Principal’s Report

Investing in our Schools
Our school has finalised our ‘Investing in our Schools’ plan for 2016 and we will be focusing on the areas of Reading and Numeracy, while extending those students who have achieved in the upper two bands in previous NAPLAN testing. We will continue with our MULTILIT program and our ILN classes in Years 7, 8 and 9, focussing on developing key literacy and numeracy skills. We are also continuing on our program of closely tracking our Year 12 students in order to assist them in attaining their QCE, where results improved by 9% in 2015.

Evacuation and Lockdown Drills
Over the last three weeks a significant number of schools throughout Queensland and Australia have received threatening phone calls resulted in whole school evacuations or lockdowns. As a school we have staged both an evacuation drill and a lockdown drill so that students are aware of our key procedures and protocols. Due to the nature of the recent threats to schools, we have been working in conjunction with Education Queensland and Queensland Police to ensure we are prepared in the event of our school receiving in threat.

Our preparations include ensuring that we communicate with parents via our school website, Facebook site and text messages if we receive a threatening call. We have also made arrangements to ensure that we have adequate shade, access to water and student medication in the event of an evacuation. I strongly encourage parents to follow the school published information if we do receive a threat and to not attend the site as it may hamper the efforts of both the school and the Queensland Police Service. Please feel confident that all of our actions will be to ensure that safety of students and staff at all times.

Year 12 QCS Program
Our school this year has expanded our QCS enhancement program for all students in Year 12 who plan to sit the QCS test based on the success of the 2015 program. All students who are sitting the QCS program have already been involved in 3 tailored sessions this term with the Mighty Minds organisation. This program is offered at no cost to participating students and provides specific strategies and preparation materials to support students in achieving their best possible QCS Grade.

Ascend Masterclasses underway
Every Thursday and Friday morning Ascend classes are underway for invited Years 7 and 9 high achieving students. These classes provide students with key high order literacy and numeracy strategies to apply to their current and future studies, with healthy breakfast provided. Students have been very engaged in this program and I look forward to seeing these new skills applied in their learning.

P & C Meeting - Parental Involvement
The P & C is an excellent avenue to contribute to the school and I strongly encourage all interested parents to attend. Our next meeting is our AGM on Wednesday March 16 at 5.30pm and a special invitation is extended to our new Year 7 parents whom we welcome into the Elanora SHS community. The school tuckshop is an excellent opportunity to be involved in school life; any volunteers who could help out would be greatly appreciated. A special thank you to the parent volunteers who assisted with timekeeping at our swimming carnival.

Yours in Education,
Cameron Hodges
Principal

Week 5
UPCOMING EVENTS
1st March
• Year 7 2017 Parent Information Evening
• XCELeate Program—Maths

2nd March
• PD for students
• QCS Training

8th
• XCELeate—Literacy and Journalism

11th
• Year 10 Photography Excursion

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Deputy Principal’s Report

Thank you to all students, parents and staff who continue to support the uniform policy of the school. The students are looking great and the increased expectation has set a very positive tone in the school. As we are now in the second half of the term, it is crucial that students continue to set high expectations for themselves when completing their assessments. As parents you can support your young person by discussing their upcoming assessment with them and ensuring they have set aside enough time on weekends and school nights to complete everything. Time management is a skill that needs to be taught and nurtured.

How much do you read?

In an increasingly frenetic society, making the time to read allows us to use our time (and minds) more wisely. Every time I look at my sadly battered ASICS trainers, the letters reinforce the reason why I run. The letters stand for Anima Sana in Corpore Sano, translating from the Latin as a healthy soul in a healthy body. In the lead up to the Gold Coast Marathon I am sure you have seen countless people spending copious time (and seemingly unlimited funds) putting their bodies through anguish on the footpaths, tracks and beaches to feel good and improve their health. For some, this is ongoing; for others it is a new year’s resolution – to get fit and feel better about themselves. It is not always easy to find the time, the motivation or the desire to do it, but as the slogan says, we just do it!

The parent Latin phrase, Mens Sana in Corpore Sano, articulates a healthy mind in a healthy body, and is a phrase that we do not always heed as much. Yet reading, particularly for pleasure, is a cheaper, more accessible and at least as rewarding a pursuit as joining a gym or embarking on strenuous activity. The benefits of reading are well-known: mental stimulation, stress reduction, a greater range of vocabulary skills and deeper analytical thought are some of the most valuable.

