Dear Parents and Friends,

There is so much excitement in our college this year as we continue to move toward our established vision. I have received many positive comments about all that has happened this year and there is a lot of confidence for the future. We were great as separate schools but as a combined college there is really no limit on what we can do and achieve.

Last week we held a “Twilight” session where staff, students and community members worked together on the first steps to what we have called our 2020 Vision. That is outlining what our school will be like in the year 2020.

It is great to have the college vision that was developed in 2015 but we need to look at the ways to enact that to make sure that things are happening as desired and we just don’t sit on that vision and think it will happen without all the work needed.

We have visited a number of schools over the last 18 months to see what schools interstate are doing to be the leaders in education. Some we have visited include Templestowe College in Victoria and Birdwood High in South Australia. I would encourage everybody to check the websites for those schools and start thinking about what our school may be like in the future. We would not be doing all that those schools are doing but we can see the best things that they do and copy / modify from there.

It is essential that we involve everybody as much as possible as we move to our college’s future. The essential component for our College forging ahead into the future is that all stakeholders take an active role in development. For whilst our progress necessitates administrative direction, widespread agreement from everyone is a must. I want to mention this week our first success as a College. Jacob Claffey, one of our school captains, won the lions Youth of the Year completion last week for the Palmwoods Lion’s Club. He was competing against students from other local schools. He now goes to the next stage of competition competing against a wider group of young people and we wish him well.

This is the start of much success we will be seeing as we continue along our well-developed future pathways.

If you have any questions at any time please feel free to call me on 5450 4122 or email me on wtroy1@eq.edu.au.

Wayne Troyahn

College Principal Dr Wayne Troyahn

Previous issues of the school Newsletter can be found on the school website - go to www.namboursc.eq.edu.au and go the ‘Newsletter’ link under ‘Calendar and News’.

If you no longer wish to receive this Newsletter - your child may have left the school - simply click on the ‘unsubscribe’ link on the cover email.

Congratulations to the 2016 School Captains:

Keira Bloomfield, Jacob Claffey, Emilie Orrell and Bonnie Searle

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS, CARERS AND VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

All parents, carers and visitors to the school must report firstly to the school Administration to sign in and to make an appointment to see the person they need to see.

Please do not go directly to staff rooms or class rooms under any circumstances.

These processes are in place to help protect students and ensure that the school remains a safe and secure environment.

Student Absentee Line: Report all absentees to 5450 4160

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FROM THE HEAD OF JUNIOR CAMPUS

After a very smooth start to the school year it has been wonderful to get into classrooms and begin to get to know the children on both a personal and academic level. Relationships and communication are the key to a successful school and these start in the classroom with individual teachers and their students.

It was also really pleasing to see the number of parents who took the opportunity to attend their child’s class information session. Thank you for taking the time to meet your child’s teacher and find out what is happening in the class for 2016. I am sure that you found the session informative and hopefully you are now a little more prepared for the year ahead.

Education is a partnership between the home and school, and open and honest communication is crucial to ensuring every success for your children.

Welcome

Over the past week we have welcomed a number of new students and their families to Nambour State College. It is with pleasure I extend a very warm welcome to these members of our school community and I trust you will find your time with us a very memorable and rewarding experience.

Child Safety - Recognise, React, Report

With the need to keep our children safe never more prevalent in the media, parents are asked to please reinforce with their children the need to recognise, react to and report any potential child safety issues which they may be exposed to when travelling to and from school and during weekends. The safety of our children is very important, and it is hoped that by ensuring that all children understand how to respond to being approached by a stranger that serious incidents may be avoided.

School Resource Scheme

Just a friendly reminder to parents that a requirement of your child’s participation in extra-curricular activities such as sport, instrumental music, excursions, school camps etc. is your participation and regular payments towards the Student Resource Scheme. Please see our friendly office staff if you have any questions or are unsure if you have completed the respective paperwork.

Attendance

Our attendance goal for 2016 is to have every child at school 95% of the school year to ensure their learning is maximised. Each week on our Monday morning assembly we recognise the Year level who has had the best attendance. For the past 3 weeks, this has been our Year 5 cohort. Congratulations to all students for your efforts and to parents for your support in ensuring your child is at school every day!

