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16 May 2014

Principal's Message

School Uniforms

With the weather turning cooler, it is timely to remind students about wearing the correct school uniform to school. I would seek the support of parents/caregivers to ensure that their students continue to be dressed smartly in the Aviation High School uniform and avoid non-uniform items especially jumpers, jackets, track suit pants etc. The school has always been praised for its smart formal school uniform - we would like to continue this reputation with your support.

Student Leaders

Our senior student leadership group are running a tutoring program for Yr 8 and 9's. They meet on Thursday afternoons from 2.45 until 3.30pm. This is a wonderful example of senior students giving back to the community in supporting our junior secondary students.

Last week Mrs Taylor conducted our second whole school student council meeting which allows and gives voice to all students. Each class representative was clear and articulate about what they felt their own class wish to see enacted by the senior leaders. One of the highlights was the case for having our first free dress day this year in which all funds raised by the student body would go to providing cold water taps for the for all students school.

NAPLAN

Congratulations to our Year 9 students who worked extremely well with the NAPLAN exams this week. My observations and the feedback from Mrs Smith and her team were positive during all the exam days. Thank you to you the parents and carers for the feedback with regards to our NAPLAN Extension Homework Booklet and engaging your students in the process. The NAPLAN results will be known towards the end of the year.

P&C / Volunteers Morning Tea

I would like to recognise and thank our hard working Parents and Citizens Association at Aviation High School for their wonderful efforts in supporting our canteen and helping to raise much needed school funds. I should like to openly invite our P&C parents and our volunteers to a morning tea next Friday 23rd May at 10am in the Multi Media Room in order for our students to thank them for their hard work in support of our school.

Relationships

Within the learning environment at AHS, the teacher-student relationship is a most powerful element. The latest technology is of no value without the support of staff who know how and when it is best utilised by students. It is well established that teacher's classroom practices and their interactions with their students have the greatest effect on student learning outcomes. Interaction with, not teaching to, is the key, and at AHS we are incredibly fortunate that we have teachers, who are actively interested in the results achieved by their students.

The relationship between the student and teacher and parent is reinforced in our recent Year 10 into senior school evening, which took place last Tuesday. The turn out by the parents reflect the partnership between school/family and student to ensure the best possible outcome. Together, planning is able to take place to ensure students are on the right track. Education is a relational activity. It simply does not work when a student operates in isolation. That does not mean there is not the opportunity for 'alone' time, there is. The need for and for how much alone (study/reflection) time should be as a result of planning that has taken place between student and teacher.

The school has just undertaken its annual Maintenance Assessment and they have taken on board my concerns about students being forced onto the drive way by the nature of our walkways. They have deemed this practice as unsafe. In the meantime the school will undertake some further safety measures to try and have students not walking on the main driveway.

Your Partner in Education

David Munn

Principal



High Flyers Band



U.Q. Science Ambassadors



Cross Country



Western Front Battlefield's Tour

Deputy's Desk

Tips to do well at school:

1. Study:

On our quest to ensure that all students have made the best possible choice for their schooling, we've had quite a few subject changes this term. It's important now, that our students are supported at home. All students should be completing regular homework and study at night. As a general guide:

| Year Level | Per Night | Per Week |
|------------|-----------|----------|
| Year 8 | 1 hour | 5-6 |
| Year 9 | 1.5 hours | 7 - 8 |
| Year 10 | 2 hours | 9 - 11 |
| Year 11 | 2.5 hours | 12- 13 |
| Year 12 | 3 hours | 13 - 15 |

Every student has some work to do, even if there has been no formal homework set. Students can read their novel for English, go over their notes from the day's lessons, do the general exercises in the maths and science texts or complete set assignments. It's a good idea to help your student get into a routine with their study, so that they study at a set time every night. It's also a good idea to sit down with your students and work out a study planner. Schedule time for commitments like chores, sport and work and then schedule a regular time to do homework and study. We often find that students who are organised and in a routine complete their study, homework and assignments and this takes a great deal of stress off them and you! We also have found that study and homework is best completed as soon as possible after they get home from school. That way they have more time later in the evening for relaxing with the family etc.

