FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Independent Public School – Elanora SHS Application

Following our IPS consultation process the P &C Association and school staff supported Elanora SHS applying to become an Independent Public School. The EOI has been lodged and as a school we will wait for the decision by Education Queensland. We will be informed by the end of this term if we have been successful with this application.

Awards Night – Thank You

Our Annual Awards Night was held on Thursday October 29. This night was a great celebration of our school and state education. The night was our first 6 year level Awards Night and we were privileged to hear two fantastic student speeches from a Year 7 and Year 8 student who commenced at Elanora SHS this year – Summer Spinks and Anthea Young. We celebrated the academic and community achievements of our students – a significant number of Year 12 students received their Direct Entry places to Gold Coast TAFE, Southern Cross University and Griffith University. Our top academic performers from each year level were announced, congratulations to:

Year 7 Highest Performer — Eliza Tree
Year 8 Highest Performer — Darcy Ison
Year 9 Highest Performer – Maali Albert
Year 10 Highest Performer — Bethanie Key
Year 11 Highest Performer – Olivia Cox
Year 12 Dux – Tim Willis

The culmination of the evening was the announcement of our key student leaders for 2016. Congratulations to:

School Captains : Kai Aubot and Hannah Rigney
School Vice Captains : Jye Hudson and Olivia Cox
Student Council Presidents : Kyra Bullock and Liana Davie

Thank you to all who attended and I look forward to working with our new student leaders.

Sport Awards Night – Wednesday November 4

Our Annual Sports Awards Night will be held on Wednesday November 4 – this is an opportunity for our school community to reflect on our sporting achievements this year. This evening is a ticketed affair and a dinner prepared by our talented Hospitality students is part of the evening. All awardees have received invitations – book your tickets early through the cashier’s window.

Uniform Changes 2016 - Reminder

A reminder to all Elanora families that our current white sports polo will no longer be a uniform item in 2016 and all students will be required to have our new blue sports polo introduced this year. All Year 9 students moving into Year 10 will require their Senior uniform so the Jade polo will also no longer be a uniform item in 2016. Our Uniform shop hours for the start of next year are listed below:

BACK TO SCHOOL OPENING HOURS

ALL STUDENTS – JANUARY 2016
MON 18 JANUARY – FRIDAY 22 JANUARY – 8AM TILL 1PM
MON 25 JANUARY – 7.30AM TILL 9AM
TUE 26 JANUARY – CLOSED
WED 27 JANUARY – 7.30AM TILL 9AM
THU 28 JANUARY – 7.30AM TILL 9AM
FRI 29 JANUARY – CLOSED

Dance Night

Our Annual Dance Night will be held on Thursday November 5 – tickets available at the cashier – come along to what will be an enjoyable evening and celebration of Dance at Elanora.

Così

Congratulations to all of our Senior Drama students on their production of the Australian play Così. The casting was impeccable and it was a truly professional production. Thank you to all those who supported this production and congratulations to the cast and crew.

Years 7 2016 Enrolment – have you booked?

We are extremely busy at the moment with Year 7 enrolments for 2016. Each incoming Year 7 student and their parents have a personalised interview with me and appointments are available through the school office.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming end of year presentations.

Yours in Education

Cameron Hodges
Thank you to the students and staff for what has been a warm welcome to the Elanora State High School community. I spoke to students on assembly about only having one chance to make a first impression. I can say with confidence that the first impression I have had of Elanora SHS is that it lives up to its motto – *Aim to Excel* - through the everyday actions and behaviours of students and staff.

**Junior Secondary**
Thank you to all students and parents who continue to support our school uniform policy. Wearing the correct uniform with pride is a critical component of promoting a positive school culture of high expectations. If you or your young person are unclear about the uniform policy please refer to pages 22-26 in the Student Diary.

**Senior Secondary**
The Verification Submissions have arrived back at school and I would like to thank the teachers and Heads of Department for their efforts in ensuring our Year 12 students are placed at the best possible position in order to maximise their outcomes at Exit. It is a critical time of the year and I would like to wish all students the best of luck in their final assessments. Later in the term SAIs will be published in the Hub according to QCAA policy and procedures.

Deputy Principal – Fiona Scannell

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**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.

