start-up grant and operational flexibility that includes human, physical and financial resource management while still being fully accountable to its community and Education Queensland. For more detail please read the Independent Public Schools Policy Framework by using the link.

This proposal is part of a collaborative decision by the Bundaberg State High School, Kepnock State High School and Bundaberg North State High School, to all apply at the same time due to our close and ongoing collaboration on a number of key projects, aimed at improving the outcomes of all students who attend our schools. Jointly we see the benefits of becoming an Independent Public School’s Alliance as being an opportunity to:

- Further build upon the collaboration and innovation the Bundaberg public high schools are already getting the benefits from eg. Jobs Education and Training JETS (2006), Bundaberg Regional Youth Hub BRYH (2011) supported by the Collaboration and Innovation Fund CIF (2015), Indigenous Graduation (2011), Success Schools Literacy and Numeracy Improvement Program [2014].
- Provide greater flexibility and autonomy in decision making; school can be more responsive and open to the wider range of possibilities in the broader community.
- Enable increased innovation and stronger partnerships with community.
- Further tailoring of local school programs to meet the needs of our community.
- Increase the positive perception of public schooling in the Bundaberg community: ‘The Bundaberg Independent Public Schools Alliance’
- Have the flexibility to support innovation in terms of the management of human, physical and financial resources.
- Have support from Central Office for innovation that includes advisors, access to professional learning, a $50,000 start-up grant and direct access to the Strategic Infrastructure Branch for any ‘facilities’ needs.

I strongly feel that if our school is going to continue to improve and provide the best learning environment and outcomes for your students we need to continue to innovate in collaboration with the other public high schools in Bundaberg.

Discussion of this proposal will continue at our next P&C meeting and at a public meeting to be held at Bundaberg North State High School early in term 4. This event will be advertised shortly. Please look out for the details and join us to discuss this proposal.

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

Ross Robertson
Principal
School Uniform Supplier

Following a tender process, Lowes have been awarded the contract to be the sole supplier of North Bundaberg High school uniforms for the next three years. The Lowes store is located at Sugarland shoppingtown, and they are currently restocking their store with school uniforms. Along with the sale of the school uniforms, Lowes will also provide the following:

- Layby facilities
- Discount vouchers that will be available in the near future from the school
- A shopping night for the North High school community where further discounts will be available.
- Online ordering
- 5% discount on “Zero Card” – cardholders receive 5% discount on purchases.

The school will also receive further assistance from Lowes including the provision of work experience placements and other benefits to the school.

Presentation Night

Please put in your calendar our annual Presentation Parade and Presentation Night on Tuesday, 18th October. We will be holding a special Presentation Parade at 8:50am – 10:00am for a selection of Awards and our Annual Presentation Night will be held at 7:00pm for students winning major awards, top of subject awards and academic, service, cultural and sporting awards.

An awards committee will be meeting shortly to determine Award winners. Students will be notified if they will be receiving an award early in Term 4.

We wish all students the best in continually striving to gain outstanding results.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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Explore University with QUT
Imagine having the opportunity to glimpse into the future. That is what 16 very lucky Year 11 students were able to do on the ExploreUni excursion to QUT. Students were given the chance to ‘taste-test’ different degrees from the creative industries, health, law, education, business, and science faculties over 3 different QUT campuses around Brisbane. They were also able to rub-shoulders with current and recently graduated students to hear about their journey from school to university and beyond.

Mrs Rogers

Subject Selection Evening goes well

On Tuesday, 16th August we conducted our Year 10 Subject Selection Evening for the Year 11, 2017 students. Thank you to the many parents and students who attended. We hope we were able to answer questions and provide valuable information in order to support your son/daughter in their decision making for 2017.

A big thank you to the staff and students who assisted in setting up displays, conducting tours and giving presentations and helping with the organisation. We would also like to thank the many outside providers who attended to provide further options for students. Thank you to CQ University, EPIC, MRAEL, East Coast TAFE, Busy @ Work, Blueprint Training, Emerald Agricultural College and MEGT.
SETP Interviews for Year 10 students

SETP Interviews are held each year for Year 10 students returning in Year 11 at North High. All students along with their parent/s meet with their SETP teacher to discuss subject selections for 2017 and complete their SET Plan on line. It is essential that all Year 10 students attend an interview.

This year the interviews with your students SETP teacher will be scheduled between Thursday 8th September and Friday 16th September, 8am to 5pm. Each SETP teacher has been allocated specific time slots and we ask that students try to make their interview with their SETP teacher at the available timeslots. We will try very hard to find a time slot that suits your family. Interviews will take approximately 30 minutes and will take place in the school administration building.

We will use the PTO online system for bookings, as we have in the past. Please see the link to PTO on our website to book or contact Trish in the school office on 4130 0222 for help. A letter will be sent home with all Year 10 students on Tuesday 30th August with instructions on how to book and will contain your students EQID number which you will need to make the booking. Online bookings will close 3pm, 7th September.

QCS EXAMS

On Tuesday, 30th and 31st August our OP eligible Year 12 students sit the QCS exams. We wish them all the best as they have been working hard throughout the year to prepare for the 2 day of testing.

Student’s not sitting the QCS exam are required to attend school as normal. They will be doing normal classes plus being involved in several presentations that have been especially organised for them to help the transition process in leaving school next year.

NORTH HIGH INSTRUMENTAL STUDENTS PERFORM AS PART OF MOORE PARK FESTIVAL

On Friday 12th August, 19 talented musicians from North High travelled down to Moore Park for the morning to perform alongside South Kolan and Kalkie drum bands and Moore Park instrumental and choir students at the opening day of the Moore Park Festival.

