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## Principal's Message

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### 2014 Leaders' Induction Ceremony

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2014 at a special school assembly, all of our leaders for 2014 were recognised and presented with their badges. There was a special moment in which the school for the first time presented to our two new captains new school blazers on which their names will be printed and the identification of their roles as school captains. I feel sure that our new tradition was appreciated by the many parents who attended the ceremony and who witnessed proudly their students being awarded student councillor, vice captains or a senior leader. We are establishing a trial this year in which each of our senior school leaders will represent and work closely with a year level. I feel sure that the individual class leaders will find comfort and support to know that they have one of the senior leaders assigned to support them in their leadership role. It will also help clarify to Mr Riordan our Yr. 12 and senior school leader that the thoughts and wishes of all our students are catered for. I would like to congratulate and sincerely thank all of those students who have taken on a leadership role at Aviation High for this year.

### Assessment Planners

All of our students should now have a copy of the Assessment Planner for their subjects. It is crucial that students (and parents/caregivers) are aware of when their assignments, exams etc are due so

that they can plan and prepare in advance. If students have misplaced their planners they can be found on our website or by contacting their classroom teacher or the office.

## District Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all of our students who competed at the District Swimming Titles on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2014. By all accounts, our students performed and behaved admirably and were a credit to the school. Well done.

## Parents and Citizens

Our P&C must be congratulated for working very hard to support the school over the past few weeks. They have introduced a company that has stepped in to support us in the canteen and have provided us all with a wonderful selection of home cooked offerings. This has occurred because our canteen convenor has taken a leave of absences due to illness. We wish her a speedy recovery.

To our parents and caregivers you have responded wonderfully to our formalising of the uniform. I am aware that we have shortages but I can assure all that this is not of our doing. I should like to inform all parents and the community of comments that have recently been made to me in support of what we are doing. We have a student in junior school who recently attended a course of instruction at the University of Queensland that was attend by the minister of Education for Queensland and a number of dignitaries from the university. Our student was singled out by all not just for her academic prowess but the fact that our uniform was so distinctive from all others that he the minister insisted on being photographed with our student. Parents and carers I thank you on behalf of the teaching staff for working with us to ensure we stand out from all others.

## Junior Secondary

Recently Mrs Forbes and Mr Clarke have been working closely with our local primary feeder schools. We have a plan in place to work closely with our primary school colleagues because they are essential to us in ensuring that what we are teaching in the junior schools aligns closely with what is being delivered in the primary schools. The Queensland Government and our metropolitan regional education department have devised a strategy for high school's and primary school's to work together to help ready high schools for the start of 2015 when we will for the first time be receiving year 7 students into our school. I sincerely thank the primary school principal's for helping to deliver our strategy and the hard work being achieved by Mrs Forbes the Deputy Principal and Mr Clarke our new HOD Aerospace and Junior Secondary.

## Aerospace

The school has finally reached a moment when we can offer flight training to students at the school in year 11 and 12. Mr Clarke has been working hard with the regional procurement branch and we have finally released a document that invites flight training schools to work with us through our Aerospace

studies program that allows for students who have a passion for flying to realise their dream. Mr Clarke is also working with senior students to ensure that our junior students receive more skills in the aviation program.

## Tutoring Program 2014

We are working hard to start our 2014 tutoring program. We have wonderful teachers on board and already our senior leaders have signed on to work with the year 8 and 9 students.

## Year 8 Camp

Congratulations to Mrs Gough and her team of teachers for working hard with our year 8's on their camp. The Ewan Maddock Instructors were most impressed with our students. They supported each other through the difficult tasks and demonstrated to all what a great representative group they are for our school.

## New Website - Facebook and Twitter

Mrs Marg Parks our Arts and English teacher has introduced the school to Facebook and Twitter. She has done a remarkable job which is evidenced through the feedback from both sites. We have also introduced a new website which went live on the 19<sup>th</sup> December. We hope you enjoy the articles and pictures of our students 'pursuing excellence'.

