



ESHHSNEWS

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DATES TO REMEMBER

27th January

- First day Term 1

4th February

- Recognition Parade

5th February

- School Photos

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6th February

- Year 7/8 Swimming Carnival

9th February

- Catch up Photo Day

10h February

- Year 12 Parent Evening

11th February

- Swimming Carnival

P&C ASSOCIATION

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

The Uniform Shop back to school opening hours are as follows

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back

Welcome to the 2015 school year at the great school that is Elanora SHS. This is an historic year for education in Queensland with the arrival of our first ever Year 7 students as part of the Junior secondary initiative. A special welcome to both our new Year 7 and Year 8 students to our school – as a school we have over 300 new students this year!! As well as our new students we also have a number of new teaching staff joining our school and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome to our school: Mrs Narelle Knight, Mr Kevin Deboer, Mr Luke Roberts and Mr Jeremy Parry as transitioning Year 7 teachers, Mr Jay Davidson, Mrs Helen Lawrence, while Ms Netelle Silver joins us as our HOC – Master Teacher. I am sure you will all join me in welcoming them to our community.

Facilities Improvements:

We have had a significant amount of facility work completed over the recent break which has resulted in a much improved learning facility with lots of very positive feedback from students and staff. Our P & C has funded a new shade structure adjacent to the Canteen and Uniform store, a significant amount of new student seating has been installed, a new basketball court near the Junior Secondary precinct has been installed, funded by GCCC; additional external painting has been completed and an internal repaint of The Hub. One of the most pleasing additions is the installation of our new directional signage and soon to be completed front entrance. Come in and check it out – our school looks great.

New Uniform:

Our new uniform for all of our new Year 7 & 8 students looks fantastic and I would like to thank our parent body for their support of our new uniform and dress code. A reminder to all members of the school community that our white sport shirt will no longer be a uniform item in 2016.

Increased Student Support:

This year our school has increased our student support by the creation of a Dean of Student position for both the Junior and Senior school. These positions are in addition to existing Year Coordinator, Head of Department and Deputy Principal support. Our Guidance service has been extended to 5 days a week and we are running a 6 day week Chaplaincy service.

Communication with home:

This newsletter is published fortnightly and is just one of the ways in which parents can access information about the school. As a school we have a Facebook page with over 1000 likes and also regularly utilise text messages as reminders. Our school website is updated weekly and you can access key information via the QSchools App available through both iTunes and Google Play. The school mails all report cards direct to families and we will be mailing home a key event calendar and your child's personalised assessment schedule for Semester 1 in the next fortnight. Can you please ensure that we have your correct phone and address details so we can provide you with all relevant information.

Year 12 Recognition Parade:

Our first whole school assembly on February 4 will be focusing on the acknowledgment of the achievements of our graduating class of 2014. A significant number of our graduates have been invited back to the school so we can acknowledge their achievements on their QCE and successful transition to the next stage of their Career Plan. Students were recognised for achieving an A on the QCS test as well as those who achieved an OP score 10 or below. We will also celebrate the success of our graduates who have progressed to further study at University in 2015 or have secured employment through their studies here at Elanora.

School Photos – February 5:

Our annual school photos will be held on Thursday February 5, envelopes have been sent home with students this week. Please ensure that you read through the ordering process for your 2015 school photos. As it is a Thursday students will be in their Day uniform for their school photos.

Year 12 Information Night – Tuesday February 10:

All of our Year 12 parents will receive an invitation to attend a presentation on Tuesday evening February 10 in relation to all of the key events and procedures associated with the last year of school. The presentation will also include the issue of the highly anticipated 2015 Senior Jerseys. The presentation commences at 6.00pm in the Performing Arts Block.

Looking forward to a great 2015

Yours in Education
Cameron Hodges
Principal

FROM THE PRINCIPAL— CONTINUED

Swimming Carnival – February 11:

Our first whole school carnival will be held on Wednesday February 11 with our school swimming carnival. Sport Permission forms for 2015 have been sent home which cover not only this carnival but also all other weekly interschool sporting events; and transport to and from the pool has been arranged for all students. This is a whole school event and all students are expected to attend. Please ensure your child attends and that they have sunscreen, hat and a water bottle. Looking forward to what is a very enjoyable day on the school calendar.