For students, the research and experience is compelling: according to the OECD (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development) in 2002, reading for pleasure is even more important than social class in determining the academic success of individual students. PISA (The Programme for International Student Assessment) stated in 2010 that fifteen year-old “students who enjoy reading are significantly more likely to be good readers.” Our students will read and write more than ever before, some in jobs that do not yet exist, and literacy will be the key indicator of their capacity to succeed. With that end in mind, creating a place and a time to encourage reading for pleasure – fiction or non-fiction, feature articles or football reports – will surely benefit our young people.

Free APPs for learning and study skills organisation

There are a wide variety of free APPs available to assist students with their organisation of thoughts and ideas. Check these ones out!

Fiona Scannell
Deputy Principal

Total recall – mind maps

Total Recall is a simple and elegant solution to mind mapping. It allows you to instantly create beautiful mind maps and share them with friends. It offers unlimited sized mind maps and various shapes, colours, sizes, and arrows to use. The free version is limited to only 3 mind maps though.

Wunderlist

Whether you’re sharing working on a project, or planning ahead, Wunderlist makes it easy to share your lists and collaborate with everyone in your life. Wunderlist allows you to start conversations about your to-dos, attach photos, PDFs, presentations, share the work and delegate to-dos and set reminders.

Trello

A slightly more visual rendering of your to-dos, this app allows you to create boards for different projects and separate sharable lists within them. You can create boards to organize anything you’re working on. Use them solo or invite co-workers, friends and family to collaborate. Customize workflows for different projects Add checklists of "To-Dos" on cards, comment on items with your friends and attach files from Google Drive and Dropbox.

Evernote

Evernote is an organisational tool that you can use as a storing place for short notes, or as a place to collect all your thoughts—links, photos, notes, checklists—for larger projects. Evernote allows you to sync between all your devices. You can write notes, checklists, and research, clip from anywhere on the web, discuss your work with others, right within the app and present ideas without creating a slide deck.

QParents

QParents has been created by the Department of Education, Training and Employment to provide parents of Queensland state school students with secure online access to their child’s information. The portal allows you to securely access information about your child and to communicate directly with your child’s school. Over time, QParents will become an integral part of how we communicate with parents. Get on board now to enjoy the ease and convenience that QParents offers.

If you have not received an invitation, or have not registered yet for QParents please advise us immediately. Click the link to direct you to QParents https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about. If you have any questions please call our Administration on 5568 4333.
The Finance office is open to accept payments Monday to Friday 7.30am to 3.00pm. Payments can be made by cash, cheque, eftpos or via the internet. Internet payments can be made 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The school bank details are:
Elanora State High School General Account
BSB: 064 404
Acct: 00090717
Reference: student name

If paying by direct deposit please ensure you use your child’s EQ ID number and a short description (for example X1234567SRS). If the cashier is unable to determine what the payment is for it will be automatically applied to the oldest debt on your account.
To assist families the following table provides a summary of fees that are due:

### Finance Update

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<td>Year 12 Photography—PGT2303 to Brisbane</td>
<td>Student required to bring Go Card to pay for train fare up to Brisbane and return. Students to meet at Varsity Train Station at 9am and bring own lunch. Students catch train from Varsity Station to South Brisbane. Students will photograph around South Bank and the City. Return via South Brisbane to Varsity.</td>
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<td>8th March</td>
<td>SEQ School Futsal</td>
<td>So All Girls Teams will now be participating at the Kedron Futsal Centre - 76 Aruelen St, Kedron. All Boys Teams will remain at the Oxley Futsal Centre - 98 Factory Rd, Oxley. Transport will be a combination of Palm Beach Surf Club 22 seater, 12 seater and parents</td>
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### Student Council

**Student Council: Culture Team 2016**

In 2016 the Student Council will be split into 2 groups again. This year Mrs Silver will be taking the Culture Team and Mrs Kyme will be taking the Community Team which will run as the Leo Club.

Mrs Silver is looking for enthusiastic students from each Form Class to join the Culture Team which helps to raise the spirit of the school through events such as Elanora’s Got Talent, Raffles etc.

Meetings are once per fortnight at lunchtime in the Hub.
The Leo club at Elanora SHS will be running “Shave for a Cure” on March 23 and 24.