## Lockers

Finally I have raised the possibility of introducing lockers into the school. This is expensive but I believe we can achieve it gradually. I will send out a letter before the end of term setting out the idea and gaining some understanding of how many parents would initially be interested in securing a locker for their child over a 12 month period.

### **Your Partner in Education**

**David Munn**

**Principal**

## Deputy's Desk

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### Assessment Planners

Students can now access their Assessment Planners for Semester 1 by logging onto OneSchool using their "mis" (school) logon, for example; jbrown24 and their password.

## Tutoring

Aviation High is pleased to announce that tutoring will commence next week. All students, from years 8 to 12, can access tutoring sessions tailored to their needs:

Years 8 and 9	Tutoring by senior students Tuesday from 8 to 8.40, Thursday from 2.45 to 3.45
Years 10, 11, 12	Tutoring by teachers Monday and Wednesday 2.45 to 3.45

All tutoring will be held in the school Library.

The English/Humanities Faculty at the school has designed a workshop program which will be delivered over the remainder of Term 1

### Timetable Term 1 Tutorials - English/Humanities

WEEK	TOPIC
5 24.2 – 28.2	Unpacking an assignment. Understanding the requirements and limits of an assignment. What do the criteria mean?  The difference between planning and drafting.
6 3.3 – 7.3	Justifying a point of view. How to use evidence from a text to support a point of view.  Interpreting and evaluating source materials in History.  Analysing texts.
7 10.3 – 14.3	Identifying elements of a novel to consider in producing a creative response.
8 17.3 – 21.3	The History essay –hypothesis to conclusion.  Elements of persuasion.
9 24.3-28.3	Multimodal presentations - how best to present.

**Susan Smith**

**Deputy Principal**

## Welfare

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### Year 10

Time is the one thing that we all have the same amount of, but it's amazing how often we run out of it and are 'time poor'. It is avoidable, but requires a determined focus to ignore distractions, common sense prioritising and a purpose to achieve. Before students can control their time, they have to develop a set of consistent attitudes and habits to live by. As Zig Ziglar (American author and motivational speaker) so clearly points out, "Lack of direction, not lack of time, is the problem. We all have twenty-four hour days."

Year 10 students have been looking at their musts and options page and study timetable, providing students with a good overview of how they spend their available 10,080 minutes each week. Building their self-awareness encourages them to become self-monitoring and self-adjusting in their time management habits.

Quite often the largest timewaster for students (and in fact all of us), is just idling and wandering around between activities; basically doing nothing – 'nothing time'. Being mindful of this enables students convert it to 'something time', thus achieving something meaningful.

May I remind parents/carers to sign student diaries each week for our Tuesday Session to ensure your student is optimising their time management.

Year 10's Value for Life this week is Efficiency after completing Understanding as the class Welfare tasks are focussed on understanding, using time efficiently and optimising time management.



*"Wisdom is not knowing what to do now, but what to do next."*

**Ms Coman**

**Year 10 Welfare Coordinator**

### Year 11

Last Friday a dedicated group of Year 11 students held a bake sale which raised \$213 for the "Make A Wish Foundation". There were donations of delicious cakes, muffins and other tasty treats that were snapped up and enjoyed by staff and students alike. Thanks to those staff members and students who donated goods and to Juliette and her team for their efforts.



**Mrs Taylor**

**Year 11 Welfare Coordinator**

## Year 12 News

Students have hit the ground running and have thrown themselves into classes, demonstrating the commitment and enthusiasm necessary for success. Subject selections are sorted and there is a strong focus on every student reaching the end of the year on the road to success. Just remember; sleep, nutrition and time management will have a lot to do with how well you go.

Captains, Vice-Captains, Leaders and House Captains were acknowledged by the school community and received their badges last week. They are:

Captains	Kyle Mitchell and Tiffany Hofmeier
Vice-Captains	James Reid and Laura Stitt
Leaders	Ashley Dixon, Brock Barrett, Brad Knight and Jake Faulkner

The House Captains are:

Hinkler	Justin Stevenson and Nick White
Kingsford Smith	Tim Lyons and Jordan Richardson
Miller	Indiana Mellon and Brooklyn Dorman

We wish them all the best as they make their way through the year. The rest of Year 12 students will receive their Seniors badges next week.