P & C Meeting - Parental Involvement:

Parental input into the school's operations is greatly appreciated and there are a number of opportunities for parents to be involved with our school. Our first P & C meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday February 18 in the staff common room, commencing at 5.30pm. The P & C is an excellent avenue to contribute to the school and I strongly encourage all interested parents to attend – the second meeting is our AGM on Wednesday March 18. A special invitation is extended to our new Year 7 and 8 parents whom we welcome into the Elanora SHS community. The school tuckshop is also an excellent opportunity to be involved in school life. Any volunteers who could help out would be greatly appreciated. I also strongly encourage parents to contact the school if they have any concerns or queries. Early intervention with problems often leads to a speedy solution.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to new students and parents. My name is Ms Kym Dickinson and I am the Deputy Principal responsible for Junior Secondary i.e. Years 7-9. I work with a very dedicated team of Year Coordinators, Dean of Students, Form Teachers and support personnel as well as the teaching staff who will do their utmost to ensure your son or daughter achieves to the best of their ability whilst at Elanora SHS. I look forward to meeting with students and parents over the coming year.

Elanora SHS says NO to bullying

All students in Years 7 and 8 received a USB slap band via Year Assembly on Friday 30th January. The band reads "Elanora SHS says NO to bullying". Students will need to clearly write their name on the inside label. Students are expected to wear them each day as it is their USB with which to save their school work. Any student found bullying another student however will have the band confiscated for a period of time depending on the behaviour. The purpose as well as providing a learning tool is to give students a clear visual reminder each day that we do not tolerate bullying. If any student feels that they are experiencing bullying they need to report this to their Year Coordinator or Dean of Students for actioning. I will discuss mediation and other strategies we employ to educate young people about appropriate ways to deal with conflict in future newsletters.

School Photos

Student and staff photos will be taken in the International Centre on Thursday 5th February. All students will need their photo taken even if not purchasing the photo pack as this is the photo required for their student ID. Students have been provided with an envelope which they will need to bring with them on Thursday 5th if you wish to purchase photographs. The envelope must contain the correct amount of money or other form of payment. The school and or tuckshop will not handle any money on the day and are not able to provide change. A make-up day has been scheduled for Monday 9th February.

Student Immunisations Years 8 and 10

This year the process for providing approval for student vaccinations has changed. Elanora has been provided with envelopes on which we will have to place a parent name and address label. We then post that home to you. Students are then required to bring in completed forms and hand them in at the front office by Friday 13 February for collection on Monday 16 February. We will endeavour to have these in the afternoon mail by Monday 2nd February.

Ms Kym Dickinson
Deputy Principal (Junior Secondary)

FINANCE UPDATE

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/excursions/activities that are due:

ITEM	DETAILS	AMOUNT DUE	DATE DUE
Outstanding 2014 Student Resource Scheme	All year levels	\$310/\$320	Overdue
Outstanding 2014 Subject Fees	Year 9 – 12	Various	Overdue
Year Book	All year levels	\$15.00	
2015 Student Resource Scheme	All year levels	\$310/\$320	Due now

Sunday 1 February

Charity Cricket Match
10am - 3pm
A great Family Day Out

SUNS Gold Coast Suns vs Bond Uni Rugby Club

Cheltenham Oval, Robina
Limited over cricket match starting at 11am
Gold coin entry

IN AID OF Autism Gold Coast Inc

- Balloon Artists
- Face Painting
- Jumping Castle
- Raffles
- Fire Brigade display
- SES selling sausages and hamburgers

Together we can make a difference in the lives of people with Autism/Aspergers/ASD and their families

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CHAPPY NEWS

Meet the Chaplains

“We’re excited to be your ‘chappies’ again for another year!”

Chaplaincy in Elanora High School was established in 2010 and adds an important spiritual and pastoral care dimension to the network of student support. Thanks to the support of the Principal, P&C and local community we are entirely fortunate to have a 6 day service.

Dave Quak is at school Monday – Wednesday. He is a family man with two children of his own and also pastors a church. He’s extremely approachable and always knows how to make fun of a situation!

Stephanie Taylor is here at the back end of the week, Wednesday - Friday. Steph is recently married and enjoys building into the lives of young girls teaching them self-value and loves seeing students realise their potential.

Keep an eye on this segment for fun events coming up this year.

To get in touch with the chaplains either email: Stephanieb@chappy.org.au or Davidq@chappy.org.au



ADVERTISEMENTS

Kingscliff Hockey Club INC.

