FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A Flying Start
Our new Year 7 & 8 students have had a flying start this year and have settled in extremely well to the Elanora SHS family, we have had a number of specialist events for our newest students including Team Building in Week 1, our Sports Orientation in Week 2 and our Swimming Carnival this week. I encourage all parents of Year 7 and 8 students to contact the school if your child is facing any transition issues and we will work together on any concerns.

Swimming Carnival
Our annual Swimming Carnival was held on Wednesday February 11 at the Miami SHS pool. It was a very enjoyable day and thank you to all staff involved in the organisation and supervision of the carnival. Our top swimmers will next compete at the Oceanic trials and our Age Champions and winning house will be recognised at an upcoming school parade. A special thank you to Ms Jones for coordinating the carnival and all who helped out to make the day a success.

Great Results Guarantee
Our school is finalising our Great Results Guarantee for 2015 and we will be focusing on the areas of Reading, Numeracy and extending those students who have achieved in the upper two bands in previous NAPLAN testing. We will continue with our MULTILIT program that commenced in 2014 and we have welcomed a number of key staff who will be assisting students, teachers and parents in achieving our best possible results in these key focus areas.

I will share our guarantee with the school community once finalised via the school’s website.

Uniform
A reminder to all members of the school community that our white sports shirt will no longer be a uniform item in 2016. I would also like to acknowledge the parental support that we have received in relation to ensuring that students have the prescribed school footwear. All students have a school diary which clearly outlines our school uniform and dress code.

Assessment Calendar and communication with home
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, email address and address details so we can provide you with all relevant information. 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.

Year 12 Recognition Parade
At our first whole school assembly on February 4 we welcomed back the future Engineers, Teachers, Accountants, Sports Scientists, Occupational Therapists, Criminologists, Social Workers, Teachers, Nurses, Computer Programmers, Environmentalists, Speech Pathologists, Pharmacists, Town Planners, Sound Engineers, Scientists, Psychologists, Journalists & Hotel Managers – as part of our Alumni Recognition Parade. At this parade the entire school recognised our 2014 Graduates with 100% receiving a first round QTAC offer – an outstanding achievement. This parade was an excellent opportunity for our current students to hear about the myriad of career options that they can access when they engage with our curriculum, our support structures and our teachers. We look forward to hearing future success stories of our 2014 graduates as they tackle the years ahead.

Year 12 Information Night
Our Year 12 Information Night was held on Tuesday evening February 10 and was extremely well attended. The presentation included key dates and events in the final year of school, QCE & OP predictions, information on QTAC and the issue of the highly anticipated 2015 Senior Jerseys. OP & QCE Predictions have been mailed out for those who were unable to attend and the presentation for the evening will be available on our school website.

P & C Meeting - Parental Involvement
Our first P & C meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday February 18 in the staff common room commencing at 5.30pm. At this meeting we will discuss the school’s 2015 School Priorities and how we will utilise our Great Results Guarantee funding in 2015. The P & C is an excellent avenue to contribute to the school and I strongly encourage all interested parents to attend – our second meeting is our AGM on Wednesday March 18. A special invitation goes out to our new Year 7 & 8 parents who we welcome into the Elanora SHS community.

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HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE TO MANAGE STRESS AND ANXIETY

If your child or teen has difficulties with anxiety or just seems to have too many worries, we would like to introduce you to BRAVE Self-Help – an interactive, online program for the prevention and treatment of childhood and adolescent anxiety. It was developed by a group of researchers from the University of Queensland and now, with the support of beyondblue, this program is now freely available to all young people aged 8-17 years old who are living in Australia.

BRAVE Self-Help provides strategies for children and teenagers to better cope with their worries. There are 4 programs available, one for children aged 8-12 years, one for teenagers aged 12-17 years and one for parents of children at these ages respectively. The program can be accessed as often as you like, from the comfort of your own home. For more information, or to register for the program, please visit www.brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au.

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:

Elenora State High School General Account

BSB: 064 404
Account: 00090717

If paying by direct deposit please ensure you use your child’s EQ ID number and a short description (for example X12345675RS). 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:

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TAX FILE APPLICATION INFORMATION

From 2015 students can now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office. Applying online is the fastest and most convenient way for students to get a TFN. More information on applying online can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for ‘QC27248’.

Students who are unable to visit a participating Australia Post office will need to complete the application form Tax file number. More information on applying online can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for ‘QC22604’

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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
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**CAREER NEWS**

TAFE QLD Gold Coast in conjunction with Construction Skills QLD (CSQ) has an exciting opportunity available for students leaving school and wanting to pursue a career in the Construction industry. The Trade Start in General Construction is a pre-apprenticeship program for individuals interested in building and construction who are not currently in school or part of the industry, but would like to be.

The course is funded by CSQ and includes the following:
- Certificate I in Construction
- Construction White Card
- 4 weeks on-the-job experience with a construction organisation or contractor
- Applied Life and Work Skills
- Applied Environmental and Green Skills
- Ready for work kit

Trade Start will run for 12 weeks full-time from Monday 2nd March – Friday 22nd May 2015. Attendance is required Monday to Friday from 8:00am – 3:00pm (with structured workplace learning throughout).

**Prestige Service Training** will be conducting a recruitment evening at the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, 28 Tomewin Street, Currumbin on Tuesday 17th February between 4.30pm and 6pm. On the evening the school based traineeship program will be explained and staff will be present to answer any questions regarding the program.

Students attending must take a current resume and a completed application form (see Mrs Hargrave for the form).

RSVP 1300 368 097 or learnmore@pst.edu.au if attending.

School based traineeships available at the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary include Cert III in Hospitality, Business Admin, Business and Tourism.

**Years 12, 11 and 10 only**

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

Certi II 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.

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Location: Gold Coast - South

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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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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!**