This iconic event is one of Australia’s biggest fundraisers. Each March more than 150,000 people will be sponsored to shave or colour their hair to support Australians with blood cancer and fund research.

We are encouraging all students and parents to be involved and either shave or colour (temporarily) their hair to support people with cancer.

The reasons are as follows. Each day 34 Australians will be given the devastating news that they have leukaemia, lymphoma or myeloma, and they’ll turn to the Leukaemia Foundation for help. Although survival rates are improving, blood cancers are the third biggest cause of cancer death in Australia. Being sponsored to shave, colour or wax the hair on your head, chest or face, is an extraordinary way to help families facing the challenge of blood cancer and to help Australia’s best researchers. The money your sponsors give you will go towards research, which is needed to discover kinder and more effective treatments for blood cancer. Your sponsorship will also support families when they need it most, providing people with leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma with a free home-away-from-home near hospital during their treatment. It will also mean transport to appointments and provision of as much practical assistance and emotional support as is possible, all free of charge.

If you would like to support this cause go online to “World’s Greatest Shave” at [http://worldsgreatestshave.com/sign](http://worldsgreatestshave.com/sign) up and join the Elanora SHS group.

Or see Sharon Kyme for details in Staffroom 2.

### Indigenous Students’ and Carers’ Noticeboard

It has been great meeting our Indigenous Students so far this year. It seems most students are settling in well here at Elanora SHS. If I can be of assistance to any families please remember to contact me through the school and leave a message.

**Years 10, 11 and 12**

**Information Session on confirmation of Aboriginality**

**When:** Tuesday 8th March 2016  10.30am

**Where:** Elanora SHS Library

Confirmation of Aboriginality or being Torres Strait Islander often becomes important to senior students when they complete High School and start looking at further education, loans with IBA or identified positions in the workplace. This session will give the parents and the students an understanding on how Aboriginality works and why it is needed in particular areas especially when it comes to furthering their pathways. Parents/Carers are invited to attend with their Senior Student and join us for morning tea. You should receive an invitation shortly. We look forward to seeing you.

Noell Burgess

Indigenous Student Support Officer

Elanora SHS

Mondays and Tuesdays

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**Leo Club**

**Good News**

Please send student achievements to goodnews@elanorashs.eq.edu.au. Achievements can be in sporting, academic, or community service. When sending in your information, pictures or links to media articles please specify in which format you wish to deliver your message.

We would love to hear from you and share your stories!

**Year 12 Business Management**

**DI BELLA AND IKEA EXCURSION – OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT**

Year 12 Business Management students attended an excursion to Di Bella Coffee and IKEA located in Brisbane. The topic the students are currently studying is OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT. These two companies provided students with real-life wholesale and retail operations of their businesses.

Students were prompted to think about why the location was chosen for both companies and list some of the products sold. Why do they think the businesses have chosen to have a café as part of their operations?

Inventory Management, Production Control, Quality and Facilities.
Art News

Elanora’s Senior Visual Arts classes had the opportunity to view one of the Southern Hemisphere’s largest exhibitions of contemporary art at Brisbane’s QAGOMA (Queensland Art Gallery & Gallery of Modern Art). The 8th Asia Pacific Triennial emphasises the role of performance in recent art, with live actions, video, kinetic art, figurative painting and sculpture exploring the use of the human form to express cultural, social and political ideas, and the central role of artists in articulating experiences specific to their localities. A fantastic day was had by all!

Career News

Year 10 students only - MotoV8 Automotive Work Experience Program at Robina Auto Mall.

Do you have a passion for cars? If you are in Year 10 and want to know about the various Automotive industry career pathways then the MotoV8 Program may be for you.

Von Bibra Motors Gold Coast will be holding an information session (date to be advised) where students and parents can attend to gain information regarding the many career opportunities available within the industry. See flyer for more details.

Interested students can then do work placement in their selected area with Von Bibra. Students wishing to participate must submit an expression of interest (EOI). EOI close on Monday 7th March 2016. See Mrs Hargrave.

The above mentioned program is a separate program to the My Future How Program and student/s who participate in the MotoV8 Automotive Program will still be required to participate in the ‘My Future How Program.

My Future How Program update

Elanora SHS has developed the ‘My Future How’ program to assist Year 10 students to make career decisions when making choices with their Student Education and Training Plan (SETPlan) in Term 3, 2016. All students will be engaged in the program during the last week of Term 2 from Monday 20th June to Friday 24th June 2016. Letter to parents/guardians is located on Elanora Launchpad Home page, Vocational Education Download centre.