**Mr Riordan Year 12 Coordinator**



## Rocketry Program in 2014

The Rocketry program competes in the Australian Youth Rocketry competition every year. In the past, Aviation High has won and placed second and this year we are looking to improve on last year's results when two rocket malfunctions caused us to place rather poorly. We will be visiting the

Queensland Rocketry Society's launch field in March to test fire our first rocket: it needs to carry a raw egg to 228m (750ft) and return it unbroken (using a parachute recovery system)! This will provide data to finalise the designs for the competition, which happens in July. We are also designing a more complex "glide return" rocket which we are hoping to have ready for the 2015 competition.

We are also building several small rockets which we will be launching on the school oval to provide new members with important design, construction and safety procedure experience.

Sound interesting?

The Rocketry Group (which meets on Thursday afternoon after school) still has places available for this year – see Mr Hart for more details.

## School Based Youth Health Nurse

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For those who don't know me - my name is Liz Bowman and I'm the Youth Health Nurse for Aviation High. I'm at the school on Tuesday's - located in E Block, ph. ext 178.

What does the Youth Health Nurse do? (In the event you are new or unaware of the School Based Youth Health Nurse Program.)

The Youth Health Nurse works with the school community - students, school staff and parents to:

- Provide health information and advice, either 1:1 or in the classroom
- raise awareness of and assist the school community to create a more supportive, healthy school environment (a health promoting school) whether that be through classroom involvement or through the welfare program
- connect people to appropriate support services within and outside the school



Some reasons for accessing my services may include any concerns regarding young people's health and wellbeing such as:

- Relationships concerns
- personal and family problems
- smoking, alcohol or drug related issues
- sexual health
- feeling unhappy or stressed
- puberty, growing up
- medical concerns
- healthy eating, exercise, weight and eating problems
- getting in touch with the right support services
- anything that affects your health and wellbeing

### Confidentiality

The Youth Health Nurse working in any state school is employed by Queensland Health; therefore information is kept confidential unless the young person agrees the nurse can do otherwise or they are at significant risk of harm.

I look forward to meeting the new staff, parents and students and working with you over the coming year. Please feel free to contact me by phone 0407 964 936 or email ([lbowm10@eq.edu.au](mailto:lbowm10@eq.edu.au)) if I can be of any assistance.

### Liz School Nurse

## WW1 Centennial Commemorative Western Front Battlefields Tour 2014

Thank you to the parents, family and students who attended our final Parent/Student Information Evening for our Inaugural Western Front Battlefields Tour from April 5th-16th during the Easter School Holidays. We are excited to be sharing this unique learning opportunity with the selected students from Year 11 and 12 to walk in the footsteps of the Anzacs in France and Belgium.

Yr 12: Tiffany Hofmeier (School Captain), Bradley Knight (School Leader)

Yr 11: Ashleigh Bond, Benjamin Conaghan, Eathan Coventry, Joel Gregory, Mikayla Stephens and Hayden Young

We begin our Tour in Paris and drive north towards the Belgian border. Our military tour guide has included visits to the battlefield of Mont St Quentin, the 2nd Division Memorial and preserved trenches on the site, the town of Ypres and the magnificent Cloth Hall, St George's Chapel, St Martin's Cathedral, the Menin Gate and Ramparts Cemetery. Our students will then take part in the moving Last Post ceremony and will lay a wreath on behalf of the school.

Then onto the Ypres Salient, Hooge Crater, Polygon Wood, German Cemetery at Langemarck, Tyne Cot, Villers-Bretonneux, VC Corner, Fromelles, Pozierres and Vimy Ridge are some of the sites on our itinerary.