Emails

Our staff are very email friendly and emails can be a convenient way to avoid playing phone tag. If you send an email please...
allow up to 48 hours for it to be replied to. If you require a more urgent response than this please call the school office. Parents are asked to keep the tone of their emails light and friendly as this written communication can sometimes be misconstrued and end with very stressed teachers.

Investiture Ceremony
On Friday 11 March, the Nambour State College Investiture Ceremony will be held at Hungerford Hall commencing at 9:15am. This is a combined ceremony at which our Year 6 student leaders and Senior Campus leaders will receive their badges. All Year 6 students will be attending the ceremony along with students from across the Senior Campus. Members of our College community are invited to attend this very special celebration. Parents of our student leaders receiving a badge are invited to join us for morning tea following the ceremony.

Make every day count in 2016
Make 2016 the year when your child doesn’t miss a day of school. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school both academically and socially. If students aren’t at school or arrive late or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Check out the Every Day Counts videos live on DETE TV:
https://www.youtube.com/user/DETQueensland

If your child is going to be away from school please notify the school office on 5459 0333. Longer periods of absence must be discussed with your child’s teacher and the school office.

Student Celebrations
We have amazing children in our school achieving in their chosen interests at high levels. If your child has achieved something wonderful outside school please let us know either through the office, your child’s teacher or email info@namboursc.eq.edu.au.

We love to hear about what our children are doing!

Bec Hutton
Head of School (Junior)

“The Hub” Coffee Shop
Our Year 11 & 12 Hospitality students run a coffee shop throughout the week as a part of their hospitality training.

The students would like to thank everyone for the wonderful support these last few weeks from both staff and students.

Your support helps our hospitality students to gain the vital industry skills they need.

Coffee shop times this week and for the rest of term.

 Monday – lunch 2
 Tuesday – lunch 1
 Thursday – lunch 1
 Friday – lunch 2

Enjoy a range of hot and cold drinks. Lactose free option now available.

Watch this space for updates to our “Hub” Coffee Shop.

Kerrie Long
Home Economics/Hospitality Teacher

NAMBOUR STATE COLLEGE GUIDANCE COUNSELLORS

Our Nambour State College Guidance Counsellors are qualified, experienced teachers with postgraduate studies and a wealth of experience in Assessment, Career Guidance, Counselling and Psychology. They offer a private, confidential service to students, families and to staff.

Senior campus Guidance Counsellor, Jana Morrisova, can assist students and families with:

- Accelerated secondary and tertiary programs
- Advocacy, Assessment, Placement and Programs for students with exceptional circumstances
- Anger Management - alternatives to aggression
- Anxiety, Loneliness, Sadness, Relationships issues
- Assertiveness Training
- Career Guidance - Research, decision-making and goal-setting including career profiles; Life-Work plans
- Effective Personal/Pro-social Behaviour program facilitation, including Excellence, Stop-Think-Do, Rock & Water, and Drum Beat
- Financial / Accommodation / Homelessness support
- Grief & Loss Counselling / Trauma response
- Interstate and Special Education Enrolments
- Job Hunting Skills, including resumes, applications, interview skilling
- Liaison / Links / Referrals to and from external agencies / support services
- Motivation, Time Management, Study Skills, Exam Strategies
- Mediation & Conflict Resolution
- Mindfulness and stress management
- Overseas Exchange Programs
- Personal and Family Counselling
- Personal Safety Issues including Self and Other Harm, Suicide Ideation, Risk Assessment
- Special Consideration - advocacy & applications
- Staff Wellbeing / Rehabilitation
- Student Protection
- Stress Management & Healthy Lifestyle Programs
- Subject decision-making – abilities/ambition/ experiences/interests & strengths; changes
- Tertiary applications, information, programs & scholarships
- Trauma/Critical Incident Response
- Vocational Education and Training options
How to link with Jana?

Students and parents can contact the senior campus office on 54504111. Students will be issued with an appointment slip which is signed by their class teacher. In urgent circumstances, Jana can be contacted directly on 54504128, or use the referral procedures through the Positive Schooling HOD, Ms Amy Ferrington.

Parent Teacher Interviews

On Monday 7th March we will be holding our Parent Teacher Interviews.

From: 3.10 – 7pm
In Hungerford Hall
Reports have been emailed.

Regards
Jeff Tennant
Deputy Principal – Senior Campus
Nambour State College

Mother’s Day Stall Donations

With all the exciting activities that are happening around our campus we cannot forget the up and coming Mother’s Day stall that is held each year by our Junior Campus Tuck Shop ladies.