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**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, QParents 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:

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QParents
Our school now has QParents. Parents should have received an invitation email or letter by now and it’s great to see that so many parents have registered already. If you have not received an invitation, please advise us immediately. 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. Click the link to direct you to QParents: https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about. If you have any questions please call Claire Miller at our front office on 55684333.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM ELANORA POLICE BEAT
Police are calling on parents to ensure their children wear helmets whilst riding their bikes. In Queensland it is mandatory for cyclists to wear helmets and adult cyclists can be fined $117. This has been law since the 1st of January 1993, that is over 20 years. Compliance amongst young people is way too low possibly because of the perception that it doesn’t look ‘cool’, or messes up their hair. This is a difficult mindset to overcome, hopefully the embarrassment of being stopped by the police will override the need to look cool.
Police have recently observed a number of high school students committing dangerous acts including talking on mobile phones, carrying passengers on handlebars (neither rider or passenger wearing helmets), riding no hands and talking on phones. One recent incident involved a high school student travelling down K P McGrath Drive no hands, no helmet, on his phone travelling at high speed. Unfortunately teenagers think they are invincible and we understand parents do tell their children to ride safely and wear a bicycle helmet.

Over the coming months Police from Elanora Police Beat and Palm Beach Police will be targeting cyclists not wearing helmets. We encourage parents to warn their children that Police will be on the lookout to ensure their safety.

DANC’Ed IN THE SPOTLIGHT
On Friday 23rd of October we had two dance groups from Elanora SHS perform in the Danc’Ed in the Spotlight Festival at the Gold Coast Arts Centre. This proved to be a wonderful performance experience for all involved. All performers participated with professionalism and pride, showcasing their works developed as part of the dance company or ensemble. This year a variety of workshops ran throughout the day where students had the opportunity to work with professional choreographers as well as rehearsing in preparation for the evening. The camaraderie amongst all the schools was positive and really highlighted the quality of dance education across all Gold Coast schools. It was wonderful that our students were amongst the 1000 students from a variety of schools who performed and this culminated in an all schools choreographed finale. Congratulations to all the students and staff involved.

PERROZZI, Natasha
You’re invited to the Southern Chappies Combine ’n’ Dine Evening Thursday November the 5th!

Starring a guest speaker who has won previous Gold Coast Father of the Year and is current Skydive Australia Chaplain - Craig Donovan. The Dining experience will not disappoint with a health retreat award winning chef Louise Miller catering for you on the night.

An amazing $30 p/p or $240 for a table of 8 gives you a night of live entertainment, jazzy music, delicious 3 course meal and the opportunity to hear about inspiring stories happening right here in your local schools.

All the proceeds go straight back to the local school chaplains on the southern Gold Coast.

17 Applecross way, Elanora

POSITIVE THOUGHTS OF THE WEEK!

Happiness is always an inside job.

Don’t waste a good mistake... Learn from it.
DENTAL VAN

The Child and Adolescent Oral Health Service has completed routine oral health care for students attending Elanora State High School.

Please consider attending your family dentist in-between offers of care by the Child and Adolescent Oral Health Service to assist in maintaining your child’s oral health.

A pain relief and trauma service operates between offers of care to provide emergency treatment only. Contact the Oral Health Call Centre 1300 300 850 Monday to Friday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm excluding Public Holidays.

SCHOOL GYM

The fitness room/gym is open for use every Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime from 1.10pm, Years 8 – 12 welcome. You must bring a towel and be wearing sports uniform.

Alison Birks.

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National Science Week - challenge winners

Hit the Target - Using a laser to hit a target by strategically placing three mirrors

With one mirror it is easy, with two mirrors small errors begin to compound and grow and by the third mirror, you can only think how hard it actually is to get everything perfectly aligned. Students participating in this extra-curricular science activity used the laws of reflection to direct a laser beam to a specific target. This competition was going to run only during National Science Week in August, but such was the level of interest, it ran until the end of last term to allow as many individuals and groups to have a go. Well done to all the students who participated and the time and effort you all put in. No student went away empty handed, and each winning group received a $30 Dick Smith voucher.

Challenge winners were:

Year 7 / 8 group winner
Samuel Adams from Year 8

Year 9 / 10 group winner
Amadeus Bellenger from Year 9

Year 11 / 12 group winners
(L to R) Kyra Bullock, Tyler Armstrong and Jordan Bennet Year 11
LIFE AFTER SCHOOLIES

You've finished school, you deserve a party - but what's next? Have you made a plan for the next phase of your life? Will you study some more, look for a job, or are you keen to do both?

