Dear Parents and Friends,

I have been incredibly excited by the start of the 2017 school year. I cannot recall a better start where things have gone as smoothly as they have done. This is a credit to staff and students for the very positive way in which all things have been done in working with our community.

The final enrolment numbers for the whole campus P-12 have not been finalised yet and we won’t know these until the end of the week. However, what we can say is this. We have seen a massive enrolment increase for our college this year compared with the start of last year. There has been at least an 8.5% increase and there are very few schools that have seen that type of growth. One of the large areas of growth for us is in year 7 where we have seen over 240 enrolments for this year compared with 165 at the start of last year.

Students have enrolled from a wide range of schools both in year 7 and in all other year levels. All this growth indicates considerable community support for our programs and what we want to achieve for our students. We still have plenty of room for growth in coming years and that also is a real positive for us as we work towards the future. It has been a pleasure to welcome all new staff and students as we grow this year.

I am very happy with look of our new college uniforms. I think that our students appear very stylish in them and the uniforms will be a great endorsement for our college. The colours are excellent and the progression through the different year levels from Prep - 12 with the subtle changes in patterns provides a great college feel for us all. The new formal uniform looks terrific and will be an impressive advertisement for our school. From comments I have received from students they are happy with the new uniform colours and the new changes in styles. Girls have expressed their pleasure in having shorts as part of the uniform and the shorts will be a wonderful addition as they are well designed for ultimate comfort.

Academic results at the end of 2016 were very pleasing. In many areas they were the highest that our schools and college have ever seen. For our year 12 students over 94% of students who applied received an offer of a placement for further study. That is a very high figure and shows that students who come to our college have an excellent grounding for their future options. We have set new targets for all areas in 2017 and will strive to achieve those targets.

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.nambourshs.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.
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:
Senior Campus 5450 4160
Junior Campus 5459 0366

Congratulations to the 2017 School Captains:
Hamilton Kay-Butterworth, Samantha Dunham, Jorja Toumolupe and Jake Gibbs.

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PRINCIPAL OF SENIOR CAMPUS

Dear students, parents and friends

Well, the new year is off and running! I have been around the school a lot in the past two weeks and I must say that the start to the year has been one of the calmest, settled and organised that I have seen for long while. Classrooms are focussed and orderly, with learning occurring at a high level across the campus. A huge well down to the staff and students for a wonderful start to what will be a super year!

It is great to see so many of our new uniforms around the campus. They look fantastic and certainly blend in well with our legacy uniform.

I am delighted to report that student academic results at the end of last year were the highest results that we have recorded in recent history! This is sensational news and clear evidence that wonderful things are happening in the classrooms of Nambour State College!

Our enrolment numbers have increased significantly from last year and continue to climb. Currently there are the following number of students in each year level:

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This is over 100 more students than the same time last year! The additional numbers mean that we receive more funding and have the ability to provide more options for students.

This year we welcome a number of new teachers to the Senior Campus. They are:

Amy Connolly - Japanese / Junior Campus
Angela Johnson - Maths
Shane Cunningham - Maths / Business
Cassie Ilett - Community Pathways
Keed Williams - Health and PE
Hannah King - Communications
Jessica Haisty - Communications
Darren Clarke - Numeracy Coach
Rae Gibson - Literacy Coach

We also have a very sad farewell to announce. Sandy Simpson has been one of our Admin Officers for many years and will be shortly leaving us and heading off into the world of retirement. Sandy has made an enormous contribution to our college over the years and her energy, good humour and professionalism will be missed by us all! Thank you Sandy for all you have done!
How can I help my child succeed at school?

On assembly next Friday (10 Feb) students will receive their assessment planners. These provide a plan for all of the students’ assessment during the semester. This is a powerful resource for students to assist them with their study, and is also a valuable tool for parents so that you know what assessment is happening and when it is happening.

Parents can support their children by encouraging them to plan their home study around this assessment planner - wall charts are great for this! Students can record the due dates for all of their assessment, the issue dates and then plan out their study and assignment work so that their homework progresses steadily in a planned way and they do not have to rush their work at the last minute to meet deadlines. A little bit of planning leads to much better quality work and far less stress.

Thought of the week

We are all faced with a series of great opportunities - brilliantly disguised as insolvable problems.

John Gardner

Sean Maher
Principal – Secondary Campus

FROM THE PRINCIPAL OF JUNIOR CAMPUS

Welcome

A very warm welcome to all new and continuing Nambour State College families. It was great to see the excellent, smooth start to Semester 1, 2017 made by all students and staff.