North High collaboratively performed with Moore Park Instrumental students, and also performed some pieces separately. It was a very entertaining morning and the students performed extremely well.
Girls in Trades Day

On Friday, 19th August 2016 the State Schools Girls in Trades Day; an initiative of the CIF Bundaberg Regional State High Schools Careers Project, in conjunction with TAFE Queensland East Coast, was held. The trade day enabled the girls to step out of their comfort zones and get their hands dirty on the not-so-normal jobs for girls. This opportunity enabled the girls to try first-hand a selection of different trades that they would like to find out more about, and explore further by jumping in and having a go.

The options they had to choose from were automotive, electrical, carpentry, engineering – fitting & turning & boiler making. It was a great opportunity for the girls to explore alternate pathways and opportunities available to them and open their eyes to the fact that girls can successfully do these trades. The girls also listened to guest speakers from Sugar Services, Bundaberg Fire Station, Score Group, BMA & East Coast Apprenticeships on their experiences and information as females in these career areas. The girls left feeling inspired and with a new found understanding that girls can do what the boys do and that there are great opportunities out there for them.

Student Services has a significant amount of lost property which has been handed in over the term. Any items which remain uncollected by the end of term 3 will be donated to charity. Please ask your student to go to Student Services in G Block to check if there is any item belonging to them.
ELLIOTT HEADS SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB Inc.
PO Box 627, Bundaberg, Qld. 4670
Phone: (07) 41550110
Email: chsle@chsle.net.au
Web: www.chsle.net.au

2016 - 17 Season
Sign On Day!

Where:  Elliott Heads Surf Life Saving Club House
When:  Sunday 28th August 2016
        9.00am to 11.00am
Bring  Indentation required:
        Birth Certificate
        Drivers License (adults)
        Togs, towel, sunscreen, googles and smile
Cost  $30 per green cap
      $100 per person
      $300 per Family
Season Start Date:
        Sunday 18th September at 9.00am
Come and Try Days:
        18th, 25th September or 2nd October 2016
Pool proficiency:  Sunday 11th September 11.30 to 1pm
        Bundaberg Swim Academy- Fitzgerald Street
Contact: Ruth Royan- rroya2@eq.edu.au
### School Holiday Program

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### Learn to Master Yourself

**With 2014 Young Australian of the Year—Nicole Gibson**

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, 6th September 2016  
**Time:** 4.30pm—7.00pm  
**Contact:** UnitingCare Community on 4153 8400  
**Where:** 3a River Terrace Bundaberg  
**Cost:** Free including free pizza  

Combined initiative with the Bundaberg Regional Council
WHAT ARE SCHOOL TO WORK PROGRAMS?

- Programs are implemented, supported and fully managed by Department of Education and Training (DET)
- Designed for Year 12 students wanting to transition into the workforce after school
- Used as a preferred recruitment model for Industry

BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS

- 20 days real work experience with real employers
- Gain a nationally recognised qualification
- Opportunity to gain up to 6 QCE credits
- Gain essential employability skills with a committed and genuine employer
- Potentially the best job interview a student can have!

BENEFITS FOR EMPLOYERS

- Creates a future recruitment pool of entry level workers
- Reduces ongoing recruitment and training costs
- Addresses the ageing profile of the workforce
- Creates linkages between employers, schools and local communities by establishing schools as local recruitment hubs
- Establishes employers as an “employer of choice” in their local community

HOW DO THE PROGRAMS WORK?

- The programs run over the full Year 12 school year
- School Timetable impact – 1 day per week
- Students apply and participate in the programs as part of a merit based process

STUDENTS HAVE A CHOICE OF 2 PROGRAMS

AllevE8

- Students undertake a Certificate II in Health Support
- 20 days of structured work placement within the fastest growing Industry in Australia – Health

GenR8

- Students undertake a Certificate II in Logistics
- 20 days of structured work placement within the Transport, Warehousing and Logistics industry

GenR8 is an award winning school to work transition program fully supported by the Queensland Trucking Association and the Supply Chain & Logistics Association of Queensland.

BENEFITS FOR SCHOOLS

- Placements are managed by DET
- Provides training and employment opportunities for students
- Keeps students motivated and engaged at school
- Improves student retention rates
- Develop links with industry and community

WANT TO KNOW MORE INFORMATION?

- Attend an Information session near you soon
- Please contact a North Coast Region School to Work Client Services Officer by:
  - Phoning 1300 369 935
  - Emailing ncoasttraining@det.qld.gov.au

Mark Street, Bundaberg Q 4670    Phone (07) 41300222    Fax (07) 41525213    principal@bundnortshs.eq.edu.au    www.bundnortshs.eq.edu.au
YOU’RE INVITED
Bundaberg Information Night

**WHO**
Current Year 11 Students and their Families

**WHAT**
Year 12 Transition Programs for next year
- GenR8 - Transport, Logistics and Warehousing industry
- AllevE8 - Health industry

- 20 days work experience within a real workplace
- gain essential employability skills
- opportunity to gain up to 6 QCE points
- obtain a nationally recognised Cert II qualification

**WHEN**
Monday 5th September 2016
5:45pm - 7:30pm

**WHERE**
Kepnock State High School - Library
Kepnock Rd, Kepnock
Light refreshments will be provided

**RSVP**
Wednesday 31st August 2016
Please RSVP at: [https://www.ivvy.com/event/4W4HMH/](https://www.ivvy.com/event/4W4HMH/)

**WANT TO KNOW MORE INFORMATION?**
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