Welcome Back

Welcome to the 2016 school year at the great school that is Elanora SHS. We are starting this year with our largest enrolment in over 5 years and have been rewarded with some great improvements in our 2015 Year 12 outcomes. I would like to welcome all of our new students & families and in particular our latest Year 7 students. 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 Christabel Miller, Ms Demi Wollin, Ms Sarah Christoffel, Ms Taya Lindner & Mrs Jade Davis, I am sure you will all join me in welcoming them to our school community.

Attendance – Every Day, Every Lesson, Bring the Right Thing

One of our 5 school rules is Bring the Right Thing – I thank parents in advance for supporting us in supporting your child in ensuring that they have all the required equipment as outlined on the stationary lists website link is https://elanorashs.eq.edu.au/Enrolments/Enrollingatourschool/Pages/Enrollingatourschool.aspx

The other key requirement is that students present for school in 100% compliance with the school dress code including the prescribed school shoes. The Elanora SHS dress code clearly outlines the requirements and approved school uniform items. If you are not sure, please contact the school or pursue your child’s school diary as the policy is clearly outlined in this important school document.

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 we regularly utilise text messages as reminders. Our school website is updated weekly and you can access key information via the JSchools App available through both iTunes and Google Play. The school emails all report cards direct to families and we will be mailing home key assessment dates for Semester 1 in early February. Can you please ensure that we have your correct phone, email and address details so we can provide you with all relevant information.

QParents is an excellent way to update your personal information and also access your student’s key information; follow this link for more information and to register: https://qparents.qld.edu.au/9/login

Year 12 Recognition Parade

Our first whole school assembly on February 3 will be focusing on the acknowledgment of the achievements of our graduating class of 2015. 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 QCE 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 2016 or have secured employment through their studies here at Elanora. Once again 100% of our graduating students received a QTAC offer – two years in a row!!

School Photos – February 4

Our annual school photos will be taken on Thursday February 4, envelopes have been sent home with students this week. Please ensure that you read through the ordering process for your 2016 school photos. Students will be in their Day uniform for their school photos as it is a Thursday.

Year 12 Information Night – Tuesday February 9

All of our Year 12 parents will receive an invitation to attend a presentation on Tuesday evening February 9 in relation to all of the key events and procedures associated with the last year of school. All students and parents will receive key individual handouts in relation to their child’s current QCE, OP & Financial status – please ensure that you attend. The presentation commences at 6.00pm in the Performing Arts Block.

Swimming Carnival – February 10

Our first whole school carnival will be our swimming carnival on Wednesday February 10. Sport Permission forms for 2016 have been sent home; these cover not only this carnival but also all other weekly interschool sporting events. 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 water bottle. We look forward to what is a very enjoyable day on the school calendar, it will be great to see all of our junior Secondary students.

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 17 in the staff common room commencing at 5.30pm; the AGM follows on Wednesday March 16. A special invitation goes out to our new Year 7 parents whom we welcome into the Elanora SHS community. The P & C is an excellent avenue to contribute to the school and I strongly encourage all interested parents to attend. 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.

I look forward to a great 2016.

Yours in Education

Cameron Hodges

Principal
“Every Day Counts”
A warm welcome to 2016 to all Senior School students and their families. As Ms Booth is on leave it is my pleasure to be your Deputy Principal for Term 1.

Every day counts – if you are not in, you can’t win. It’s a simple maxim, but it packs a powerful message. In order to achieve the best possible academic outcomes, all students must attend school every day and participate in every lesson with maximum effort. For Senior students this includes the ‘early start’ lessons! This year, the Year Coordinators and Dean of Students will be closely monitoring fractional truancy and all unexplained absences. As parents you can support this process by ensuring that medical appointments are made outside of school hours where possible and by not ‘allowing’ students to take unnecessary days off. If a student is away for a legitimate reason (for example, illness) the school must be contacted as soon as possible so that the attendance records can be amended.

Increasing attendance will improve the outcomes for all students and this includes the number of students who obtain a QCE at the end of Year 12. Our QCE results were above the State and Regional Targets in 2015 – a testament to the hard work of the students and the Senior School support team including the Dean, Guidance Officer, HOD, DP and Year Coordinator. We will continue to monitor all Year 11 and Year 12 students in 2016 to ensure they are ‘on track’ with their QCE. At times it will be necessary to contact parents to discuss QCE Eligibility – your anticipated support in this is greatly appreciated.

I look forward to a rewarding and successful term.

Fiona Scannell
Senior School – Deputy Principal

LOCKER HIRE
There is a small number of lockers available for hire to students of all year levels. $25 per year including combination lock.

BUCKET HATS
All students in Years 7, 8, 9 and Year 12 house leaders and staff have been issued with our new Elanora SHS reversable bucket hat with the school logo. There are more available for $13 from Student Services.

When you sign up to QParents you will be able to see what items have been paid for and outstanding items.