Classrooms are buzzing with enthusiastic learning based on the Australian Curriculum, reflections of holiday experiences and explicit teaching of our campus expectations. This academic semester promises to be filled with exciting and rewarding challenges for all. We have introduced a change to our break times, where students play first and eat at the end of the break. Throughout the term we will be introducing some additional learning opportunities to students including lunch time offerings and extra-curricular activities. It is certainly shaping up to be a very exciting year at Nambour State College!

We look forward to parents and family members being actively involved in our college throughout the year whether it be; volunteering in classrooms or the tuckshop, attending our assemblies, helping with fundraisers or in some other capacity. Students and staff love your involvement!

Education is a partnership and I am looking forward to the journey ahead with you and your children.

Thanks

Congratulations to our cleaners and facilities staff who have done a wonderful job in ensuring that our school facilities and grounds were looking fantastic and ready to start for the year.

Open Door Policy

Nambour State College has an open door communication policy. If at any stage throughout the year, you have any concerns, please feel free to contact your child’s teacher. Our staff are only too happy to support you and your child. Please note that mornings are often very busy times for our teachers ensuring they are prepared for the day’s learning. If they are busy, please either ask them to contact you later, leave a message at the office, or catch them in the afternoon.

If you need to contact our Campus Principal or the College Principal, please feel free to do so as well. Please make an appointment through the respective campus office.

Junior Campus Assemblies

Junior Campus assemblies will be held as follows:

- **Every Monday from 8:35am – 8:50am**
  This is a short, sharp assembly to share with staff and students our Positive Behaviour for Learning focus for the week. Parents are welcome to attend.

- **Friday Celebration Assembly** (held fortnightly on the even weeks of the school term) from 2:30pm – 2:50pm
  These assemblies will be led by a different class each fortnight. Classes will have the opportunity to lead the assembly and share a class item reflecting their learnings at school.

  **Woorie Awards** (Student of the week awards) will be presented on this assembly. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend to help us celebrate.

Attendance

In 2017, our attendance focus is to maximise learning and student outcomes is that every student attends school for at least 92% of the school year. Parental assistance is imperative and we ask for your assistance in achieving this goal for your child.

Food Allergies

This year we have an increasing number of students across our college with food allergies to nuts, dairy, fish and other known allergens. These are very serious allergies which can cause a severe reaction by ingesting or simply touching food containing these items. Although it may be possible to minimise students’ exposure to potential allergens within the school environment, the implementation of blanket food bans or attempts to prohibit the entry of particular food substances into schools is not supported by Education Queensland, Qld Health and the Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA).

Education and avoidance is the safest option for us. We are seeking your assistance in avoiding sending dairy and nut
products such as peanuts, cashews, nutella and peanut butter to school for lunch and class parties.

Many foods carry a warning on the label "may contain traces of peanuts". This usually indicates that the food is made in a facility that also makes a food containing peanuts; however, the food may not contain peanuts. Please discuss with your child how sharing these foods may also pose a risk. This will be reinforced at school by our classroom teachers and staff on duty. Teachers will also be educating students in other ways we can help keep our classrooms safe such as always washing hands before/after lunch or snack, adopting a no food and drink sharing policy etc.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe, healthy environment for all of our students.

**Medication at school**

All medication brought to school must have a Chemist label or Prescribing Doctors Name on it stating Childs Name/Dosage/ Expiry Date. It is imperative that the appropriate paperwork is filled out by the parent to enable staff to administer the medication. Without this paperwork no medication can be administrated. This is an Education Queensland directive.

You can no longer just have the chemist label on your child’s medication.

Thank you for your assistance with this.

**Personal sporting equipment**

Our sporting department is very well resourced and as such, students are not permitted to bring their own equipment to school for use during play times. We appreciate your support with ensuring footballs, basketballs, soccer balls etc. remain safely at home.

Parenting Tips to start the new school year

Below is a great checklist on how you can ensure your child gets the best start to the year from parenting expert Michael Grose. Have a great start to the year and enjoy your child’s successes.

1. **Routine.** This is a simple concept, but it’s often hard to follow through with getting back into a normal schedule before the school year starts. It’s our job to do it. Moving into a normal schedule eases the kids back into bedtimes, breakfast times and basic management of the day. It also helps reduce stress and anxiety as you are doing all you need to do to get them up and out the door on time.

2. **Nutrition.** Our kids need to start off each day with a healthy breakfast as fuel for the day. Their brains and bodies are going to be working hard for the next 6-8 hours that they are at school. They need a healthy lunch to re-fuel and get them through the second part of the day also.