The highlight will be spending a full day on the Passchendaele battlefield experiencing *Life at the Front*, an immersive educational program that involves each student dressing in full WWI kit and experiencing a day in the life of a soldier. Marching, grenade throwing, rifle drill and even an authentic bully beef meal will all be experienced today!

We look forward to sharing our experiences in France and Belgium with the school.

### Ms Coman





## Library News

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### Library Loans

Student ID cards will be available for students to use for borrowing once school photos have been produced. In the meantime students can show their 2013 ID cards or identify themselves at the loans desk with their name on their school timetable. Students may borrow up to 4 items at any time. Fiction books are on loan for 2 weeks. All other items are on loan for 1 week. Please assist students with returning borrowed items on time by checking the return date on the item's 'Date Due' slip. A number of students still have overdue items from 2013. It would be appreciated if these were returned immediately. Replacement cost will need to be paid for lost and destroyed library resources.

### Accelerated Reader

During the next week Year 8 and 9 students will be starting the Accelerated Reader program in the library as part of their English work. In Accelerated Reader students read books selected from a wide range included on the program and then test how well they have read with quizzes on-line. After completing a diagnostic test, students are given the reading level range from which to select their books so that they can gradually read more and more challenging books in order to improve their reading. From the data recorded in the Accelerated Reader program students and teachers are able to monitor their progress. One indicator of achievement is the number of words read, while maintaining a high level of comprehension. In previous years students have been awarded 'Word Millionaire and Multi-Millionaire' status and many have received achievement awards and certificates to acknowledge their progress.

**Elizabeth Wilkinson Teacher-Librarian**

## Swimming Carnival

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Another great start to a new school year with the annual Swimming Carnival held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Our thanks to Wavell Heights State School for allowing us to use their swimming pool once again.

Not only was the weather perfect for the event but the day went off without any mishaps with some 250 students either participating or supporting the swimmers who represented their Sport Houses.

The pool was a splash of colours with students and teachers wearing either green for Miller House, Yellow for Kingsford Smith or Red for Hinkler.

Thanks to all teachers and especially my Physical Education Staff (Mr Northcott, Mrs Kitson, Ms Midgley and Mr Nunan) who ensured a successful carnival and to all swimmers of course who competed (some competing in multiple events).

Unfortunately there can only be one winning House and for 2014 it was Kingsford Smith with a total of 1,820 points. Hinkler House came second with 1,333 points, followed by Miller House with 1,176 points.

Following are the winners for each age group:

Age	Girls	House	Boys	House
13	Taylor Zeidler	KS	William Hudson	KS
14	Morgan Smith	M	James Constantin	M
15	Tasma Gane	KS	Corey Swain	KS
16	Lakeley Dillon	H	Jarrin Hughes	M
17-20	Tiffany Hofmeier	H	James Reid	KS

***The full list of Age Champions first, second and third is available on the School web site.***

All students who managed to come first, second or third placement was invited to attend the District Swimming Carnival which was held on Tuesday February 18<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to all who competed in either the School or the District Swimming Carnivals.

Finally welcome to our new Sport House Captains and Vice Captains who were presented with their badges last week. Thanks for your support and leadership at the carnival and we look forward to your assistance at future carnivals and sporting events.

Hinkler: Justin Stevenson (C) and Nick White (VC)

Kingsford Smith: Tim Lyons (C) and Jordan Richardson (VC)

Miller: Indiana Mellon and Brooklyn Dorman (VC)

**Mr Buckner Head of 'The Arts' (HPE, Sport, Art, Music, Drama, Hospitality)**

[Click here](#) to view *Swimming Carnival Slideshow*

## Interschool Summer Sport

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Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February saw the commencement of Interschool sport with the Senior students (Years 10, 11 and 12) competing against Wavell SHS. Next week the Senior girls will be travelling to Earnshaw College, whilst the boys will compete at school.

This Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February the Junior school (Years 8 and 9) will commence their summer competition. Students will either be travelling by bus to Kedron SHS (Volleyball), Shaws Sport Complex (Touch), AFL grounds Zillmere or involved in Ultimate Disc at Aviation High.

