FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Subject Selection & Career Expo – Tuesday August 5
Our annual Subject Selection & Career Expo will be held at the school on Tuesday August 5 commencing from 4.30pm. It is extremely important that all parents and students attend the relevant presentations at our Career & Subject Selection Expo as we have put together a program and assembled a wide range of exhibitors to provide all relevant information in one place at one time for all of our Elanora SHS families. Information on the range of presentations & presenters was sent home with report cards and is also available on the school website. Our Chaplaincy service will be running a fundraising sausage sizzle so please support them whilst you are on campus gathering all the information so that you and your child can make an informed decision around future pathways.

On Target Interviews – Tuesday August 19 – No classes
Our school will also be hosting our first ever On Target Interviews on Tuesday August 19 in which every student and parent will have a one on one interview with a member of our teaching staff to look at the individual student’s performance, the individual student’s career aspirations and planning the steps to achieve this career goal. There will be no classes held on this day and interviews will be available from 1.30pm – 7.50pm. Booking information for On Target Interviews will be sent home next week and attendance at the Subject Selection & Career Expo will greatly enhance the interview on Tuesday August 19.

School Opinion Surveys
Each year, Education Queensland undertakes a survey of parents/caregivers, students and staff to gauge their satisfaction with important aspects of schooling. This year every parent of the school has been provided with an opportunity to complete the survey online. The eldest student in each family will bring home the instructions and individual login details for the 2014 Parent/Caregiver online Survey on Monday July 28.
Later in the year, the school will receive a report outlining the results of the survey for our school. The results will help the school to evaluate and to reflect on how well the school is going, and to identify areas for future development. The survey results are also an important part of the school’s annual report. For these reasons, I hope you will complete the questionnaire and help make the school a better place for all. Your response is completely confidential. If you chose to complete the online survey there is no way to link you to the responses you provide in the survey. The information that you provide will not be reported in ways that would allow you to be identified. The online access details have not been assigned to you and are only used to ensure that forms are distributed to the correct school and to allow the information to be analysed for the school.
Please complete the online survey by Sunday August 3. If you would like to access the survey via one of the schools computers please do not hesitate to contact the friendly office staff and we will arrange this for you. Thank you in advance for your participation in the survey.

Well Done - Kokoda
Last weekend five of our staff led 5 teams in the Kokoda Challenge. This event is an extreme test of fitness, willpower, teamwork and perseverance. On behalf of the school community I would like to thank all Students & teachers for being such outstanding ambassadors for our school in this event and a special mention to our hardworking parents who formed the extremely important support crews. Well done to all involved and we look forward to getting together to reflect on the lessons learnt and sharing the stories of this memorable event.

Year 6 &7 Information Night – Tuesday July 29
Our school will be hosting enrolment information nights for both Year 7 2015 and Year 8 2015 as well as the launch of our BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) program for 2015 next Tuesday July 29. We will be launching our BYOD program at 5.15pm in the Student Centre and the General Information Session will commence at 6.00pm. Both information sessions will be held in the Student Centre. Round 2 testing for both ACE, Sports & Dance is also occurring – more details – please see our website. General enrolment bookings are now open – simply contact our friendly office staff to make a booking.

Look forward to seeing you at the Career & Subject Selection Expo on August 5 and at On Target Interviews on August 19.

Yours in Education
Cameron Hodges
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Kokoda Challenge
On Saturday 19 July Elanora SHS fielded 5 teams in the Jim Stillman walk of the Kokoda Challenge. Below is my team consisting of Hayley Clark, Emma Sun, Kira Egan and Keely De Klerk. All 5 of us finished in a time of 15 hours 50 minutes and 13 seconds.

Ms Clark’s team had Giselle Gripper, Paris Campbell, Yasmin Sun and Aiden McCabe (Yasmin and Adrian only came into the team on 14 July after 2 students had to pull out). Four members of the team finished in a time of 15 hours 48 minutes. Ms Clayton’s team consisted of Zac Hudson, Ioan Jones, Will Johnston and Taj Chan. Ms Clayton’s team did an outstanding time in 10 hours 25 minutes and came 22nd with all of the team completing the course.