3. **Keep the learning going in everyday situations.** Take the kids to the store and use it as an opportunity to work on math skills. When travelling pull out a map and have them navigate. Lead them into learning without them even knowing.

4. **Talk to your kids about school.** Ask them how they are feeling. Support the positive feelings about it, and do what you can to ease the anxiety. Keep an open dialogue with them and let them know you are there to support them.

5. **Be positive for them.** Your attitude will help support their attitude to learning. Focus on the positives in the learning process at the start of the year.

6. **Meet the teacher.** Meeting the teacher can be a great way to ease anxiety for you and your child. It provides a sense of familiarity on the first day of school.

7. **Travel routines.** Plan school pick-up and drop-off routines so you child feels confident in getting to and from school.

8. **Trust your teacher.** You know your child better than anyone and often it is hard to drop them off with a new person. However, trust your teacher. They are trained professionals and they know how to deal with separation issues that your child may have. If it is beyond what they are able to comfort, they will call you.

**Keep a watch over our school – 13 17 88**

To keep our school safe and free from vandalism we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools. Keep the number handy and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

**Late Arrivals**

Late arrivals will be marked as “unexplained” unless parents give a reason. Education Queensland does not accept “late” as an acceptable reason. We appreciate your support in ensuring your child/ren are at school prior to the commencement of the school day which is 8:30am. Every day counts.

This year, as part of the same day messaging to parent/carers, if a student is away from school without explanation, parents/carers will be notified that same day by SMS or phone call. Further information is available from the Same day student absence notification webpage.

**Outside School Hours Care**

Parents are advised that PCYC operate an Outside Schools Hours Care Program on our school site. I encourage families to take advantage of this high quality service which is our only form of supervised before and after school care.

**No Hat No Play**

Students and parents are reminded that we a Sun safe School and we do enforce a No Hat, No Play policy. As such,
if your child does not have a hat at school, they will not be permitted to play. Students will be required to sit in the designated undercover area or go to the library. Hats are part of our school uniform and are available from the Uniform Shop at a cost of $18.

**Uniform/Dress Code**

Parents and caregivers are reminded that Nambour State College is a uniform school. As such, all students are expected to wear our College polo shirt, short/skort and school bucket hat accordingly.

A timely reminder to all parents and students that students are not permitted to wear jewellery. Jewellery including anklets, necklaces and bracelets is not to be worn as part of the school uniform. A watch and earrings may be worn but need to be sleepers or simple studs. Medical bracelets are permitted as are religious necklaces only. Nail Polish is not permitted.

This policy is part of the school’s Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students. It would be greatly appreciated if all parents can ensure that their child attends school keeping our dress code expectations in mind at all times.

**Swimming**

Swimming lessons for students in Year 1 through to Year 6 commenced this week. Students are timetabled for a single class and will be instructed by Mr Geordie McGill, Ms Jayne Bateman and Ms Sharon Hames and his assistants. As per departmental policy, students must wear sensible swimwear and a swim shirt. Students will not be permitted to swim if they do not have a swim/rash shirt. Parents are reminded that swimming is part of our school HPE curriculum and students will be assessed and reported on accordingly.

**Bec Hutton**  
**Principal (Junior Campus)**

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**A WORD FROM OUR DEPUTY PRINCIPAL JUNIOR CAMPUS**

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new families and also welcome back continuing families to the 2017 school year. We have had a smooth and positive start to the school year. Staff have started full of energy and enthusiasm, while students have settled into their classes quickly and have begun their learning journey for the year. Thanks for the wonderful way in which you have supported your children for their commencement to the school year. The children look fabulous in their uniforms and are eager to do their best. I thank you in advance for your support and assistance in ensuring 2017 is a successful year. I am excited about the year ahead and look forward to being a part of your child/ren’s lives this year. Please take the time to read the following:

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**Arrival Before School**

It is timely to remind parents to ensure that their children arrive at school in the morning no earlier than 8.25am unless arriving by bus or in a planned and supervised program. I realise that it is very exciting for kids to get to school but it is also critical that we ensure their safety and wellbeing. We provide supervision from 8.15am under ‘D’ Block’ until 8:25am. During this time, we expect students to stay in this area and then move into class to get ready for the school day. Unfortunately, there is no supervision before 8.15am and it is your legal responsibility to maintain the duty of care of your child until supervision is provided. There is before school care available at the ‘Outside School Hours Care’ program.

**PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning)**

Every Monday morning, students and staff meet in the hall for our Positive Behaviour for Learning Assembly. During this time, students are explicitly taught about our weekly focus, which is then re-taught in the classrooms and in the playground throughout the week. Parents are welcome to attend these assemblies.

This week the PBL lesson focus is on *I am Respectful – Whole School*. This is a really important focus for us in targeting and improving *Respect* at Nambour State College. The following behaviours are expected and can also be promoted and practised at home:

- I represent my school with pride
- I greet others with respect
- I follow adult directions
- I show respect for property and equipment (mine and others)
- I am honest
- I use manners
- I take ownership of my own behaviour

**Student Wellbeing Matters!**

With student social-emotional wellbeing holding particular importance for schools and families, we have introduced a ‘Primary Student Wellbeing Program’ in 2017. The program is multi-layered, and involves the weekly delivery of social-emotional lessons through the ‘Bounce Back’ programs. All classes will participate in these lessons to build students’ emotional intelligence, and capacity to deal with the many social situations that they are faced with on a daily basis.

**School is a Dog Free Environment**

Families are reminded that the school grounds are a dog-free environment, regardless of the size of your pet. As well-mannered or trained as your pet may be, there are children who are not comfortable around dogs and other animals and this must be respected. We also have several students who are allergic to dogs. I would also ask parents to not leave their dog unattended and tied to the fence near an entrance to school. The only exception to this rule is for Assistance Dogs. Owners of such dogs are asked to bring their paperwork to the office in the first instance before entering further into the grounds.
Disabled Parking Spaces

At NSC, we have several students that require the use of a disabled car space. The disabled car park space is only for cars that display a disabled sticker. We would appreciate your support in this matter.

Personal belongings

Children are discouraged from bringing toys, sporting equipment or property to school, at all times, unless there is a specific written request from classroom teachers. While students like to show off and share their belongings, there is a danger of toys, sporting equipment and property being lost, damaged or falling into others hands. We appreciate your support around this.

Kind regards,
Emma Marshall
Deputy Principal Junior Campus

WE ARE EXCITED! OUR TUCKSHOPS ARE NOW ONLINE

Both our Tuckshop are NOW ONLINE with the SchoolShopOnline!

So jump on today register your child so they can FastTrack the Lunchtime process.


SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY DAY

NAMBOUR STATE COLLEGE
Senior Campus

School Photography Date:
17/02/2017

ONLINE ORDER CODE
6DL MWT AA4

Dear Parents,

School photography day is coming up very soon. Group and portrait photographs can be purchased by following the link above or by using the envelope.

Important Information:

• School photos purchased online DO NOT require envelopes returned to school*
• Don’t forget to order your sibling photos now

• Late fees/additional charges will be applied for purchases after photo day
• Photos will be returned to your school for distribution approximately six weeks after photos are taken
• Past years’ photographs including sports, co-curricular and representative groups available at school’s advancedlife & your advancedyou photo sites (follow the link above)

*Sibling photographs must be ordered either online or by order envelope prior to the day of photography. A photograph will not be taken without an order. Sibling photographs only apply to children enrolled at the school.

advanced life would like to express our appreciation to NAMBOUR STATE COLLEGE for placing your trust in us. Please remember we offer a 100% money back guarantee on our products to ensure your peace of mind. We would also love to receive your feedback or resolve any issues you may experience as fast as possible, to ensure your satisfaction. If you have any questions, comments or feedback relating to your advancedlife experience please contact us at- enquiries@advancedlife.com.au

INTRODUCING THE STUDENT HEALTH AND RESILIENCE PROGRAM – SHARP

Dear Parents and Carers

In 2017 Nambour State College senior campus is introducing a health and well-being program across years 7 to 12 which aims to increase skills and knowledge necessary to optimise student health.

Our senior Health teacher Julie Cook and our school nurse Carol Hegerty will facilitate these sessions.

The topics to be covered will fall in to four themes across four terms:

1. Resilience & staying mentally healthy
2. Relationships education
3. Body image & acceptance of diversity
4. Drug and alcohol education – Protective behaviours

Information reinforcing these key areas of health & well-being will be included in our school newsletters and available on our website.

For more information regarding these programs please contact Julie Cook or Carol Hegerty on 54504111.