All the children love coming to the stall to buy their mums something special from them.

We are after donations that we can wrap up in pretty paper for your children to buy for special gifts on Mother’s Day.

There will be a box at each campus office. We appreciate your support and all monies go back to the school P&C towards projects that benefit your children.

For more information contact Nicky at the Junior Campus Tuckshop 54590321

Senior Campus Check-In System

This year students on the senior campus will be welcomed into their new Check-In groups each day from Monday to Thursday (Assembly is held on Friday). Form class has been discontinued due to feedback from students and staff. Check-in happens after Morning Tea and consists of approximately 18 students across Years 7-12 in House groups. Siblings are in the same Check-in group where possible.

The purpose of Check-in:

• Whole Brain Effective Learning
• Create sense of belonging for students
• Build individual relationships with students
• Provide holistic support for each student
• Provide opportunities for students to build relationships with students of all ages

This system is based on research and will help a large school feel small.

Regards
Jeff Tennant
Deputy Principal – Senior Campus

2016 Australian Geography Competition

The Australian Geography Competition will be run in early May this year but entries are closing soon.

The competition is open to students in Years 7 to 12 who have an interest in geographical features and processes.

In the 2015 competition eleven high distinctions were achieved by students from Nambour State College. They were Reece McIntosh, Jessica Latimer, Jessie Lanyon, Gary Aspinall, Alex Casey, Renee Richards, Emma Stanger, Jake Wilson, Ella Kay Butterworth, Rebecca Geddes and Benny Bailey.

Winners of this year’s competition may go on to represent Australia at the International Geography Olympiad in Serbia in early 2017.

Students wishing to participate in this year’s competition should register with Mr Murdoch in E4 staffroom.

Further details are available at www.geographycompetition.org.au

Dates – Upcoming Events: February 2016

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P & C, TUCKSHOP AND UNIFORM SHOP

P & C

NEXT MEETING:
The AGM for Nambour State College P & C will be held Wednesday 16 March 2016.

Election of office bearers will be held at this meeting for the new Nambour State College

P & C Association.
The Meeting will be held in the senior campus library at 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start.

Please pop in at 6.00pm to catch up, have a chat and a cuppa before proceedings.

We welcome all parents, carers and community members – old and new, and invite you to come along to one – or all – of our P & C meetings. Our meetings are relatively casual and give you the opportunity to speak with like-minded parents and to be involved with the direction that the P & C and the school takes into the coming year and beyond.

Thanks to those parents and interested community members who continue to take the time to attend our meetings. Without you, we would not be able to operate. Thanks to our committee who have worked so well together to accomplish what we have this last 12 months and we look forward to another interesting year.

Interim Nambour State College Committee for 2015-2016
President – Sue Walsh
Vice President – Sandi Smith
Vice President – Gabrielle Catalini
Secretary – Annette Reinhartd
Treasurer – Margaret Bradburn
P & Cs Qld rep – Margaret Bradburn

Our P & C continues to contribute to the school by way of operating the junior and senior school tuckshops and the uniform shops, and in providing funds to assist finance many of the projects that continue around the school. This year, the P & C will again provide the funding towards the school chaplaincy program, the PB (Personal Best) program, our school scholarship program and major awards for our Academic Awards Night. There are also major projects where the P & C will assist financially.

There are always important events happening in the school and the P & C are working with school administration staff to bring about the best outcomes for all involved.

We look forward to another successful year and the challenges that it will no doubt bring. The P & C continues to have a very good and healthy working relationship with the school, and it is through this partnership that we will continue to provide better resources and facilities for all our students.

The P & C welcomes all parents and carers to come along to our meetings. It is a good source of information, and new people and new ideas are always welcome.

Our meetings are held usually on the third Wednesday of each month in the school Library, commencing now at 6.30pm. We encourage getting together at 6.00pm for a cuppa and a chat before the start of our meetings.

If you would like any information regarding the school P & C, please call the P & C office on 5450 4121 or email on pandc@namboursc.eq.edu.au

Please get involved with your child’s schooling and come along to a P & C meeting.

Tuckshop: Great healthy food – every day.
The Tuckshops provides healthy and economical meals to all students every school day. All the Tuckshop food meets the Smart Choices guidelines, guaranteeing healthy eating. There is an extensive range of foods available.