Have you considered the CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY?
Because it's set to BOOM!

- Commonwealth Games
- Jupiter's Casino
- Light Rail Extension
- ASP Integrated Resort
- Coomera Town Centre
- Gold Coast Airport Upgrade
- Evandale Cultural Precinct
- Jewel Towers
- The Ciena development

GOLD COAST TRADES COLLEGE

Has a range of courses available to get you started in the trades and construction industry, including:

- Bricklaying
- Carpentry
- Concreting
- Electrotechnology
- Painting & Decorating
- Plumbing
- Scaffolding
- Solid Plastering
- Wall & Ceiling Lining
- Wall & Floor Tiling
- Whitecard

Contact Jodie on 07 5669 9000 for more information.

Gold Coast Trades College
07 5669 9000
admin@gctradescollege.com.au
gctradescollege.com.au
6 Hayter Street
Currimundi Waters Qld 4223
Introduction to Veterinary Nursing

Love the idea of pursuing a career with animals but not quite sure where to start? Our 5 week course will give you an insider’s overview of life as a veterinary nurse. Get a jump start on the skills and knowledge required to succeed in this competitive but rewarding industry.

Over the duration of this course we will cover:

- General job overview
- Career pathways
- Medical nursing
- Surgical nursing
- Animal handling
- Body language
- Large animals and wildlife
- Surgery
- Anesthetic
- Radiography
- Ultrasonography
- Pathology
- Emergencies
- Customer service
- Assisting in consults
- Emergency nursing

Starts: Wed 6th Jan
Location: Southport TAFE
Duration: 5 weeks
Time: 6pm - 9pm
Cost: $250
Minimum Age: 15 years

Enrolments and Enquiries:
Phone: TAFE Queensland Gold Coast Customer Service
07) 5581 8300

In person: TAFE Queensland
Gold Coast Customer Service Centres:
- Southport: 91-99 Scarborough Street
- Coomera: 198 Foxwell Road

Pathways:
Certificate III Animal Studies – TAFE Queensland BRISBANE
Certificate IV Veterinary Nursing – TAFE Queensland BRISBANE
The Local Sporting Champions Program—Notice from Karen Andrews MP

Many young people find it difficult to meet costs whilst competing in sport and I want to make you aware of how the Australian Government may be able to provide financial assistance. Financial assistance is available to athletes, coaches and referees aged between 12 and 18 years of age through “The Local Sporting Champions Program”.

The initiative is designed to assist with travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment costs when competing at a world, national or state championship provided the athlete, coach or official resides more than 125 kilometres from the championship venue.

The eligibility criteria, frequently asked questions and application forms can be found on the Australian Sports Commission website www.ausport.gov.au/participating/local_sporting_champions

Applications for the next round close on 31 October 2015 and I encourage members of your organisation, if eligible, to participate in the program. If you have any queries or require any further information regarding the Local Sporting Champions Program please do not hesitate to contact my office.

The Hon Karen Andrews MP
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Industry and Science
Federal Member for McPherson
(07) 5580 9111

SCU INFORMATION DAYS 2015

Southern Cross University is pleased to extend an invitation to attend one of our Info Days at the campus of your choice. SCU Info Day will provide the opportunity to find out more about our courses, university life and the types of services and support SCU offers to help students achieve their potential. You are welcome to bring along friends and family to explore our beautiful campuses and facilities, meet our staff and student ambassadors.

Coffs Harbour campus, December 7, Lismore campus, December 9 and Gold Coast campus, December 11.

More information is available on the SCU webpage: http://scu.edu.au/scuinfoday
Volunteers sought for Gold Coast Schoolies Community Safety Response

Volunteers are now being sought to participate in the annual Gold Coast Schoolies Community Safety Response, as Schoolies Support Team members. You can give as little as 10 hours (training plus one rostered shift) to help Year 12 School leavers celebrate their achievements this year. Visit the website for more information: www.schooliesvolunteer.com.au

Palm Beach Neighbourhood Centre

There are still seats available in our popular Successful Co-Parenting Workshop (for separated parents) on the 11th November, and in The Nurturing Balance (Self Care workshop) 18th November.
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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Which means the best your child can perform is...

- Your child *******
- Other children ********

- Equal to finishing in Grade 11
- Equal to finishing in Grade 10
- Equal to finishing in grade 7
- 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!