NEWS FROM OUR TRAINEESHIP AND JOB PLACEMENT OFFICER

Congratulations to the following students for enrolling in a school based Apprenticeship / Traineeship

• Sasikan Promkul – Certificate III Hospitality, Sala Thai
AVAILABLE APPRENTICESHIP’S for YEAR’S 10, 11 & 12 students

- Sasithon Promkul - Certificate III Hospitality, SalaThai
- Tayla Lashford – Certificate III Aged Care, Sundale Palmwoods
- Isha Buchanan – Certificate II Business, ANZ Nambour
- Julia Barnes – Certificate III Business, ECollaboration

TRAINEESHIP’S

- Certificate III Landscaping Construction - Amber Leaf Landscaping, Palmwoods
- Certificate III Hairdressing – Strutt Hair, Maroochydore
- Apprenticeship Certificate III Solid Plasterer (Render) – Nambour
- Certificate III Hairdressing – Brooke Morgan Hair, Maroochydore
- Apprenticeship Certificate III Painter & Decorator – Rosemount
- Certificate III Hairdressing, Tewantin

NEW AND EXISTING COURSES – Senior Students

Certificate II Automotive (Under body)
Certificate II Rural Op’s (Equine)
NEW Certificate II Health
NEW Certificate II Salon Assistant & Retail Cosmetics

INFORMATION SESSION - WEDNESDAY 1ST FEBRUARY IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM 5PM

If you are interested in completing one of these courses, please see myself of Miss Haig in A Block ASAP

A MASSIVE CONGRATULATIONS to Hannah Claffey who in Year 10 completed a Certificate II in Retail Services with McDonalds - Nambour.

Hannah was named Crew Member of the Year in Nambour and is now a Crew Trainer; she will commence Certificate III in Retail Services in March.

STUDENTS ARRIVING AT SCHOOL BY BUS – A CHANGE TO PROCEDURES

Dear parents

We are concerned about the possibility of students arriving at school by bus and then proceeding downtown without parents being aware that this is happening and are expecting that they are at school. We are naturally unable to supervise activity that happened outside our grounds – we cannot and do not provide any supervision at Quota Park or anywhere else outside our grounds.

Our very strong preference as a school is for students to arrive by bus and then remain in our grounds. We do understand that some parents may have valid reasons for their children to arrive by bus and then leave the grounds (ensuring of course that they return before the start of school). For this reason, the school will establish a pass system for students in Years 7 -12. Parents
can sign a form requesting that their students be given a pass that enables them to leave the grounds prior to school. This pass will be revoked by the school if the student’s conduct is unacceptable or if they are failing to arrive back at school for the start of the school day. From the start of 2017, students arriving at school by bus will not be permitted to leave the grounds without a pass.

It should be noted again, however, that our very strong preference is for students to remain at school when arriving by bus and we will stress again that no supervision is provided outside the school ground.

Applications for before school passes can be collected from A12 or downloaded from the College website, and then handed in at A12. Passes will be available for collection from A12 within a week from the submission date.

Thank you

Sean Maher
Principal – Senior Campus

LIBRARY NEWS

Great to see students borrowing already. We have lots of new books.

Remember it is a 2-week loan and if you have some books hiding under your bed from last year we would appreciate you to please return them.

Thank you for your support.

Regards
Ruth Sweeney
Teacher Librarian – Senior Campus
Nambour State College

STUDENT VS VEHICLES

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Re – Student vs Vehicles

We have noticed that some parents/caregivers are driving onto the school grounds at the start and/or end of the day to drop off and collect students.

This practice is potentially putting students at risk.

We ask that you do not drive onto the grounds to drop off or collect students. This includes both the car park area between C and B/N blocks and the road way at the back of the INTAD building towards Hungerford Hall. Both of these areas are school property. Continued breaches may result in contacting the police.

By keeping students and vehicles separate we can improve the safety of our students.

Yours faithfully,

Dr W Troyahn
College Principal

Mr Kitzelman
Health and Safety Adviser

NAMBOUR STATE COLLEGE BYO LAP TOP PROGRAM

Nambour State College has been developing a 2020 vision that includes the following expectations:

“Students have 24/7 digital access to learning materials so that they can learn where and when they want” (every subject has an online “virtual classroom”)

“Every student has access to an individual learning device that connects them these learning materials” (School and student owned devices)

“College is a learning hub that provides students with open connections to other educational providers” (College is a learning hub)

In 2017 Nambour State College will offer 3 options for access to computers in the senior campus (7-12):

1. Option 1 – Bring Your Own Laptop (Windows or Apple Mac) - $60 per year (includes secure connection to college wireless network, limited ICT support, Adobe software e.g. Photoshop, Flash, Premiere Pro etc.)

2. Option 2 – Take Home Laptop (ACER tablet or laptop) – ONLY IF ALREADY IN THE PROGRAM – NO NEW SIGN UPS - $120 per year (includes secure connection to college wireless network, ICT support, Adobe software e.g. Photoshop, Flash, Premiere Pro etc.)