2. Attend School

All the research suggests that the best way to do well at school is to come to school. Students who miss a lot of school may be asked to furnish the school with a medical certificate for extended absences. Students in the senior school who have had lots of absences may be required to provide a

medical certificate every time they are absent. It is a legal requirement that students attend school every day if they are under 15 or have not completed year 10 and it is requirement of Education Queensland that students who elect to continue their schooling in year 11 and 12 attend school and complete the requirements of the course they have chosen, that is all assessment and classwork set by the class teacher. If students are not coming to school or are failing their subjects due to lack of commitment, it may be time for the school to have a discussion with you as a family to find the right pathway for your student.

Year 11 Camp

The year 11 Camp will be held from May 26 to May 28. For students who are not going on camp it will be business as usual. All students are expected to attend regular classes during those three days.

Tutoring

Our school demonstrates high expectations of all students. To support the excellent work done in classrooms, regular tutoring is offered to our school community.

On Monday and Wednesday afternoons, teachers tutor senior secondary students (years 10 -12) from 2.45 to 3.45, and on Thursday afternoons, year 12 students tutor our junior secondary students (years 8 and 9). Please encourage your student to attend these sessions to enhance their academic success.

Mandy Forbes and Susan Smith

Deputy Principal



Welfare

Year 10

I wish to thank all students and parents for attending our Year 10 Parent Information Night on Tuesday 6th May. The 120 plus members of our school community in attendance is a fantastic start for our cohort as they commence the



process of subject selection for their Senior Schooling in years 11 and 12. The SET Planning process has commenced and students have already commenced their individual strengths and interests on the One School in their Welfare lessons each Tuesday. The site is also available from home at <https://oslp.eq.edu.au> where they select My Education Plan. The students will be participating in the Brisbane Careers and Employment Expo at the Brisbane Convention Centre on Friday 23rd May. The National Careers and Employment Expo series make up Australia's largest free careers, employment, education and training events. The annual events are a showcase of employment, skills, and education and training opportunities across many industries. The students will complete a booklet and interview stall holders to learn more about the opportunities available to them and the subjects and academic achievement necessary to pursue their desired career.

“Success is a journey, not a destination.”

Ms L Coman

Year 10 Welfare Coordinator

Year 11 Welfare

The Year 11's are in the second term of welfare lessons and are learning about many important life skills. These include topics such as team trust, self-confidence and self-esteem, friends, socialising & exercise and the value of teachers. They have a busy term ahead, with many varied and essential activities that will provide enrichment and testing. The P.A.R.T.Y program is being offered to all year 11 & 12 students on Tuesday 20th May. Prevent Alcohol and Risk-related Trauma in Youth is a trauma prevention program providing information and discussions about the choices and

consequences of risky behaviour. The program will run from 9.00am till 12.30pm.

The following week on the 26th till 28th May the Year 11's will be on camp at "Maranatha" at Yandina. Here they will engage in many outdoor team building supervised activities. Please ask your son / daughter for the "things to bring on camp" form. This provides a comprehensive list of all items necessary to bring to camp.

Finally in the last week of this term the Year 11's will be working hard to achieve the status of the top Aviation business team during the Aviation High Business Week. Here students are placed into teams where they are given positions of influence and responsibility. They manage an airline, set up a company, design marketing advertising material, create a menu, collaborate together to make a short 5 minute company promotional video and many more challenging fun activities. We encourage all Year 11 students to participate and embrace this final week as Semester 1 comes to a close.

Mr Steve Wright

Year 11 Welfare Leader

Masterclass 2014 - A Music Department Event

On May 20th Aviation High's Music Department is debuting a new event for our talented instrumental music students. Masterclass 2014 will be a day of concentrated instrumental tuition featuring past student mentors, guest tutors, instrumental sectionals and a whole band workshop. The event will be a fabulous introduction for our newest members to the day to day life of a band member and will allow them to meet and work with musicians already involved in our growing program. Students will learn band etiquette, team skills, music rehearsal strategies and performance skills. Instrumental teacher Mrs Rachael Doucet has been working hard with our students over the last few weeks introducing them to the new band repertoire that will feature on the day. Regular concert band rehearsals will commence at the culmination of Masterclass 2014 and we look forward to showcasing our new concert band at future school events.