Note all students are expected to wear their sports uniform on sports day as well as to their practical HPE lessons (note there are change rooms available for changing in and out of the formal uniform).

We wish all teams and their coaches the best results. Any inquiries please contact Mr Buckner (Head of Dept). However Ms Midgley is managing the Tuesday competition and Mr Northcott the Wednesday competition.

My thanks to these two Physical Education teachers (above) as well as to my other staff this year: Mrs Kitson (PE), Mr Nunan (PE), Ms Park (ART), Mrs Miles (Music), Mrs Hardy (Hospitality), Ms Gough (Hospitality), Ms Lowe (Drama) and to Ms Doucet (Instrumental Music) for their support and professionalism.

**Rob Buckner Head of 'The Arts'**

## Aviation High Black Tie Anniversary Ball

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The Principal Mr David Munn cordially invites Past Students, Past and Present Parents and P&C, Staff and friends of our School Community to attend the Inaugural Aviation High Alumni Black Tie Anniversary Ball to celebrate the 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the launch of Aviation High.

Date: Saturday 9 August 2014

Venue: The Ballroom - Riverside Function Centre, 50 Oxlade Drive, New Farm

Time: 6:30pm -11:00 pm

Cost: \$125.00 per person: Includes Chefs Selection of hors d'oeuvres, one free champagne on arrival and a three course meal (Set menu)

Dress: Black Tie/Formal/Evening

(Tickets are limited – full payment required at time of purchase)

Beverages available to purchase at bar prices

Presentation from 2007-2013 School Leaders

Dance Floor, Door Prizes, Music

Payments: Ring or visit Linda in the school office 3637  
0111



FEBRUARY SPECIAL: Purchase 2 or more tickets in ONE transaction for only \$110 per person. A great time to book your table of ten!

## Exchange Student from France Coming to Aviation High

Welcoming a language student is a once-in-a-life time opportunity!

Accepting a student gives you the perfect opportunity to learn about another culture combined with promoting our Australian lifestyle whilst developing new friendships!

We look forward to introducing Xavier, a 16 year old boy from the French Alps near the Swiss Border who will be attending Aviation High for one semester in 2014.

Xavier enjoys tennis, skiing and hiking and plays the guitar. His favourite subjects are science, mathematics and physics and he would like to be an airline pilot.

Your daily routine will include Xavier attending school with you and participating in extra curricula activities as they arise. Xavier will immerse himself into your family and school allowing both of you to explore other cultures, absorb other ideas and, as a result, improve in compassion and insight.

Nacel Australia would like to hear from compassionate families who have a genuine interest in other cultures and are interested in welcoming Xavier into their home from April to September or part thereof.

For further information, please contact Nacel Australia on our national toll free number; 1300 735 732 or [info@nacel.com.au](mailto:info@nacel.com.au)

**Alison McFarlane Guidance Officer**

## 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.

## 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](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.

## 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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Whole School Assembly - Seniors' Badges	Tuesday 25 February
Regional Swimming Carnival	Thursday 27 February
Year 6/7 Open Morning - 9am-10am	Thursday 13 March
Vaccinations Year 8 (all) /Year 10 (boys)	Tuesday 25 March

## MiYoga

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Does an 8 week mindfulness yoga program, "MiYoga", enhance cognitive functions such as attention, physical strength, behaviour and emotional control in children with cerebral palsy? MiYoga incorporates a family centered approach to therapy by inviting a caregiver to participate alongside their child. We will also want to see if MiYoga can relieve caregiver stress and improve parent child relationship.

We are looking for children with diplegia or hemiplegia cerebral palsy, aged 6-16 years old, who can walk independently or with a gait aid (GMFCS I-III) and one of their caregivers.

For more information: <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/miyoga/index.html?page=home>

You may also contact the MiYoga study co-ordinator:

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Email: [c.mak@uq.edu.au](mailto:c.mak@uq.edu.au)

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