3. Option 3 – College based laptops or desktops – available in classrooms or library.

“Bring Your Own Laptop” is optional in 2017 but the college plans to phase in for all students in years 7-12 by 2020.

- 2018 - all students in years 7 & 10 will be required to bring their own laptop for use in class. The BYO program may also be available to students in P-6 using iPads or laptops in the future.
- 2019 – all students in 7, 8, 10 & 11
- 2020 – all students in years 7-12

Please contact me if you require further information,

Mark Piper
Head of Department – eLearning
Nambour State College

DATES – UPCOMING EVENTS: FEBRUARY 2017

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**CREATIVE GENERATIONS 2017**

- Attention Year 7s and New Students to the School

Creative Generations is a State-wide Showcase for students in schools around Queensland. Students audition to get a place as a singer, musician, dancer, or actor. There are up to 1700 students that are chosen around Queensland to be part of this magnificent program, with students working with leading professional performers around the world. In 2016, many students from Nambour State College auditioned to be a part of this show - however auditions are still open to Year 7s and new students to the school.

If you are in Year 7 or are new to the school and wish to audition to be involved in Creative Generations for 2017, please come and see Miss Drinnen in the music room or email on kdrin6@eq.edu.au.

*Instrumental Music Lessons & Concert Band*

Welcome back to 2017! It is an exciting year for Instrumental Music with many performance opportunities ahead! We even have an Instrumental Music camp for Concert Band, String Ensemble & Vocal Thunder this year which will be exciting for all involved!

Just a reminder that lessons start this week (week 2) and concert band starts next week (week 3).

For any questions or interest in learning an instrument, please feel free to contact Bronwen Allan on 5450 4111. Look forward to an exciting year of music!

**P & C, TUCKSHOP AND UNIFORM SHOP**

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th February 2017.

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 these last 12 months and we look forward to another interesting year.

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.

**WHATS HAPPENING WITH OUR P&C?**

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

The start of 2017 has gone above all expectations with a wonderful response to our new NSC uniform.

The uniform looks fantastic on all the students and we have had an extremely positive response to it as well. The transition over the next 3 years will faze the new uniform in and the NSH and NSS legacy uniforms out in line with the College 2020 vision.

We are however short on some styles and sizes but have more orders due throughout February. Thank you to all the parents and students that have been understanding and supportive through this process.

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**P & C, TUCKSHOP AND UNIFORM SHOP**

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th February 2017.

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 these last 12 months and we look forward to another interesting year.

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.

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**MUSIC NEWS**

**CREATIVE GENERATIONS 2017**

- Attention Year 7s and New Students to the School

Creative Generations is a State-wide Showcase for students in schools around Queensland. Students audition to get a place as a singer, musician, dancer, or actor. There are up to 1700 students that are chosen around Queensland to be part of this magnificent program, with students working with leading professional performers around the world. In 2016, many students from Nambour State College auditioned to be a part of this show - however auditions are still open to Year 7s and new students to the school.

If you are in Year 7 or are new to the school and wish to audition to be involved in Creative Generations for 2017, please come and see Miss Drinnen in the music room or email on kdrin6@eq.edu.au.
UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

All the College uniforms from P-12 are now sold out of the Senior Campus Uniform shop.

Monday – Thursday
8am – 11am

Re-open
2.00pm to 3.15pm

We are closed on Fridays.

Any queries please contact our P&C Office on 54504121.

Tuck Shop News

This term we have introduced our Online Ordering Service. We are extremely excited about the system which will help our busy parents giving them the option of ordering from the comfort of their own home.

On the Junior Campus the orders will still go in the class basket system picked up by monitors and delivered to the Hall for distribution. All orders will be sealed and handed out by the teachers on duty.

On the Senior Campus if you order online you can go to the Fast Track lane next to the coffee machine and avoid the queues, just tell the staff your name and class.

We have new Menus’ this term which we are trialling, but as per usual we would love your feedback. Please contact our Senior Tuckshop Convenor Tracey for any requests or suggestions. We look forward to seeing any new and keen parents that would like to Volunteer in either of our Tuckshops. These are our biggest fundraisers for the College so all the help you can give will be greatly appreciated.