A big thank you in advance to Mrs Doucet for her work as program director, and also to past students Jack Stephens and Ellen Long for being involved as mentors to our young musicians.

Cabin Crew

On Wednesday 14 May, Year 11 and 12 students participated in an excursion to Aviation Australia to tour their cabin crew facilities. During the semester, the Year 12 students have been studying Certificate II in Aviation (Flight Operations) in partnership with Aviation Australia. The on-line course

is conducted at school for one lesson a week as well as individual work at home. Once completed, the students will receive a Certificate II in Aviation (Flight Operations) as well as four QCE points.

During the September school holidays, the Year 12 students will complete their practical placement.

Topics of study include:

- Health and safety in Aviation
- Roles and responsibilities
- Emergency equipment
- Aviation medicine
- Non-normal situations
- Evacuation procedures
- Grooming
- Standard operating procedures.



Mrs Dunn

NAPLAN

Our year 9 students sat NAPLAN testing this week. The school hosted a welcome breakfast on Tuesday, the first day of the testing. This was in the school canteen and supplemented our Chaplain's weekly Tuesday breakfast. This was a very well attended event, supported by our School Captains, Vice Captains and Leadership team as well as staff, who all took the opportunity of wishing our students success and supporting them through this testing.



Our students behaved impeccably during the testing, all taking the process very seriously and trying to demonstrate their best. We look forward to receiving our school's and students' results later in the

year.

From the Guidance Officer

Queensland University of Technology

Parent Information Evening at Caboolture

QUT is inviting current senior high-school students and their parents/carers to find out all about studying at QUT.

QUT will provide information on:

- making course and career decisions
- applying to university
- gaining entry to university
- life as a university student
- transition to university and support for students
- study costs and financial support
- resources for parents and students

Date **Wednesday 21 May 2014**

Time **6 - 7.30pm**

Venue **QUT Caboolture campus**

Registrations For further information, or to register to attend email cabevents@qut.edu.au

University Open Days in MAY

20 - Griffith University Medicine Information Evening at South Bank campus

<http://www.griffith.edu.au/events/information-evenings>

21 - Queensland University of Technology Caboolture Campus Parent Information Seminar

<http://www.qut.edu.au/study/events>

21 - Griffith University Medicine Information Evening at Gold Coast campus

<http://www.griffith.edu.au/events/information-evenings>

22 - CQUniversity Online Information Session <http://www.cqu.edu.au/calendar/event-items/information-session/online-information-session8>

23 & 24 - Brisbane Careers and Employment Expo <http://ncee.com.au/brisbane/>

24 - Bond University Faculty of Law 'Explore Your Future in a Day' Session
<http://www.bond.edu.au/student-life/experience-university-life/experience-days/index.htm>

29 - University of Southern Queensland, Toowoomba Campus Science Student Experiences Day
<http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events>

29 - University of Southern Queensland, Toowoomba Campus Nursing and Midwifery Students Experience Day
<http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events>

29 - University of Southern Queensland, Toowoomba Campus Psychology and Counselling Student Experiences Day
<http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events>

29 - Gympie Regional Careers Expo <https://www.gympie.qld.gov.au/careers-expo>

30 - Australian Youth Aerospace Forum Standard application due date <http://ayaa.com.au/AYAF-Bris/>

31 - JMC Academy, Brisbane Campus Open Day <http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/>

Australian Catholic University (ACU) bonus points' schemes

ACU has a number of bonus points' schemes. Through these schemes eligible applicants are given bonus ranks (not OPs) when they apply through QTAC. ACU bonus points' schemes include:

- Subject bonus – under this scheme, applicants can be given up to five bonus points depending on their results on Year 12 subjects relevant to the course they are applying for. These bonus points are allocated automatically when applying through QTAC.
- ACU Access – under the Schools Relationships Bonus, Campus Bonus and Regional Schools Bonus applicants may receive up to five bonus points automatically through QTAC depending on their geographic location or school relationship with ACU.
- Education Access Scheme – this is a QTAC scheme, which allocates bonus ranks based on educational disadvantage. Applicants apply for this scheme as part of their QTAC application.
- Elite Athlete Bonus – under this scheme applicants who have demonstrated an elite level of sporting achievement can receive up to five bonus points. Applicants apply directly to ACU for this scheme. Find out how at http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/alternate_entry/elite_athlete_program

Further information about these schemes can be found at http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/alternate_entry/accessacu. See http://www.qtac.edu.au/Applying-CurrentYr12/2013_Year_12_Results_Conversion_Tables.html for a comparison of OPs and ranks.

Meet the University of Melbourne in Brisbane

Staff from the University of Melbourne will visit Brisbane for the following events:

- The Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO) 19 –20 July 2014 at the Brisbane Showgrounds
- International student consultations 22 July 2014.

Visit

http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events/victoria_and_interstate/interstate/meet_melbourne_int
for details.

News from the University of Queensland (UQ)

Big Day In

UQ will host this event on Thursday 12 June 2014. It is a tech careers conference with a difference. It is organised, run and hosted by students for students. There is a fee for the event. Find out more at <http://www.acsfoundation.com.au/bdi/index.cfm>.

Experience Science 2014 program registrations now open

This program is for students in Years 10 – 12. It provides an opportunity to find out what it is like to study science at UQ. The program will be held on 17, 18, 21, 22 and 23 July at UQ's St Lucia campus and on 24 July at the Gatton Campus. You can read more about the program at <http://www.science.uq.edu.au/expsci> Group and individual registrations are available.

UQ Geography Day

This event will help you understand the relevance of studying geography, planning and environmental management and introduce you to the careers available in these areas. It is for Year 10 - 12 students and will be held on 25 July 2014. See <http://www.gpem.uq.edu.au/geography-day> for more information.

Ultimate Guide to Health Jobs

This is one of the resources on the UQ Health website. Other resources include '6 steps to getting subject selection right' and 'School vs uni'. These resources can be accessed from <http://health.uq.edu.au/undergraduate>

The Engineering Link Projects (ELP)

The ELP is a two or three-day immersion program, which provides students in Years 11 and 12 with an opportunity to check out engineering before making final decisions about their future study pathway. During the program students use their knowledge of science and maths to solve engineering problems. In mid-2014 the following ELPs will be offered.

- 1 – 3 July Central Queensland ELP at CQ University, Rockhampton
- 9 – 11 July South Queensland ELP at the Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane
- 17 – 18 July Far North Queensland ELP at James Cook University, Cairns
- 21 - 23 July North Queensland ELP at James Cook University, Townsville

Find out more at <http://www.telg.com.au/>.

The QIBT pathway to Griffith University

The Queensland Institute of Business and Technology (QIBT) offers full-fee diploma and associate degree courses that provide an alternative pathway into Griffith University undergraduate degrees. QIBT diploma courses are equivalent to the first year of a Griffith bachelor degree. QIBT has campuses in Brisbane and on the Gold Coast. Fields of study include:

- Commerce
- Biosciences
- Criminology and criminal justice
- Engineering
- Graphic design
- Hotel management
- Information technology
- Health sciences
- Health care
- Media and communication

QIBT students can access financial assistance through FEE-HELP. Find out more about QIBT and its courses at <http://www.qibt.qld.edu.au/>.

Griffith University Early Start to Tertiary Studies (GUESTS)

Students wishing to study a subject in Semester two through the GUEST program are required to apply by 30 May 2014. Visit <http://www.griffith.edu.au/pathways/guests-program> for details.

Want to study engineering but don't have the prerequisites?