We are inclined, at times, to underestimate the extensive range of fresh and healthy food on offer at the tuckshop. Our school Tuckshop menu is as good as any. Curries, pasta, hot fried rice and savoury mince are available daily, with sushi rolls available weekly. Fresh yoghurt and fruit boxes continue to be very popular, along with the regular range of sandwiches, rolls, wraps and the ever popular chicken and beef burgers and salad.

A recent audit report from QAST (Queensland Association of School Tuckshops) indicated that our tuckshop offered a well-balanced menu, of which we are justifiably proud. The Tuckshop remains committed to providing a variety of fresh and healthy meals every day.

Our Tuckshops are always looking for volunteers, please feel free to pop in and meet our lovely ladies.

Uniform Shop
The Junior Campus Uniform Shop is open Wednesday and Fridays 8.15 to 2.00pm

The Senior Uniform Shop is available Monday to Thursday – 8.00 am to 3.15 pm.

If the Uniform Shop appears closed please go to A13.
Cash and EFTPOS are the only methods of payment.

Cheques will no longer be accepted as a payment method for school uniforms.

THE SENIOR CAMPUS UNIFORM SHOP IS CLOSED ON FRIDAYS.

SENIOR CAMPUS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

JUNIOR 7-9

On Thursday 4th February we held our first College swimming carnival, for the junior students years 7,8 & 9 in the senior campus, a great day was had by all even though the weather was against us.

Thank you to all the children who participated and to the wonderful staff that helped us run a great day.
SENIOR 10-12

On Monday 15th February the senior students participated in the senior section of our swimming carnival.

A great day was had by all with lots of interesting costumes worn to support the four houses.

Thanks to all the students and staff who supported the day.

This is how the houses placed after the two carnivals:

1st Watson 1766
2nd Freeman 1566
3rd Irwin 1231
4th Rush 1179

2016 QCS DATES

Year 12 QCS Students

March 8
Hungerford Hall
Workshop with Mighty Minds

March 24
Hungerford Hall
Practice 1

May 17
Hungerford Hall
Practice 1

July 11
Hungerford Hall
Workshop Mighty Minds

July 12
Hungerford Hall
Practice 3

August 30 & 31
QCS Test Days
Hungerford Hall

Year 12 QCS Equipment List Requirements 2016

- Pens (black ink only)
- 2B Pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- Eraser – white gum only
- Ruler
- Approved calculator
- Protractor
- Drawing compass
- Coloured pencils
- Correcting fluid/tape
- Highlighter
- Transparent container to carry equipment

This equipment is required for all workshop and practice days.

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN AND GARDEN

Dr Troyan popped in for the some fritter making with Year 4 last week. Jada, Taige, Ninni and Lilianna were excited to share their experiences with our Principal.

Students explored how a basic recipe, fritters, can be reinvented by changing a few key ingredients. Combinations such as ham and pea, corn and capsicum and cheese with fresh garden herbs, grown here at school, were used to flavour our fritters.

It is through these simple experiences that our children learn lifelong skills to make do, problem solve and innovate.

On the practical side, students mastered the art of shallow frying and flipping the fritters. They eagerly likened the experience to those they had when they made pancakes.

Our Grade 5/6 cooking elective has begun with gusto. Students are completing a unit of work called ‘Mind Your Own Biscuits’. The aim of the learning task is to design the ultimate biscuit. Last week students did the all-important task of blind taste testing commercial biscuits to identify some features of a great biscuit. They were unimpressed by the slightly stale biscuit I snuck in to illustrate the concept of freshness, but were relieved when we got to the triple chocolate ones!

Students also made a basic biscuit dough and got to vary their product by thinking about and making changes to its presentation.

In other news we require some donations for our garden. If you have any of the following you would like to get rid of please send them our way.

Garden Donations Required

- Black/Plastic or other plant pots – particularly large sizes
- Fishing line
- Pavers
- Old door to be installed as an art work
- Unwanted bench (must be safe)
- Golf balls
- Star posts
- Offcuts of PVC pipe
Thanks in anticipation, Maree Pepper SAKG Co-ordinator

WHATS HAPPENING AT OUR JUNIOR CAMPUS

- Wednesday morning chess practise with Mr Catalini.
- Nambour State College swimmers competing at the Nambour District Swimming Carnival.
- Activities with Chappy Kell (Monday Brekky Club and Handball Competition)
- Junior Campus leaders on Flag Duty

AERIAL SHOTS OF OUR COLLEGE

On Thursday 11th Feb, the whole college assembled on the senior campus oval to mark the beginning of our new college and a new era of education in Nambour. The students and staff spelt out ‘NSC’ as a plane flew over to capture the moment. It was great to see all the members of our college together. These photos will remind us of this significant time in our community.

