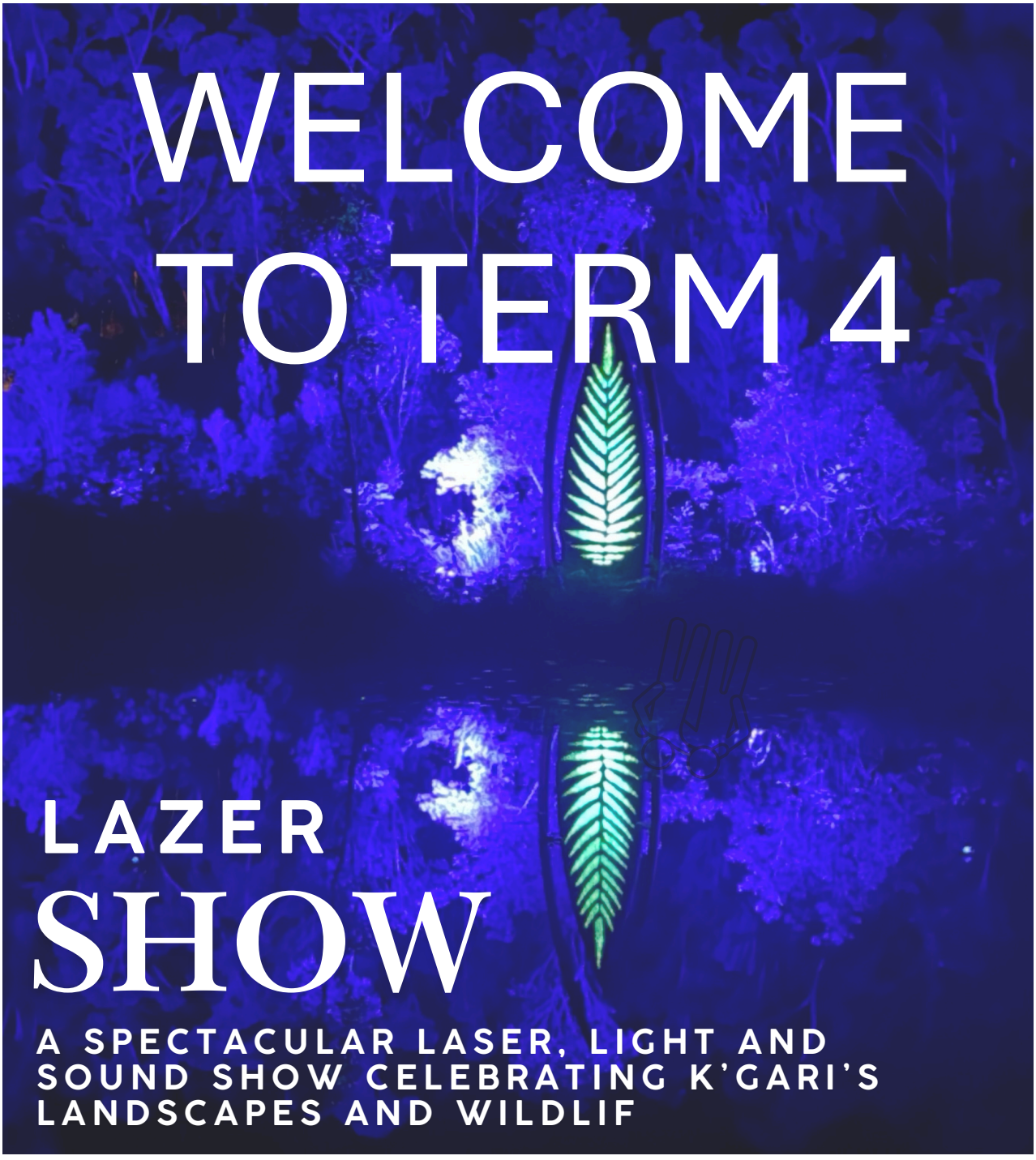
The Homestay Times

International Program - Elanora State High School

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MONTHLY NEWS



International Student Event Highlights
September & October 2026 - Sharing the Vibe!



K'Gari Island (Fraiser Island)

Our students love spending time at outdoor and under the sun. One of the most beautiful locations in Australia, K'Gari (Fraiser Island). Safe, fun, and full of life, it's the perfect place to relax, swim, and enjoy the vibrant island atmosphere while making great memories with friends. With its stunning surroundings, lazer show, and outdoor activities, Students enjoyed this icon location.



A Special Guest & school visit

We had the pleasure to enjoy a special visit from one of the agents this month. Our Italian students could share their experience so far, about school, social and homestay life.
It was a valuable opportunity to exchange stories and have their feedback that really matters, such as their academic progress, homestay & social experience, and their program in general.



Surf Just Begins

Surfing lessons just begins this week. After their swimming ability test has been completed, they are now all ready to be safe to start this incredible opportunity to learn to surf, be safe in the ocean and look out for one another. It is a great day out where they bond, experience another big and popular Aussie activity.
Let's just hope the weather gets a bit better for them! 🌞



Birthday Surprises

Happy 17th Birthday - Thank you to all families making their international students feel loved and cared for while they are so far away from their natural families. These gestures stays in the students memories forever, fill their natural parents heart with gratefulness, and peace. We thank you, host families, for every moment you create and add to their stories ❤️



Sydney Trip

When families have the chance and means to travel together with their international student, something magical happens! What a great opportunity that some of our students had in the past few weeks! Thank you to all families that could provide such an amazing experience, that will be cherish and kept in their heart. In the past month, we had students who went to Sydney, Sunshine Coast and Melbourne. So happy to see them exploring this beautiful cities!

Upcoming & notes







November 2026

Planning Summer Break?

As the end of the year and school holidays approach, many of our international students will be returning home or planning their summer travels. Our host families play an important role in creating unforgettable memories. Please ensure all required forms and relevant information are provided to the school in advance. We encourage all students and host families to reach out to us if assistance is needed.

HOLIDAYS

Finalising 2027 Intake

During the first week of November, our International Student Department will be finalising all 40 student placements for January 2027.
We are currently recruiting new host families to join our program.
If you have any friends or neighbours living near the school who could offer a welcoming home to our students, we would greatly appreciate you spreading the word and sharing the love!

HOMESTAY WANTED

E-Bike Rules

In Queensland, e-bikes must follow standard bicycle rules, including wearing a helmet at all times. From July 2026, a licence will also be required. Students must follow the rules and stay safe.

RULES

Farewell SeaWorld

In November, our students will have a day out for their farewell party at Seaworld. It is the last day out with all of them together, a chance to say good bye to each other before returning to their country.

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Creating Memories

The goal of this newsletter is to bring everyone together & be part of the students' life — keeping our host families, student's natural parents, and overseas agents as excited as our students are. We're proud to share with you the many wonderful opportunities the students are experiencing during their program, here at Elanora State High School, Gold Coast.
Have questions, feedback, or ideas? Reach out to us!
We're always happy to listen, support, and celebrate the achievements of our school community. Your input helps us make each month even better!

Thank you for sending your photos and updates!

For our next newsletter, please share your moments with us! We would love to hear your stories, photos, or achievements for a chance to be featured in the next issue. Your experiences inspire our community and help everyone feel connected.
We would be delighted to receive a photo or story to share! Thanks to the kids who shared their Syd trip pics and stories with us!

Thank you for reading!

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