Griffith University offers a pathway into its engineering courses through the Aptitude for Engineering Assessment (AEA) examination. Registrations to sit the exam will open in mid - May and close in early September 2014. The exam will be held on 30 September 2014 in Brisbane and on the Gold Coast. Exam dates differ for other test centres. Visit <http://www.griffith.edu.au/engineering-information-technology/griffith-school-engineering/future-students/aptitude-engineering-assessment> to find out more.

DEFENCE FORCE NEWS

Pre-enlistment fitness for the Australian Defence Force (ADF)

Many highly regarded applicants miss out on their ADF career opportunity because they do not meet the pre-enlistment fitness assessment. It is vital that applicants continue to maintain an appropriate level of fitness throughout their application process. A 'Get fit for the ADF in just four weeks' guide is available online at <http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/fitness/fitnessPlan/>.

The ADF Gap Year Challenge

The Australian Defence Force (ADF) will reintroduce its gap year program in 2015. The program provides an opportunity for young Australians who have completed Year 12 and are aged between 17 and 24 years to experience military training and lifestyle while gaining new skills and pay over their Gap Year. Gap Year opportunities are available in the Army and Air Force only. For more information and to register your interest in this program, visit <http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/GapYear/>. This is a very popular program; so if you are interested, register early.

EMPLOYMENT

Part-time work – what are your rights and responsibilities?

If you currently have a part-time job or are planning to get a full-time or part-time job in the future, you should know about your rights and responsibilities. The myfuture website has a section on work rights and responsibilities. To access the information, go to <http://www.myfuture.edu.au/> and do a search for 'Your rights and responsibilities'. Find answers to the following questions.

- How much will I be paid?
- What are my main working conditions?
- What are my legal entitlements?
- What do I need to know about equity and safety in the workplace?
- Do I have to join a union?
- Under what circumstances can my employment lawfully be terminated?

CAREER EXPLORATION

Career mashers

If you have trouble deciding on any one career, have a go at 'mashing' two or more of your career ideas together. For example, if you are interested in writing, but also have a passion for saving the environment, then why not become an environmental writer? If you want to be a carpenter, but want to be a part of the entertainment industry, why not build movie sets for theatre and movie productions?

Courses for the media and entertainment industry

JMC Academy is a private college that offers diplomas, associate degrees and degrees in:

- Audio engineering and sound production
- Film and television production
- 3D animation
- Contemporary music and performance
- Game Design
- Entertainment business management.

JMC Academy will hold an open day on Saturday 31 May 2014. Bookings are essential if you want to attend this event. Go to <http://www.jmccademy.edu.au/News/2014-01-31/REGISTER-FOR-OUR-NEXT-OPEN-DAY-2-14.cfm> to register

P&C Parent Representative

The P& C has decided to trial a parent representative for Year 8 Parents.

The appointed member is one of the P&C's two (2) Vice Presidents, Paul Hudson.

If you would like information, on what the P& C are up to on your behalf, or have a skill set that might be useful to the school community, please let Paul know.

At present we are looking for Parents and Caregivers to do Tuckshop duty.

Paul can be contracted at phudsonsolicitor@ozemail.com.au or 0407560338

Pilot for a Day - Sunday 25th May

[CLICK HERE](#) to download information or contact Lenore Bui, Royal Queensland Aero Club on Phone: 3722 3200 for further informaton.

Moreton Bay 100 Bike Ride - Sunday 10th August

[CLICK HERE](#) for further information about the Moreton Bay 100 or contact Christine on 0422 542 838. All proceeds aid Lions Youth Emergency Accommodation Centre (Pince Rivers) Inc.

Diary Dates

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| RACI Titration Competition | Saturday 17 May |
| District Cross Country | Monday 19 May |
| In-Flight Movie Night - PLANES - 6pm-8pm | Monday 19 May |
| Masterclass in Instrumental Music | Tuesday 20 May |
| Year 7 and 8 2015 Open Morning - 9am to 10am | Thursday 22 May |
| Careers' Expo - Convention Centre | Friday 23 May |
| P&C / Volunteers Morning Tea - 10am | Friday 23 May |
| Year 11 Leadership Camp - "Maranatha" | 26-28 May |

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