

## Principal's Message

Welcome to this edition of the Aviators Gazette

### Congratulations to all of our Award winners

Aviation High celebrated its seventh Annual Awards on Tuesday evening 22 October. In what I consider to be the most prestigious of nights, we celebrated student excellence in academic, cultural, citizenship and sporting endeavours. It is refreshing and reassuring to be able to come together as a school community and acknowledge and celebrate what is best about what Aviation High has to offer.

I was very impressed with the way students presented themselves and standard of dress. I particularly wish to pay tribute to students involved in the stage band with our teachers for their professional and polished performances. It was wonderful to see such talent on display.

### A special congratulation goes to Jack Stephens as the 2013 Aviation High School Dux.



**Mrs Meryl McLeod & Jack Stephens**

I wish to thank Mrs Mandy Forbes for her organisation and coordination of the evening; support staff for their administration; students who performed entertainment items and all other staff who contributed to the Awards' success. Thank you also to our special guests including representatives from the P&C, Raytheon Australia, Virgin Australia PK-Aviation, Aerospace Gateway schools Project and the Australian Defence Force.

A full list of Award Winners is available on the school website [aviationhigh.eq.edu.au](http://aviationhigh.eq.edu.au)

### 2014 School Leaders

The recipients of next year's school leaders will be announced early term one 2014 at a special investiture ceremony at the school.

### Farewell

With only two weeks to go before our senior students depart from Aviation High, it is an appropriate time to wish all senior school leavers the very best for their future endeavours. I have reminded senior students of the importance of exiting the school with dignity and respect and to role model appropriate behaviours to younger students, particular during the last week.

The school has also provided students with education around schoolies week celebrations harm minimisation strategies and making healthy and safe choices both at 'schoolies week' and beyond.

I look forward to celebrating the end of year with our senior students of 2013.

Thank you to all of those parents/caregivers who ensure their students attend school every day. Attending every class, every day is the best way to ensure your student:

- keeps up with all of the class work/assessment
- establishes and maintains a daily learning routine
- and has on-going access to the guidance and direction that their teachers can provide.
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Students who miss classes do struggle to catch up on the work and often do not realise they have missed something until they see it in the examination.

I would ask all parents/caregivers to ensure their students attend school on time, ready for work right up until the last day.

The last day for Yr 12 is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2013; for Yr 10 and 11 is Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2013 and for Yr 8 and 9 the last day is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

Your Partner in Education  
David Munn  
Principal

## DEPUTY'S DESK

I can't believe it's November already. There still seems so much to get through before the end of the year.

### Year 11 and 12 end of year arrangements.

#### Year 12

Our Year 12s are currently sitting their exams. Exam block for Year 12 finishes on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November. All Year 12s are required to attend school on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November and we will hold a whole school parade to farewell them.

The Senior Formal will be held at the Hilton Hotel on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> of November and we are holding the Year 12 graduation in the school hall on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November. All Parents are invited. The ceremony begins at 8.45 and will finish no later than 10.00 am. We are looking forward to that and the fact that Mr Phil Cooper will be coming to say goodbye to this year's year 12s.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish our Year 12s all the very best for a very bright future. It's been a great pleasure to work with such a wonderful group of students.

#### Year 11

Year 11 Exam block begins on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November and finishes on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Year 11s are required at school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> of November for normal classes. They will be attending the Leadership Camp from Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

The rest of the school will be moving along as usual. Year 10s will be undergoing CPR training on Wednesday afternoons for the next 4 weeks. They should be working and studying hard now to get the very best out of the year.

Year 9 subject selection is now complete.

Year 8s will be getting information on Thursday about their subjects for year 9 in 2014, and will be asked to make their subject selections during the following week.

#### UNIFORM

It's important that at this time of year we keep to our very high uniform standards. I'd like to remind parents that students are required to wear black leather or vinyl school shoes for both formal and sports uniform. Shoes of different colours are not permitted. If you are having problems complying with our uniform policy, please feel free to discuss the matter with either of our Deputies Mrs Sue Smith (Year 8, 9 and 11) and Mrs Mandy Forbes (year 10 and 12)

Mandy Forbes  
Deputy Principal

## ADFA NEWS

Aviation High has a proud tradition of excellence in obtaining places at the Australian Defence Force Academy in Canberra. We currently have 14 students studying at ADFA from our senior cohorts 2009 to 2012.

This year we congratulate the following students on being offered a place at the [UNSW@ADFA](mailto:UNSW@ADFA).

RAAF: Deanna Ellick - Personnel Capabilities Officer  
Jack Stephens-Joint Battlefield Airspace Controller  
Claire Woodwell - Intelligence Officer.

NAVY Tom McDowell - Maritime Warfare Officer.

We wish them every success in their chosen careers.