Mr Pearce’s team was Jake Burnett, Henry Lang, Rachel Petrie and Julia Shuker. Their time was 13 hours 28 minutes and all 5 members finished.

Mr. Woolcott’s team included Alex Mackay, Kenny Douven, Zac Kouaider & Alyssica Prince (Zac and Alyssica only joined the team the day before after 2 students had to pull out due to injury). Mr. Woolcott’s team finished in 15 hours 45 minutes and unfortunately one student had to pull out due to injury.

Kokoda is a gruelling experience that takes a lot of self-determination to complete. I was extremely proud of my girls in the same way I am sure each of the other teachers were with how the students met the challenges of the walk. I know it is an experience they will remember with pride.

No one was able to complete this event without the great support of parents. This support was provided physically by the support teams who helped us with tending to everything from sore feet to providing warm food. Importantly, there was a heap of emotional support to go with this and the grins on the faces of students and parents showed that all of the blood, sweat and tears were worth it in the end.

A big thank you, on behalf of all of the participating students and staff to parents.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability.

Elanora SHS is participating in Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability. All schools are required to complete this. The collection of data collects the following information:

- the number of students receiving adjustments to enable them to participate in education on the same basis as other students;
- the level of adjustment provided (no adjustment at this time, supplementary, substantial or extensive adjustment); and
- where known, the student’s type of disability.

Student names will not be captured.
All personal information collected by the Department is protected by the Privacy Act.

Please contact the school if you do not wish for your child to be captured in this data by 1st August.

Entertainment books
A reminder the uniform shop is selling the Gold Coast Entertainment Books for $55. This book gives you significant discounts on a number of activities across the Coast. It makes going out that much cheaper.

Ms Kym Dickinson Deputy Principal

PARENTING COURSE

The Parenting Teenagers Course will be held at Palm Beach Currumbin State High commencing Wednesday the 13th of August 2014 in the Trade Training Centre. The course is made up of five weekly sessions lasting approximately 2 hours, including time for supper. Session topics include:

- Keeping the end in mind
- Meeting our teenager’s needs
- Setting boundaries
- Developing emotional health
- Helping them make good choices

Who is it for?
- Are you a parent, step-parent or carer of one or more children aged 11 to 18 years old?
- Would you like to meet other parents at a similar stage?
- Would you like to improve your skills as a parent of this age group?
- Are you struggling as a parent of a teenager?
- Would you like to improve your skills as a parent of this age group?

If you answered ‘yes’ to any of those questions then this course is for you! The course is for any parent or carer whether you feel all is going well or you are facing challenges. The course is for every type of parenting situation, including parenting on your own, step-parenting and parenting as a couple.

While the Parenting Teenagers Course is based on Christian principles, it is designed for parents and carers with or without a Christian faith, and contains some Christian material.

Whatever your situation, the practical tools you learn can help to improve and strengthen your family life.

What can I expect?
- A great atmosphere that is open, encouraging and fun. Courses are run in all kinds of venues – homes, restaurants, cafes (after hours), community halls, churches, schools – but, wherever your local course is run, you should find a great atmosphere and a friendly welcome.
- A delicious meal or snack – each session offers something to eat and drink, giving you space to relax and chat to other parents or carers.
- Practical talks that are informative and fun, either given live or played on DVD. They include filmed clips of parents and teenagers sharing their own experiences, street interviews and advice from parenting experts.
- Small groups based on the age of your oldest child so that you can meet other parents/carers who are at a similar stage to you.

Time to discuss the challenges you are facing and how to establish long-term strategies for your own family. However, you will not be required to share anything about your family life that you would prefer not to. Every part of the course is optional, including contributing to the small group discussions.