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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Introduction
Welcome to all of the new members of the Elanora SHS school community, in particular our incoming Year 7 students. Elanora has a number of different avenues available where students can gain recognition throughout their school life for their contribution to the school community, their academic and sporting achievements and gain leadership opportunities. The leadership opportunities across the school are listed on Page 13 of the student diary. For the Junior School specifically, I have put together a sheet outlining the opportunities that students have throughout the year to support their growth and development as contributing members of the school and general community. It is important for incoming students to be aware of these opportunities so they can work towards them during the year. These achievements support post-school transition into the workplace and/or further study. These are listed below.

Junior School (Years 7-9) Recognition and Leadership Opportunities 2016

Term Awards (issued at the conclusion of each reporting cycle) Awarded to students who have received excellent for effort and behaviour across all subjects with the exception of two Very Goods allowed (refer to Pages 10 and 11 of diary). Work towards a Gold Award.

Form Leader – Interested students in Term 1, Years 7 - 9 are asked to apply for the position of Form Leader. There are usually 2 Form Leaders selected (usually one male and one female).

Academic Awards (awarded at the end of each reporting cycle)
Outstanding achievement award – awarded to students who achieve all As for their academic subjects. Excellent achievement award – awarded to students who achieve all As and Bs for their academic subjects i.e. no Cs.
High achievement award – awarded to students who achieve all Bs for their academic subjects i.e. no Cs.

Attendance award – Students who have no recorded absences for that reporting cycle.

Breakfast with the Stars – Breakfast provided for the top 10 academic students in the year level.

Lunch with the Legends – In Term 3 the Year Coordinators will confer with Deans of Students to select 10 students from each year level who have contributed the most to developing a positive school culture. The criteria is based on attitude, behaviour and participation.

Positive point system – staff award points to students who positively contribute to the Elanora culture.

OneSchool positive comments – Staff recognise positive activities/behaviours that students have exhibited by entering a comment in the positive behaviour section on the students’ electronic OneSchool record.

Speech Awards (awarded in October) – Junior school awards:
– NAPLAN awards – Bronze, Silver, Gold levels.
– Academic excellence awards – Distinction & High Distinction

Faculty awards – One award per faculty to a student who demonstrates commitment, a high level of participation, consistent effort and positive work habits and behaviour within that faculty.

Neighbourhood Watch Community Service Award – Presented to a Year 8 or 9 student who has demonstrated commitment to a local community service organisation and displays dedication and enthusiasm to improve the local community and environment.

Palm Beach Rotary Achievement – Awarded to Years 8,9 or 10 student who through their efforts academically, culturally and socially have demonstrated that they are commendable members of the school community.

Deputy Principal (Junior Award) – Presented to a student in Years 7, 8 or 9 who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to the Junior school.

Year Level Highest Academic Achiever – Awarded to the highest academic achiever in Years 7, 8 and 9

Sports Awards (awarded in October)
Students in the junior school are eligible for the following sporting awards:
– Interschool team awards, wider cluster runners-up, wider cluster premiers, Gold Coast interschool sport runners up, school based competition, club and community sport achievers, both a boy and girl age champions in swimming, cross country, athletics, setting athletic records, Oceanic Sport representatives, South Coast representatives, Queensland representatives.

Leo club – Students are mentored by the Gold Coast Tallebudgera Lions Club to plan, develop and implement community projects

Leadership day for Years 8 and 9 student leaders

International student buddy – act as a buddy for the number of International students who visit / attend Elanora

Student Diaries
All students have been issued with a student diary. This is an important item of stationery that students need to bring with them each and every day to support their organisation. I would also encourage all parents of junior students to check the diary on a regular basis to support your son or daughter to write down homework, use the forward planner to maximise assignment preparation and make use of the Senior and Junior school achievement trackers to ensure they are meeting their academic targets. Students who achieve well at school are not necessarily the brightest but they do ensure they are organised, goal-focused and work diligently to achieve those goals.

Uniform
On Pages 17-21 of the diary we clearly list the expectations we have around uniform. Every enrolling student and parent/guardian is also given a copy of the Elanora SHS Code of Conduct which lists these same expectations. These are also published on the school web site. On enrolment, students and parents sign the enrolment agreement which includes an agreement to abide by our uniform code. We ask that parents support the school in enforcing the standard so our conversations with students can focus more on their academic learning and be positive in nature.

Sun Safety
At Elanora SHS sun safety is a priority. All students in Years 7, 8, 9 and Year 12 house leaders and staff have been issued with an Elanora SHS revisable bucket hat with the school logo. This is the start of a three year roll-out with each subsequent Year 7 intake and new students issued with the hat.

The hat issued to students is reversible with the Elanora logo and school navy colour on one side and the students’ house colour on the other side. These are provided to the Junior students as part of their Student Resource Scheme and are not issued through the P&C. In 2016 students in Years 10-12 can purchase a new hat from Student Services for $10.