- Volley Ball and Golf
- Music with Miss Galloway
- Aerial shots of our college
- Old gum or other boots
LIBRARY TUTOR SESSIONS

The Senior Campus Library is open to students from the senior campus on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3pm – 5pm throughout the term. Teachers can provide support for students who require it, or students can work collaboratively to improve their own understandings of work covered at school. Afternoon tea is provided.

MUSIC WORKSHOP

On Saturday 20th February our talented musicians participated in a Concert Band workshop at Nambour State College. We were joined on the day by some students from Burnside SHS. We spent the morning learning new skills and rehearsing some of our new and challenging pieces. There were also some tasty morning tea snacks and the company of other young musicians.

Here are some comments from the students about the activity –

I had fun!
We practised all our pieces and we enjoyed each other’s company.
Productive, amazing, legendary!
The food was good, especially Mrs Evans’ chocolate brownies!
Let’s do it again!

Nambour State College is looking forward to a busy and fun year and providing more musical experiences for our students. Please contact the school if your child plays a musical instrument and would like to be involved in the IM program. The school has both a Strings and Multi Program (woodwind, brass and percussion).

Bronwen Allan
Instrumental Music Teacher.

NEWS FROM OUR TRAINEESHIP AND WORK PLACEMENT OFFICER

Apprenticeships & Traineeships

Congratulations to the following students for enrolling in a school based Apprenticeship/Traineeship at Nambour State College.

- Dylan White – Certificate II Pharmacy – Nambour Friendlies Day & Night Chemist
- Jessica Blanch – Certificate III Business – Bradley & Bray Solicitors
- Phil Lynch – Certificate III Agriculture – Ray De Vere Farm

Available/Upcoming Apprenticeships/Traineeships Opportunities

- Certificate II Production Engineering – (Year 11 or 12) AZACS – Good start for students wanting to work in the Carpentry field
- Certificate III Hospitality (Year 11) Wednesdays – Cafe in Buderim
- Certificate II Production Engineering – Boiler making, Sheet metal or Diesel Fitting
- Certificate III Sports & Recreation – (Year 11) Wednesday - NRL
- Certificate III Business – Year 10 or 11 – IT interest is preferred – Kunda Park
- Certificate III Solid Plasterer Apprenticeship - Nambour
- Certificate III Hospitality – Bellingham Maze – Tanawha
- Certificate II Horticulture – Bellingham Maze – Tanawha

Please check your school emails on a regular basis and the notice board outside of my office in A Block if you are looking for a Traineeship or Apprenticeship
WE HAVE MORE PLACES AVAILABLE IN OUR CERT II ELECTROTECHNOLOGY COURSE.

Parents and students in Years 10, 11 and 12 - Please be advised my days of employment for Term 1 are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday’s.

Please call myself (5450 41160) or Pat in Reception to make an appointment to discuss your student’s Traineeship / Apprenticeship / Certificate II Automotive or Electro technology options and further information.

Brisbane Careers & Employment EXPO

Explore and acquire information from 100+ exhibitors on
- Tertiary, VET Education and Training
- Graduate, Apprentice and Traineeship Opportunities
- Career Workshops and Resume Advice
- Pathways to University and
- Subject Selection

WHEN: Friday 27th May 9am – 3pm WHERE: Brisbane Convention Exhibition Centre

HOW: Register on line
WWW.CAREEREMPLOYMENTEXPO.AU/REGISTER/SCHOOL-REGISTRATION

Au Pair Week 2016: Information Meeting Saturday 19th @10am – Cooroy Library – See Andrea if you are interested in spending a year in the USA in 2017 undertaking an Au Pair program.

Kind regards,
Andrea Peacock
Traineeship and Job Placement Officer
Nambour State College

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR YMCA QUEENSLAND YOUTH PARLIAMENT

Students aged 15+ who care about issues that affect their local community are encouraged to apply to participate in the 2016 YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament. The Youth Parliament program offers young people from across the state the opportunity to learn first-hand about the parliamentary process, as well as interact with local members of government.