Welcome Back to Term 1 2017

Junior Campus (P-6)

ROYAL BLUE-YELLOW POLO

Monday to Friday

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<td>Hair</td>
<td>Long hair must be tied back with school-coloured hair accessories (Blue/ Yellow/White)</td>
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<td>Ear piercings</td>
<td>One pair of small, plain studs or sleepers in the ear lobe</td>
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CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE:

NAMBOUR STATE COLLEGE P&C

DRESS CODE (2017 START)

Students can wear items from either the legacy or the new college uniform until the end of 2019. From 2020 all uniform will be the new college uniform. Any special clothing requirements should be discussed with the administration of the college.
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**Not permitted:**
- Other facial piercings
- Jeans or tights
- Boots or shoes that extend above the ankle

**Example Shoes P-12**

**Senior Campus (7-12)**

**YEAR 7-9 ROYAL BLUE-BLACK POLO**

**YEAR 10-12 ROYAL BLUE-WHITE POLO**

**Formal uniform**

Compulsory on Fridays

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**Other formal options:**

When required, blazers and formal hats are loaned to students representing the school on formal occasions.

**Non-formal uniform**

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<td>Senior Jersey</td>
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Not permitted:
- Boots or shoes that extend above the ankle
- Mixing of formal and non-formal uniform
- Jeans, tights or tracksuit pants
- Short shorts

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2017 QCS DATES

Year 12 QCS Students

March 8 - Wednesday
Workshop with Mighty Minds
Hungerford Hall

March 31 - Friday
Practice 1
Hungerford Hall

May 17 - Wednesday
Practice 2
Hungerford Hall

July 11 - Tuesday
Workshop Mighty Minds
Hungerford Hall

July 12 - Wednesday
Practice 3
Hungerford Hall

August 29 – Tuesday & 30 – Wednesday
QCS Test Days
Hungerford Hall

Year 11 QCS Students

September 11 – Monday
QCS Practice
Hungerford Hall

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2017 NSC YEAR 7 SCHOOL IMMUNISATION PROGRAM.

Immunisation program comes to school!
In 2017, Oz Care via Queensland Health is providing free vaccinations for all year 7 students. All year 7 students are being offered free vaccinations as recommended on the National Immunisation Program to protect against Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis “Whooping Cough”.

The vaccinations are conducted by a team of authorised registered nurses at school on the following dates.

- **Round 1** – April 21 2017
- **Round 2** – July 13th 2017
- **Round 3** – 17th November 2017

A consent pack with information and dates has been given to your student this week. Please read the information booklet carefully, sign and return the consent card to school as soon as possible or by 10/2/17 at the latest.

Parents are encouraged to ensure their student has breakfast on the day of vaccination.

For more information about diseases, vaccines or School Immunisation Program visit:
or call 13HEALTH (13 43 25 84) or consult your family doctor.

CERTIFICATE II – HORSE HUSBANDRY ASSISTANT

Dear Students, Parents and Caregivers,

Are you passionate about horses and would love to learn more about them?

Have you always dreamt about spending some of your school time either riding or playing with horses?

Do you just love being around horses but have no access to one of your own?

Then we have a perfect course for you!

Nambour State College is currently taking enrolments for year 11 and 12 students in 2017 to come and join our Certificate II – Horse Husbandry Assistant course.

**Facts:**

You do not need a horse to participate in this program; our school has its own herd of minis that are available for use in this learning area. What does this mean? It means that you will be allocated a horse to work with and train during your studies without having to worry about horse ownership!

What if you have a horse? You are welcome to bring your horse along to the showgrounds on our allocated day of study, leave it in the yards during your theory time and then have a lesson with an EA coach, all included in the cost. (Cost of yard is approx. $7.00 per day, paid by rider)

What does it cost? I hear you ask. If you are a student of ANY high school and you have not accessed any VETiS funding, then this $5000 course could be yours to study for a very small administrative fee for access to the NSC internet usage.

Does this sound like you? If so you will need to contact the NSC administrations officer ASAP and put in an expression of interest. We will contact you and find a way that we can make this happen for you! Also if you have a friend that is horse mad you might like to tell them about our great school and the awesome opportunities it offers, even if they only enrol with us for the horse day!

You do not have to be enrolled at NSC to be part of this program! Last year we had students come from a range of different schools as our Principal has made it open to all students in year 11 and 12, no matter whether you are at a public or private school.

THE CHALLENGES OF STARTING SCHOOL WITH A STUTTER

Starting school can be daunting for any child. Often it is the first excursion into the world without parent contact. The teacher is a new person in the child's life, who, among many other things, is a daytime caregiver.

For a child who stutters, the school years can be a wonderfully supportive experience. However, those years can be a time when it is particularly difficult to deal with this speech disorder.