Expectations:
All students should have their name clearly written on the small flap of the hat on the house-coloured side.
Any activity where the Junior school student is in the sun they should be wearing their hat. At lunch, if they are choosing to sit or be active in the sun, they are choosing to wear their hat.

In Conclusion three (3) goals that I have for students in 2016 are:

Engage with your learning and the plethora of opportunities available
Contribute positively to your school community and in so doing, develop your own social capital
Develop goals (short, medium and long-term) for your future and use the opportunities available at Elanora as a platform to achieve those goals.

Ms Kym Dickinson
Deputy Principal (Junior School)
Welcome 2016 International Students

On the first day of school we welcomed a further 24 new International students from Brazil, Germany, Japan, Austria and Italy to ESHS. After a full day of our Orientation Program our students then had a taste of Australian culture with our Crocodile & Reptile Presentation. Most students were happy to hold the frog, lizards, blue tongue, a few questioned the snake, but the highlight was the crocodile. I hope you all make them feel welcome to our Elanora State High School community and create long lasting friendships.
Fleur Parker
International Coordinator

International Department Seeking New Homestay Families

As our International student numbers are now increasing I am looking for new Elanora families to be a part of our fabulous International program. Being a home stay parent is a very rewarding and fulfilling experience. We also have two Study Tours approaching. In Term 2 we will be hosting the Lizen Study Tour from 18/05/16 to 04/06/16 and in Term 3 we will be hosting Yokosuka Study Tour from 21/07/16 to 03/08/16. If you are interested in being a part of these study tours please contact Fleur Parker on 075568 4365 or fpark0@eq.edu.au

TEEN TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS SURVEY

How close are you to your teen? How much do you know about them?

Help us understand how parenting and family relationships affect teen behaviour and emotions.

If you have a teenager between the ages of **11 and 18 years old**, complete a brief and anonymous 30-minute survey about your parenting, your relationship with your teen and their wellbeing. Your teenager can take part in a similar anonymous survey about their behaviour and emotional wellbeing. Your participation in our research is greatly appreciated!

This research is voluntary and confidential.
For further information and to take part in the survey, please visit: [https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/parentingteens/project/tribulations](https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/parentingteens/project/tribulations)
Or contact: parentingteens@uq.edu.au.
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, 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.
**Jobs of the Week**

Cert III in Dental Assisting at Merrimac and Mudgeeraba. Open to motivated students in Yr 11 who have good communication skills, well presented and a quick learner. Duties include: patient care, assisting dentists chairside, sterilisation and preparation of instruments, reception and administration duties.

To apply: All applicants must ensure your resume and covering letter is addressed to Jessica Smith jessica.smith@nationaldentalcare.com.au

Cert III Hospitality with Currumbin RSL.

Currumbin RSL is looking for 5 students to work weekdays/nights and weekends. Students wishing to apply should submit a current resume and covering letter to Mrs Hargrave. Templates available for resume and covering letter. Sample questions an employer may ask also available.

Many other vacancies are on display on the job boards around the school. Students are reminded a completed Cert III course may gain up to 8 points towards their QCE.

Cert I Construction also available with Gold Coast Trades College at Hayter Street Currumbin. This course is a VETis funded course. Students are only able to access one VET in Schools funded qualification whilst at school. This program includes work experience within construction industry, white card and a nationally recognised qualification. Steel cap workboots required by each student. See flyer for more details. To register see Mrs Hargrave.

For the information of students and parents.

2016 Gold Coast Careers Expo - Free Event

Thursday 5th May 2016  between 9am and 7pm

RACV Royal Pines Resort,
Convention Centre
Benowa

The Gold Coast Careers Expo is the largest and most comprehensive on the Gold Coast and connects the region’s best education and training organisations and employers with students and parents regarding career pathways.

New school closures website launched

The Department of Education and Training has launched a new website which provides detailed information on closed educational facilities (including state, non-state schools and early childhood education centres) during a disaster or emergency event. Visit http://closures.det.qld.gov.au/
REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

This year there will be no Palm Beach Basketball Club Sign On day, so that means we are not taking any paper registrations. All registrations on line go to the Gold Coast website www.goldcoast.basketball.net.au
Select drop down menu – Junior registration
Select – register online then right click on the Gold Coast Logo – junior registrations and follow the prompts
During the online registration process you will be asked to nominate a club you are signing up with – please make sure your selection is Palm Beach

TRIAL INFORMATION – HELD AT TALLEBUDGERA REC CENTRE

Team selection – Players must register online and attend 3 trial nights to be selected in a team. If you are unable to attend a trial you must request in writing an exemption.
Please find below dates and times for each age group – first trial is Friday 29th Jan followed by the next two Friday nights – see flyer

Friday – 5pm
Court 1 – U/11 Boys
Court 2 – U/13 Boys
Court 3 – U/11 Girls

Friday – 6pm
Court 1 – U/15 Boys
Court 2 – U/15 Boys
Court 3 – U/13 Girls

POSITIVE THOUGHTS OF THE WEEK
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!**