Hockey is an exciting sport to get into and in preparation for the winter sporting season the Kingscliff Hockey Club is looking for new and old playing members (Juniors 5-16 years and also Juniors playing Seniors i.e. under 17 years). Sign on is Saturday 7th Feb & Friday 13th Feb at Merv Edwards Oval, Sand St, Kingscliff, Saturday 11am—2pm & Friday 3pm—5pm. For any inquiries call Tim Prichard 0418490586, Donna Fay 0448186591, Ross Salmon 55246204. Season begins late March early April 2015.

MS Swimathon

Swimming for 12 Hours Straight to raise \$55,000 for people living with Multiple Sclerosis!

Register Today to join in with the fun

Gold Coast

Saturday 28th Feb 2015

7am-7pm

Runaway Bay Sports Super Centre

[Www.MSswimathon.com.au](http://www.MSswimathon.com.au)

CAREER NEWS

Years 12, 11 and 10 only

New vacancies for school based traineeships are on display on the Job Board in Administration.

Cert III in Hospitality, Business Administration, Business (retail) and Tourism.

There are 5 new traineeships with a local registered training organisation at Coolangatta—Cert III Hospitality, Business Administration and Tourism, along with a Cert III Hairdressing traineeship at Robina.

For Indigenous students

Chefstarz Program for students wanting to become a chef.

This course is a 12 week course for 1 day per week (Friday)

from 9am to 3pm.

This new program will give students an insight into working within the area of commercial cookery with placement in industry.

Mission Australia is also looking for a Year 11 student for a school based traineeship in Business at their Palm Beach office.

Keen Consult at Robina— Cert III Business

Any student wishing to apply for any of the above positions please see Mrs Hargrave. A current resume and covering letter is required when applying for any position.

Templates are available for students wanting assistance with resumes, covering letter or possible questions employers may ask.

Students are reminded that a school based traineeship is usually a Certificate III course and upon completion of the traineeship a student can gain up to 8 points towards their QCE. It is a paid position with a student working a minimum of 50 days per year.

TAFE has vacancies for the following courses:

Cert I Engineering (Marine)

Cert II Engineering Pathways

Cert II Automotive

Cert II Marine Mechanical

Cert II Electrotechnology

Cert I Construction

Cert II Tourism

Cert II Retail Makeup & Skincare—fees apply

ThemeParks.com.au Our School Ticket Sale



Village Roadshow Theme Parks is offering our school community a limited time ticket offer. Simply visit ThemeParks.com.au/promocode and enter our promocode "CPC014" to gain access to these ticket offers.

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SENIOR PHASE STUDENT PROFILE –

Name: Henry Lang

Year Level: 12

Current Subjects: Maths B, English Authority, Marine Ed, Drama, Hospitality, Business Management



Elanora SHS Honours: 2015 School Captain, 2013 Best in Subject—Drama, 2013 and Palm Beach Lions Citizenship Award

Why I chose Elanora SHS: Because it appeared to be a great school, we had just moved to the Gold Coast and it was in the area.

What is the best thing about Elanora SHS? The resources, not only the technological resources but the teachers as well. There's not an hour that goes by where I don't learn something.

My future plans? Travel the world, apply and hopefully get accepted into NIDA and become an actor.

ALUMNI PROFILE – WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Name: Enya Watts

Years at Elanora: 8-12

Year 12 Subjects: English, Maths B, Maths C, Chemistry, Biology, Home Economics

Elanora SHS Honours: Years 8 and 11 Dux, High Distinction, Distinction

What was the best thing about Elanora SHS?
The teachers and the environment

What I miss about Elanora SHS?
The teachers and my friends

Occupation:
Student at Griffith University and working

Future plans?
Completing University

**Every day and every minute counts
What sort of start is your child getting?
Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but ...**

He/She is only missing just...	The equals...	Which is...	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	10 minutes per day	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>half a year</u>
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 year</u>
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 and a half years</u>
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over <u>2 and a half years</u>

He/She is only missing just...	The equals...	Which is...	and over 13 years of schooling that's...	Which means the best your child can perform is...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly <u>1.5 years</u>	Your child ***** Other children ***** Equal to finishing in grade 11
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over <u>2.5 years</u>	Your child ***** Other children ***** Equal to finishing in grade 10
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over <u>5 years</u>	Your child ***** Other children ***** Equal to finishing in grade 7
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly <u>8 years</u>	Your child **** Other children ***** Equal to finishing in grade 4

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!