**What is a stutter?**

Stuttering is being momentarily unable to move forward when talking. When this happens the speaker repeats words and syllables, gets stuck completely on a word, or both, and often visibly struggles.

Stuttering begins when children are at pre-school age, most commonly when they are around three. The cause of stuttering is not fully understood yet, but researchers know that it is a physical problem with combining all the rapid movements needed for speech. Stuttering runs in families and, although it is genetic the details about exactly which genes are affected are not yet fully clear.

**Teased and bullied**

Children who stutter face unique challenges at school. They may experience social difficulties, with research showing more than half of them are teased or bullied regularly.

Children who stutter may also be rated as less popular than their classmates. Some of them may fly under the radar, appearing shy and quiet.
Teachers may not even be aware that they have a child who stutters in their class, let alone that this child may be anxious. Some children who stutter may avoid speaking in class or sit at the back of the classroom to avoid being noticed.

They may be especially sensitive to evaluation by teachers or peers, and may answer “I don’t know” because they’re afraid of stuttering.

They might learn to avoid difficult words or opportunities to speak, instead using gestures and short sentences to communicate, or they may allow other children to talk for them. For these children, simple classroom tasks like reading out loud, presenting news, or asking the teacher a question can be a source of anxiety and embarrassment.

Not surprisingly, it is common for teenagers and adults affected by stuttering to experience social anxiety about speaking, often to the point of having a diagnosable mental health problem.

**Impact on learning**

It is known that these problems have well and truly started to incubate during the school years. Because of this, children who stutter may not participate properly in class and may not do as well as they should.

What can make it worse is that school-age children who stutter often are targeted for bullying by other children.

It is known that bullying during the school years is associated with anxiety later in life so bullying can be a problem for any child, but much more so for a child at school who stutters and who might be starting to develop anxiety problems.

**Putting the child at ease**

When a child who stutters is starting school, it is important for everyone to make sure the child feels safe and comfortable in the classroom. This requires the help of parents, the teacher, the school principal, and the child’s speech pathologist.

Working together and being on the same page, they can make sure things go well for the child starting school with a stutter.

For some children who stutter, it might help if the other children know about stuttering and what problems it causes. But for other children who stutter, any mention of it to peers might make the problem much worse.

An excellent video is available that can assist parents and teachers to know how to help the school child with stuttering.

**Tips**

The golden rule here is to sit down and find out how the child wants to be helped to deal with stuttering in the classroom. Many children who stutter will be just fine, but for many others this will be a useful conversation.

The other commonsense approach here is for the teacher to discuss with the child about talking aloud in the class.

Obviously, it will not help overall if the teacher never asks a child who stutters to speak during class. But most children will be more comfortable with a number of alternatives to choose from, such as always being chosen to speak in some particular order from among classmates.

Finally, treatment for stuttering is really important. With support from parents and teachers, and treatment with an experienced speech pathologist, children who stutter have the opportunity to develop their potential.


**Jana Morrisova**

Guidance Counsellor – Senior Campus

**2017 INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION BEGINS WITH SWIMMING CARNIVALS**

The 2017 Secondary Campus Inter-house competition opens with the Junior Secondary (Year 7, 8 &9) and Senior Secondary (Year 10, 11 &12) Swimming Carnivals. The Junior full day carnival will be held on Friday 10th of February at the Nambour Swimming Pool, with the Senior half day carnival to follow on Monday 13th of February at the same venue.

These two carnivals are used to not only determine the Champion Swimming House and promote strong school house spirit but also to select a school swimming team to compete at the North District Swimming trials on the 17th of February. We are looking forward to sending our strongest swimmers to represent the college at this event.

The school encourages and expects that all students compete in championship events to the best of their ability as a member of their house team and respect the right for competitive swimmers to challenge school records and compete for age champion.

During the day a number of non-traditional whole team events will be held for everyone in each house to get in the water and earn valuable championship points.

In the spirit of the event, all students attending the carnival are expected to compete for house points and represent their house through wearing house colours and getting involved.
PARENT PARKING

The Nambour Uniting Church has assisted our College for many years by allowing parents to park on the Church premises when dropping off and collecting children from school. However, to ensure the safety of all children and to avoid clashes with activities occurring in the Church parents are asked to park only on the **grassed area** (off Donaldson Road) and to **drive in and leave via Donaldson Road**.

Parking in the area around the Church building and driving out onto Coronation Avenue creates unacceptable dangers when dropping off or collecting children.

Please also assist our community in keeping the area clean and litter free.

*Wayne Troyahn*

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Website: