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7th February 2014

Principal's Message

Start of 2014

Welcome to all of our new parents/caregivers/students and welcome back to those who are returning to Aviation High School for 2014.

I should like to start by informing our community that all staff were involved in three days of professional development around our school priorities for 2014 before school commenced. I should also like to thank our parents for ensuring that our students have the correct uniform. My understanding from the P&C has been that we are experiencing some shortages in some of the uniform items. Please be patient with us at this time, our volunteers are working hard to support our school.

Priorities for 2014

At Aviation High, our unrelenting focus on student learning and improvement will continue in 2014 with three priorities identified and planned for:

- Literacy and Numeracy
- Explicit Teaching – evidence-based teaching strategies
- A Culture that promotes High Expectations

2013 Year 12 Results

Can I state that we are very proud of our 2013 Year 12 students and their results.

- 78% of students – OP 1-15
- 93% students receiving a QCE/OP and or VET qualification

- 96% students receiving a Queensland Certificate of Education

These results are enhanced by our whole school results for Semester 2 2013 in which 89% of students at Aviation High School achieved A-C for achievement.

Investiture of our School Leaders 2014

On February 11 at 8.40am the school will conduct our investiture ceremony. I look forward to meeting the parents of our leadership team for 2014.

Parental Support and Welfare of our Students

We value input from parents and believe that the stronger the relationship between the school, the home and the student, the more likely students will succeed. These relationships within our school will be enhanced in 2014 with the introduction of a Welfare Program for all year levels from 8 to 12.

I invite you to come and visit the school during the coming year. We will have an OPEN DAY on June 21 for the community. We will also have five Open Mornings planned in 2014 – July, August, September, October and November: commencing at 9.00am.

Please note the new format for our school newsletter 2014.

Finally congratulations to Jack Stephens and Jane Zhao who both achieved OP 1 scores and to Mitchell Eickenloff for his Aviation Australia Award.

Welcome back to 2014.

Your Partner in Education

David Munn

Principal

Deputy's Desk

Date Claimer:

Information Morning for Parents of Current Year 6 and 7

As you know, Year 7 will be coming to high school next year. With that in mind we'd like to invite prospective parents to an information morning on Thursday March 13, 2014 from 9.00 to 10.30.

This session will begin in the hall and will include tours of the school, with opportunities to see students at work and to hear what Year 7 will look like at Aviation High in 2015 and beyond.

The tours will finish with light refreshments and a chance to speak to some of the key staff in our Junior Secondary Program.

Mandy Forbes
Deputy Principal

Uniform

While items are still unavailable from the Uniform Shop, we have been very impressed with the standard of uniform in all year levels this year. If your student has been affected by the shortages please ask them to see the relevant Deputy Principal for a pass.

A reminder that students need lace up college leather or vinyl shoes with their formal uniform and black leather or vinyl sports shoes. Please no white soles, ticks, stripes or coloured laces. (Please refer to the Diary p 22)

We have noted that some of our senior boys have bought slip on formal shoes. These are not acceptable with our uniform. We do however, acknowledge that they are in some cases costly and so we are prepared to give short term passes until correct shoes can be purchased.

There is still some concern about the length of some girls' skirts. The formal skirt should be worn knee length or longer. Please ensure that your daughter's skirts comply.

A reminder that the new detention process applies to students who are late without a note from home, who are out of uniform without a note from home and students who have to hand their phone in at the office more than once. Students who are given these detentions will be required to complete an after school detention on the following school day for 30 minutes. Parents will be notified by email.

Thank you for your continued support of our uniform.

Mandy Forbes
Deputy Principal

Welfare at Aviation High

2014 sees the introduction of a formalised student welfare program at our school. This program was devised during 2013 and is led by Welfare Leaders who are teachers dedicated to providing support to all students of their year level. These Welfare Leaders also lead their form teachers through the welfare program which is delivered through daily form classes and at weekly Welfare lessons.

For 2014, our Welfare Leaders are:

Year 8 – Mrs Jan Gough

Year 9 – Mr Steve Wright

Year 10 – Ms Louise Coman

Year 11 – Mrs Robyn Taylor

Year 12 – Mr Sean Riordan

If you would like to speak to your student's Welfare Leader, they can be contacted through the school office. Integral to the Welfare program of Aviation High is the appointment of a full time Guidance Officer to our school for 2014. Mrs Alison McFarlane is available for appointments from Monday to Friday by contacting the school office.

Over the first two weeks of school students have been familiarising themselves with their new diaries which contain a vast array of rich resources. I encourage you to become familiar with your student's diary. It is an essential text book, which must be brought into each class every day. For our welfare program so succeed, students must respect this strong diary culture. This diary is a textbook, and your student is accountable for it. If it is lost, new diaries can be purchased by contacting the school office.

I welcome contact from members of our school community who have any queries about our new Welfare Program.