## PINK RIBBON DAY

Aviation High held its 5<sup>th</sup> Pink Ribbon Day Bake Sale on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

Our sincere thanks to the students, staff and families who donated cakes and slices. Also thank you for purchasing Pink Ribbon Merchandise and the baked goods to raise a total of \$210 for this worthy cause. The Cancer Council raises awareness and funds for prevention programs, support services and world-class research into women's cancers. Many thanks for the continuing generosity for Pink Ribbon Day each year.



Syannah Wilson, Ellen Long, Deanna Ellick, & Jane Zhao

## OFFICE

In 2014 Aviation High will begin using an online newsletter system.

Each fortnight you will receive a link directly to the email address provided on enrolment.

Clicking on this link will open the current newsletter.

Don't have an email address? Don't worry; you can still receive a paper copy.

This new system will also contain advertising for local business and community organisations.

If you know of a company or organisation that may be interested in advertising please have them contact Michelle at Austnews 0409 992 479.

We are looking forward to this new and exciting way of sharing the achievements of our students with the wider school community.

### Return of Textbooks for 2013

Students must return their textbooks by the following dates:

- Year 12 - Books returned by Friday 8 November
- Year 11 & 10 – Books returned by Thursday 22 November
- Year 8 & 9 – Books returned by Friday 5 December

The Textbook Room (A14) will be open from:  
8.30am – 11.30am Mon-Fri until Friday 22 November 2013

8.30am – 1.30pm Mon-Fri from Monday 25 November to Thursday 12 December 2013

It is vitally important that textbooks are returned before the due date. Organising Textbook packs for 2014 begins early in November.

### New Procedure Student Resource Scheme 2014

In 2014 full or part payment and a signed Student Resource Scheme agreement form is required prior to textbooks being allocated to students, all previously hired resources must also be returned and lost/damaged items paid for. A payment plan can be arranged by contacting the school office however, an initial payment will be required for resources to be released. SRS Forms for 2014 are green and will be handed out to students along with Clearance Forms and a list of textbooks to be returned.

For those families participating in the Student Resource Scheme payment methods are:

- Direct Debit: Aviation High General Account  
BSB Number: 064-120  
Account Number: 00906948  
Use your child's name for reference and send an email to [dschm35@eq.edu.au](mailto:dschm35@eq.edu.au) to confirm transfer
- Cash payment directly to the school office

- Credit card payment over the phone or in person at the office
- Centrelink Centrepay – forms are available from the school office or contact Centrelink

Please contact the school office if you have any queries regarding the Student Resource Scheme for 2014

Donna Schmidt  
Business Services Manager

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Overdue Library Resources

It would be appreciated if parents and caregivers would assist their students with returning overdue items from the library.

Please contact the library if there are any problems about returning overdue loans.

## JOB VACANCY

### Casual Cleaners Required

We are looking for responsible, hardworking people to add to our casual cleaners' pool.

If you would like to be added to this list please forward details and a 1 page resume to the Business Services Manager, Donna Schmidt, by email [dschm35@eq.edu.au](mailto:dschm35@eq.edu.au)

### DIARY DATES

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#### NOVEMBER

Mon 4 – Fri 8	Yr 12 Exam Block
Mon 4 – Fri 15	Yr 11 Priority Class Time
Wed 13	Final Date Yr 11 Assignments
Wed 13	P & C Meeting
Fri 15	Year 12 Graduation
Fri 15	Yr 10/11 Books must be returned
Mon 18-Fri 22	Yr 11 Exam Block
Wed 27-Fri 29	Yr 11 Leadership Camp

Don't forget the Chappy Breakfast held every Tuesday morning in the canteen from 8am. A big thanks to Coles Centro Toombul who donate all our supplies.

There are some great SU Qld camps happening this summer that your family might want to take advantage of. Head to [www.sucamps.org.au](http://www.sucamps.org.au) or grab a flyer from E block. If a camp cost is restrictive please chat with Matt.

Regards,

**Rev Matthew Govan**  
**Chaplain**

## MEASLES HEALTH ALERT

Queensland Health is concerned about the number of measles outbreaks in Queensland this year. Measles is a highly infectious disease that begins with symptoms such as fever, tiredness, cough, runny nose and/or red inflamed eyes. Measles can lead to complications such as middle ear infections, pneumonia (lung infection) and encephalitis (inflammation of the brain).

Measles can spread very easily. Vaccination is the only way to prevent measles. Queensland Health encourages anyone who has not had two measles-containing vaccinations, or who is not sure about their vaccination status, to get vaccinated as soon as possible. The measles vaccine is free from your local doctor for anyone born from 1966 onwards.

If parents think their child might have measles, they are advised to keep them away from school and make an appointment with a doctor or phone 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) to organise medical assessment.

More information is available from [http://access.health.qld.gov.au/hid/InfectionsandParasites/ViralInfections/measles\\_fs.asp](http://access.health.qld.gov.au/hid/InfectionsandParasites/ViralInfections/measles_fs.asp)