Expert Panel
At the end of the course you are invited to attend the ‘Panel of Experts’ including Police, Nutritionist, Youth Counsellor and Child Psychologist. These people will be on hand to answer any questions you may have from the course or not answered by the course.

Cost of the course is $15 per person / $25 per couple including manual and refreshments.

Venue: Palm Beach Currumbin State High – Trade Training Centre. Somebody will be at the gate to guide course participants.

Time: 7pm to approximately 9pm (may finish earlier)

Further information can be obtained at this website.

http://www.relationshipcentral.org/parenting-teenagers-course

Bookings essential by contacting 55 346 099
Queensland has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. Skin cancer usually does not hurt and is usually seen before it is felt, so visit your General Practitioner (GP) regularly for a skin check. Skin cancer is a serious disease, can cause disfigurement and death, can be a lot harder to remove than just cutting out a mole. Some skin cancers travel and spread to other parts of the body making them difficult to treat effectively.

Ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun and artificial sources, such as welding work, cause sunburn and skin damage leading to premature ageing and skin cancer. UV radiation from the sun is not linked to heat, and it cannot be seen or felt. UV radiation can cause skin damage in all seasons — even in winter and on cloudy days. People who work outdoors in Queensland are exposed throughout the year to high levels of UV radiation from the sun. Damage to the skin occurs as soon as skin is exposed to UV radiation. The effects of UV radiation on the skin are cumulative, that is, damage builds up over time, even without your skin burning. [http://www.sunsafety.qld.gov.au](http://www.sunsafety.qld.gov.au).

Nurse Jackie 0432 00 5265 jatki89@eq.edu.au.

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**PACTS**

**Parents As Career Transition Support**

A free workshop for parents of teenagers.

Discussions and decisions regarding career choices can be a confusing time for teenagers. Should they work, study, start an apprenticeship or should they have a gap year?

PACTS is a natural workshop for parents to learn about the different career pathways available today, up-to-date career information and how to support teenagers with their career decisions.

Choose a workshop to attend:

- Monday August 11, 11am - 1pm
  - Ninderry Community Centre (Coochin)
  - Bookings: 5423 1104
- Monday August 18, 11am - 1pm
  - Ninderry Community Centre (Coochin)
  - Bookings: 5420 3205
- Tuesday October 1, 11am - 2pm
  - Welcome Library
  - Bookings: 5581 0355 (bookings open in August)

For information:

Art 511 Minton 14/5, Toowoomba 4350
http://www.qut.edu.au/career-transition-program/pacts/
EQ NEWS

National survey of young women
YWCA Australia has launched its annual She Speaks survey, a national online survey recording the attitudes to and experiences of leadership for girls and young women aged 15 to 30.

2015 Australian of the Year Awards
Nominations are now open!
Nominations are open until Friday 1 August 2014, with the announcement of the national award recipients held at the 2015 Australia Day Eve Ceremony in Canberra. For nomination form and further information please contact the office.

CAREERS INFORMATION FOR YR 10, YR 11 AND YR 12
Business-Cert III
Prestige Service Training also has Cert III Business traineeship with Prouds the Jewellers, EB Games and Cosmetics Plus. Any students wishing to apply please submit a current resume and covering letter.

Year 12 learn Filmmaking and Acting for Film at Village Roadshow Studios. Vet-Fee Help Approved see flyer on display on Job Board.

Gold Coast 2nd Annual Barista Competition 2014
All Hospitality students and trainees are invited to compete or attend the 2nd Annual Gold Coast Become a Barista’s competition for 2014.

When: Friday 29th August 2014
Time: All day starting at 10am
Where: Gold Coast Turf Club Bundall
Cost: $35.00 register fee
If you have any further questions please contact hrm@palazzoversace.com.au or telephone Karen Thorburn on 55098080. Mrs Hargrave has the entry form.

For Indigenous students-
ANZ Bank and Mission Australia also offering school based traineeships for Retail and Business. See Mrs Hargrave for further details.