Annually in April the program brings together 93 young people representing each electorate in the state, along with four Indigenous representatives, to form committees and discuss ideas. Members will meet again in September for a residential program and the opportunity to debate their bills at Parliament House.

Youth Parliament participants in Years 11 and 12 who complete the program will receive one point towards their Queensland Certificate of Education.

Students can apply at www.ymcaqyp.org/

NAMBOUR RURAL SCHOOL CENTENARY

Genealogy Sunshine Coast are asking for anyone who has any information relating to the Rural School if they would forward it to them for their 2017 Centenary.

Stories, Photos or any information would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any information or would like more information regarding the Rural School Centenary please contact Marlene Hoskin on 07 54 467253.

LIBRARY NEWS

Do you know what the word suffragette means? Come and add the meaning and your name for a chance to win a book. Winner announced March 17.

Have you seen the new books on display?
Have you seen the Swimming Carnival photos?

Regards
Ruth Sweeney
Teacher Librarian – Senior Campus

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

Year 10 Agricultural Science students were a little apprehensive, but very excited.

These students studied aquaculture systems before designing and constructing their aquaculture unit.

The class was very excited to stock their aquaculture system with Red Claw this week.

We can’t wait to see how big these Red Craw get to.
Well-done students.

A WORD FROM OUR COMMUNICATIONS FACULTY

English Communication Students get REAL with work

In last week, our English Com students had a valuable lesson in interview etiquette and job readiness. Nambour State College was once again delighted to have experienced and successful members of our local community come into our school and volunteer their time to run mock job interviews for our students. There is probably nothing more confronting for anyone, let alone young school leavers, than participating in a job interview with a complete stranger. The only thing that can really prepare someone for that experience is…well… experience. Our students were lucky enough to gain this experience when they were allocated an interview time and location. They were expected to arrive on time, dressed appropriately for the interview and conduct themselves as if they were competing to get a real job. They were asked impromptu questions and assessed based on their ‘readiness’ for the interview (including letter of application and resume), dress and interview performance. They received invaluable feedback from people who actually own and run businesses locally and are now one step closer to being prepared for their next ‘real-life’ interview.

We would like to sincerely thank the Nambour Alliance, our district Rotary Club, and members of the wider school community who volunteered to give students such an important experience.

Junior Secondary English Invest For Success

It is exciting to walk into Years 7 to 9 English classes and see what teachers and students are achieving this year. Every Junior Secondary English student has an extra set of experienced hands supporting them to improve in writing, reading and spelling. Our English teachers are professionally collaborating in planning and teaching in a Nambour State College trial which sees every class have an ‘extra’ specialist literacy teacher in one lesson per week to provide targeted intervention and support to help students improve in the areas of writing, reading and spelling.

HEAD OF STUDENTS – SENIOR SCHOOL

Heads of Students (HOSs) have been providing feedback to students on one of the expectations of the senior secondary enrolment agreement – attendance.

The agreement states:-

Be in full attendance* in order to qualify for Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) exit certificates and to meet QCAA syllabus requirements.

The definition of *FULL ATTENDANCE as applied to students at Nambour State College is as follows:

- Students must be in attendance for at least 90% of timetabled lessons, or the equivalent in excursions, camps (or alternate programs) or other activities approved by the Principal.
- All day-to-day absences must be explained by the parent/guardian. When a student is absent on a day assessment is due, or for an extended period of time, a medical certificate must be presented within one week of the student’s return to school. If the absence is due to special circumstances, the absence needs to be accounted for in writing and approved by the relevant Head of Year/Deputy Principal.
- Students must arrive on time at their classes and participate fully in class-work.
- Students who arrive late to school at the start of the day must sign in via the main office.

Learning in the senior school (years 10-12), starts with attendance at the beginning of the timetable classes Period 1 at 8.10am daily. Repeated non-attendance or late arrival to Period 1 classes, could result in after school detentions to make up learning time missed.

Please contact your son/daughters Head of Students to discuss matters which affect your child’s attendance.

Head of Students – Senior school
Freeman - Deb Anderson, Irwin - Robyn Haig, Rush – Karon Pearson and Watson – Deb Ackerman