All Year 10 students have now received their paperwork for our program. Program A students have been identified. Letters and permissions forms have been given to the students. Permissions forms are to be completed and returned to school as soon as possible so transport can be arranged.

Program B students have also received their paperwork. Students are to contact employers regarding work placement for the week (20th to 24th June). Completed forms are to be returned to school, then a Form C (insurance) will be generated and given back to student to obtain signatures. All signed forms are to be returned to school.

Students are reminded that extra work experience forms can be located on Elanora Launchpad Home page Vocational Education Download centre.

Reinforced Reading Program

Reinforced Reading Program for Years 7, 8 and 9

Early start Reinforced Reading Program for Years 7, 8 and 9 will be on every morning from 8:30am - 9:00am in D4. All welcome.
Congratulations to Cain Leech from Year 10, the winner of the first quiz for 2016. Cain correctly answered each question and has chosen a $5 tuckshop voucher rather than printing credit. Cain is also now eligible to compete in the end of year Science Grand Quiz Challenge – as will all of the fortnightly winners through the year. Well done Cain!

The answers to last fortnight’s quiz were:

- What heats your hands when you rub them together? (FRICTION)
- Which are the four heaviest flightless birds? (OSTRICH, CASSOWARY, EMU AND EMPEROR PENGUIN)
- Which metal is always found in amalgam? (MERCURY)
- In astronomy, what is a brown dwarf? (IS A DIM, STAR-LIKE OBJECT THAT DOES NOT HAVE ENOUGH MASS TO FUSE HYDROGEN INTO HELIUM)
- Electric and manta are both kinds of what type of fish? (RAYS)

This fortnight’s quiz questions are:

1. What is the chemical name for slaked lime?
2. What do baby vampire bats drink?
3. On Venus, which is longer – a Venus year or a Venus day?
4. What order do moths and butterflies belong to?
5. What is measured in lumens?

Students must come to the Science Prep Room from morning tea on with their answers.

Ms Hesse
Science Technician

International Department
Homestay Families Wanted!!!

› Have you ever thought about hosting an International student?
› Do you have a spare bedroom?
› Have you ever wanted to expand your culture?
› Have you wanted to earn a little extra pocket money?

If you have answered “YES” to any of these questions then please contact Fleur Parker on 07 5568 4365 or fpark0@eq.edu.au for further information about being a part of our rewarding and fun International Homestay Program.

Being a home stay parent and providing our International Students a home away from home, is a very rewarding experience where you create life long bonds and an extended family for ever.

P & C Association

The P&C Association meets monthly. The meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5.30pm.

Elanora State High School Cnr 19th Avenue & Avocado Street Elanora 4221 Phone 07 5568 4333 www.elanorasha.eq.edu.au
CRICOS Code : 00608A
PALM BEACH SOCCER CLUB requires girls in the following age groups for their upcoming 2016 season.

U/13 GIRLS Turning 12 or 13 in 2016 (PLAY IS SATURDAYS)

U/14 GIRLS Turning 14 in 2016 (PLAY IS SATURDAYS)

U/15 GIRLS Turning 15 in 2016 (PLAY IS FRIDAY EVENING) 2 spots only available

U/16 GIRLS Turning 16 in 2016 (PLAY IS FRIDAY EVENING)

Palm Beach Soccer Club has qualified coaches for all girls teams as well only one of 10 clubs on the coast with a Women’s Hub license for our Premier, Reserves and Div 1 Women’s teams

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL: juniors@palmbeachsoccerclub.com.au or call Junior Girls Coordinator Pam on 0415 897 389.

#GIRLS PLAY TOO

Palm Beach Currumbin Jnr AFL is excited to introduce their Girls under 15s into the Gold Coast AFL competition in 2016.

The club is keen to hear from all interested players. For further information please contact Jaime Johnston—Smith at gjjsmith@gmail.com or on 0402 390 262.
It is a requirement under the Queensland Education Provisions Act 2006, that parents and carers ensure children of compulsory school age are in attendance at school every day. Some circumstances, such as illness, may prevent 100% attendance but all parents should be aiming for maximum school attendance for their child/ren.

**THEIR FUTURE LIFE CHOICE OPTIONS DEPEND ON YOU!**