Healthcare and Social Assistance Industry-
Friday, August 1, 2014, 10am-2pm at Southern Cross University, Gold Coast Campus, Southern Cross Drive, Bilinga.
The greatest projected employment growth on the Gold Coast for the next five years is in the Healthcare and Social Assistance Industry. With almost 6,000 more workers needed to meet the demand, the health Industry is creating workforce development plans. Find out more about the Healthcare profession, discover new school and tertiary courses on offer and explore the range of careers in health available at the Gold Coast. The forum will include:
Speaker: Laura Barnes, Acting Executive Director, Health and Community Services Workforce Council
Information about training and education pathways
A tour of Southern Cross University’s new Facilities
An expo style display of health industry workers
Question & Answer panel with industry, university and TAFE representatives

SOCIAL SCIENCES
As you would be aware, 2015 marks the centenary of the Anzac’s involvement in the First World War. To mark this milestone, Elanora SHS students are encouraged to enter the 2015 Premier’s Anzac Prize which is open to all students from Years 8 to 11. Students could win a place on a study tour to visit Gallipoli and the Western Front by submitting a 5 minute multimedia presentation on:
• How the Anzac tradition has shaped our nation
• Why the Anzac tradition is still important
How generations can continue to keep the tradition alive.
Applications close on Friday 19th September 2014. For more information please visit www.education.qld.gov.au/anzac-prize, or see Miss Davies in Staffroom 3.
Good luck!
Miss Davies
SENIOR PHASE STUDENT PROFILE –
Name: Alanah Radka
Year Level: 12
Current Subjects: Drama, Dance, Math B, English, Biology and Home Economics
Elanora SHS Honours: Junior Leader, Middle School Leader, Senior Leader, Student Council Representative, Duranbah House Vice Captain, High Distinction, Distinction and Oceanic Volleyball
Why I chose Elanora SHS?
I chose Elanora State High School because I went to Elanora Primary and this school offered me the opportunity to be in the ACE class program. I also had an older sister who attended and said it was a great school.
What is the best thing about Elanora SHS?
The opportunities and extra curricular activities it offers the students such as Dance Group, Musicals and Canberra trip all of which I attended.
My future plans?
To continue my studies at Griffith University

ALUMNI PROFILE – WHERE ARE THEY NOW?
Name: Carly Cooper
Years at Elanora: 8-12
Year 12 Subjects: Math B, Math C, English, Home Economics, Physics, Chemistry, ITS, IPF
Elanora SHS Honours: Leadership roles
What was the best thing about Elanora SHS?
The teachers especially Mr Chandler and the friendly students
Future plans?
Studying IT currently at university and would like to end up in Environmental Science in the future.

MIDDLE PHASE STUDENT PROFILE –
Name: Amethyst Riley
Year Level: 9
Current Subjects: Manual Arts, Creative drawing and Painting, Maths, Science, English, History and Creative Clothing Design
Elanora SHS Honours: Leadership Roles
Why I chose Elanora SHS?
I live close to the school, has a clean tidy environment and heard it was a great school
What is the best thing about Elanora SHS?
The school grounds and the library
My future plans?
Go to university and become a horse vet

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROFILE –
Name: Maria Luiza Gomes
Year Level: 12
Country of Origin: Brazil
Length of Stay: 6 Months
Previous School: Dom Bosco
Current Subjects: English, Tourism, Hospitality, Maths, Marine and Biology
What is the best thing about Elanora SHS?
The environment, friendly students, teachers and staff
Future Plan?
Go to university in Brazil

Every day and every minute counts
What sort of start is your child getting?

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but …

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| Half an hour per day          | Half a day per week | 4 weeks per year | Nearly 1 and a half years | Your child Other children ==========
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| 1 hour per day                | 1 day per week | 8 weeks per year | Over 2 and a half years | Your child Other children ==========
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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!