Susan Smith

Deputy Principal

Welfare

Year 10

Yr 10 Students have commenced their school year for 2014 with enthusiasm and exemplary behaviour. The introduction of the School Welfare Program will empower students to use Values for Life each Session on a Tuesday. The topic this week was Self Discipline empowering students to gain an understanding of the difference between 'something time' and 'nothing time' and building their self-awareness of where their time goes and the ability to manage it. Students have completed pages in their 2014 Diary and Student Planners to assist their Home Learning/ Study Timetable. This includes identifying their musts, options and required number of home learning/ study sessions. I have visited each of the three Welfare Groups students have demonstrated a proactive attitude to the weekly Habits of Mind and Thinking Tools to strive, thrive and flourish in their living, learning and thinking.



I look forward to an empowering, enthusiastic and exciting year for all Yr 10 students.

"Give yourself permission to shine." MW

Ms Coman

Year 10 Welfare Coordinator

Year 11

The Year 11 students have hit the ground running in 2014. The students look fabulous and are learning and engaged in their new senior subjects that they have selected. On Tuesday morning Mrs Dunn (Senior Schooling Head of Department) delivered a presentation to the group on the Queensland Certificate of Education and what will be required of students to attain this certificate at the end of Year 12. I look forward to a productive and positive year working with our group of Year 11 seniors.

Mrs Taylor

Year 11 Welfare Coordinator

Year 8 Airport Excursion

On the first Friday of the school year, the new Year 8 cohort, visited some of the facilities at Brisbane Airport.

Aviation Australia invited the group to tour their aircraft maintenance training facility as well as the cabin crew training area. The students were able to see aircraft which were being used as resources for the training of apprentices and also the survival swimming pool and escape slides used for training cabin crew.

The group was then taken on a quick tour of the domestic terminal, including moving into the secure section. Some students were checked for explosive residue as we moved through the security section.

Finally, the group stopped for a while at the aircraft viewing area off Acacia Avenue. They were given plane spotting sheets to help identify aircraft which were taxiing on the runway.

Jan Gough

Year 8 Coordinator





Aeroskills Scholarship Winner Commences Study at Aviation Australia Brisbane Campus

Mitchell Eikenloff, a former student from Aviation High School was awarded the Aviation Australia Aeroskills scholarship at the 2013 Aerospace Education Awards ceremony held at Parliament House late last year. The awards ceremony is the pinnacle event held each year to celebrate academic excellence, passion and leadership demonstrated by the students and teachers from the Aerospace Gateway Schools program.

Mitchell was one of only two school leavers from the program, to win an aeroskills scholarship and impressed the judges by demonstrating his genuine desire and enthusiasm towards pursuing a career as an aircraft maintenance engineer. The scholarship covers the cost of an institutional Certificate IV in Aeroskills to be undertaken at Aviation Australia including theory and off-the-job practical components.

Since Year 9 at Aviation High, Mitchell studied both Aircraft Maintenance Engineering and Aerospace Studies and was awarded the school's 2013 Aeroskills award. In addition to his studies, Mitchell also had the opportunity to undertake work experience with Prop Care Australia at Archerfield; Boeing Defence Australia at Amberley and spent 3 months with Airmed based in Oxford, United Kingdom.

Mitchell has now commenced his studies at Aviation Australia's Brisbane campus and said, "Ever since I was very young, I have always had an interest in aircraft and in particular aircraft maintenance. I was able to kick start my career goals through my studies at Aviation High and I am looking forward to learning about how the aviation industry works. The skies really are the limit in aviation."

In Mitchell's spare time, he is heavily involved in the community in Scouts and his involvement has enabled him to travel around Australia and the world. Mitchell is an "active leader" in Scouts and was recently awarded one of the highest regarded awards of Scouts Australia, which is the Queen's Scout Award.

The aim of the Aerospace Gateway Schools program is to create pathways for students to enter into Queensland's aviation and aerospace industries. The program commenced in January 2004, initially as a partnership between Education Queensland, Boeing Australia Limited (as it then was) and Aviation Australia. Six schools were initially targeted for the program and today there are a total of 24 Aerospace Gateway Schools, with 700 students throughout Queensland studying Aerospace studies and eight industry partners. The success of the program has also resulted in three major Queensland universities launching direct entry programs for the Aerospace Gateway Schools.



Office News

Parent Contact Information

Please be aware that we send out regular information via email. We seem to have quite a few bouncing back as incorrect or invalid. If you are not receiving emails from the school can you please ring the office on 3637 0111 to check that we have the correct email address for you.

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.

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 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.

School Photos

School photos are being taken on Friday 14 February for Years 9-12 and on Wednesday 19 February for Year 8 plus catch ups. Students will be required to bring their phone order envelopes with payment and handed directly to the photographer on the day. A reminder that the students are required to wear the formal school uniform for the photo.

Newsletter Distribution

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.

Office Hours

The school office is open from 8am - 4pm Monday to Friday. Outside of these hours please feel free to leave a message on the schools message service and office staff will attend to them as soon as possible.

Our cash payment window is open before and after school and during lunch breaks only.

Diary Dates

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| Swimming Carnival | Monday 10 February |
| Leader Investiture | Tuesday 11 February 8.40am – 9.30am |
| Year 8 Camp | Wednesday 12 Feb – Friday 14 Feb |
| School Photos | Friday 14 February Year 9 – 12 |
| District Swimming Carnival | Tuesday 18 February |
| School Photos | Wednesday 19 February Year 8 + catch up |
| Regional Swimming Carnival | Thursday 27 February |

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