

## CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 12 GRADUATES



This week has been an exciting one for our **Year 12 students** (*pictured*) with today being their final day at school. During this last week, final assessment and procedural details were confirmed and we also took the opportunity for visitors to the school, including police and emergency services personnel to present special sessions on student safety. Of course, the **Senior Dinner** held on Wednesday evening at the Childers Cultural Centre was a very special night of celebration and jubilation for happy students and proud parents/carers. The very pleasant evening will be a wonderful night of memories for students into the future. Today, we farewelled our Year 12 students with an official **Graduation Ceremony** also attended by parents and carers, as well as Year 7 and 11 students. This marked the completion of twelve years of formal schooling for another cohort of students. We acknowledged each student by presenting them with a graduation certificate, a photograph of the group and a gift from the school community. A morning tea for the graduates, parents and staff was a delightful finish to their secondary education. I must commend the Year 12 students on the sensible and dignified manner in which they engaged in these last week ceremonies. **Congratulations to our graduating students and all the very best wishes for a successful future.**

As we move rapidly towards the end of the 2016 school year, it is important that all students remain on task, working with their teachers and **attending regularly** until their last day (*see dates on separate insert*). It is also important to understand the same school rules that applied on the first school day of 2016 continue to apply to the last and sensible and co-operative student behaviour will see a **pleasant and rewarding end to the school year** for all concerned. I look forward to the continuing support of parents in this area and can assure students and parents that teachers will be working hard until the last day to ensure enriching, learning activities are provided for all students. I thank you in advance for your support.

**Allan Cook**  
PRINCIPAL

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

23-25 Nov	Senior Challenge Camp	05-09 Dec	Year 7-9 Enrichment Program
25 Nov	Year 12 Student Reports available - Office	07 Dec	Year 7-9 Student Reports distributed
25 Nov	Final day for Year 11 and 10	07 Dec	P&C Association Meeting – 6:00pm – Isis Club
28-29 Nov	Year 6-7 Transition Program	08 Dec	Year 7-9 Merit Student Excursion
02 Dec	Yr 11 & 10 Student Reports available - Office	09 Dec	Final day for Year 7, 8 and 9
02 Dec	School Newsletter	16 Jan	School Office re-opens

***EVERY LESSON, EVERY DAY .....COUNTS!!***

**Regular attendance is necessary for high achievement!**

## Administrative Arrangements

As we approach the end of the 2016 school year and begin to turn our attention to the 2017 school year, there are a number of important organisational and administrative arrangements with which parents need to be familiar. **Please read carefully the special insert in this School Newsletter** and retain it over the Christmas vacation for your ready reference to important information.

*Allan Cook - Principal*

## Remembrance Day

Last Friday on the **11/11 at 11:00am**, Isis High came to a stop for a **Minute's Silence** to reflect on the personal sacrifice of those who had given their lives in fighting for Australia in wars.

The School was also pleased to support the Childers RSL in their **Remembrance Day** ceremony. Our new School Captains 2017 Rhiannon, Mitchell, Eden and Georgiana (*pictured below l-r in front of the 'Remembrance Wall'*) were in attendance at their first formal duty representing the school. Our 2016 school Captains were also in attendance. Our school provided the National Anthem sung by Tracey and accompanied by strings players Simone, Chi and Shae. School Chaplain, Ralph Thurlow provided a reading of The Lord's Prayer.



All students in attendance conducted themselves with dignity, certainly had presence and confirmed the good standing of the school in important community ceremonies.

*Allan Cook - Principal*

## Indigenous Celebration Evening

The Bundaberg and District Schools **Indigenous Celebration** evening for graduating Indigenous students was held recently in Bundaberg. It was a well-attended evening by local Elders, dignitaries, Principals, guest speakers and performers, students and families.

The work and commitment of each of our senior indigenous students, was recognised with a **'Certificate of Congratulations'**. Aleisha and Kade received QATSIF Scholarship Certificates, while Aleisha was announced as our Indigenous 'Student of the Year' (determined by school data on attendance, uniform, behaviour, ethos, involvement in school events, commitment and attitude). Congratulations to Aleisha!



*Graduating Indigenous senior students (l-r) Aleisha, Kyle, Kade and Cheyenne proudly show awards with Indigenous Liaison Officer, Mrs Cheryl Butler*

Congratulations to all our Indigenous students and we wish our graduating seniors all the best for the future.

*Gloria Davey - Indigenous Education Coordinator*

## Constitutional Convention

### **Should Australia Become a Republic?**

That was the question debated by students at the **Regional Student's Constitutional Convention** at the Brolga Theatre, Maryborough on Tuesday 8 November.

Four of our brightest Year 11 students, Maicey, Siobhan, Charlotte and Emily, (*pictured below l-r at the Convention*) researched, analysed and argued the topic on the day with students from six other schools in the region. They were led through a series of activities and discussion groups that culminated in the presentation of speeches by a delegate from each school, vying for a trip to Canberra for the National Constitutional Convention in March. All four students helped write the excellent speech that Maicey delivered, showing great teamwork and intelligence. Whilst Maicey was not named the winner, she delivered the speech with maturity and poise, and was an **excellent representative for our school**.



Participation in activities such as the Constitutional Convention provides a tremendous opportunity for a range of learning that develops life-long skills, such as research, analysing, presenting and 'networking'. **Congratulations** to Maicey, Siobhan, Charlotte and Emily for their hard work and commitment in being prepared beforehand, and for their involvement on the day.

*Meryl McCulloch - Modern History Teacher*

## Zach - Sharemarket winner

The **ASX Schools Sharemarket Competition** gives students a notional \$50,000 to 'invest' in companies on the Australian Stock Exchange over a ten-week period. The prices students buy and sell at are the same prices as they would get in the live market so this is as close to real life share trading as you can get. Year 9 and 10 Business Studies students competed in this year's ASX game. **Zachery** (trading as 'Sir Skits') (pictured with his certificate) increased his portfolio value to \$59 223, which placed him **first in Queensland and second in Australia**.



Zach studied the charts/graphs of a range of shares across sectors and set up a watch list and chose those that were on the rise. The best choice was purchasing 6746 shares in Whitehaven Coal which increased from \$1.85 per share to \$2.98, resulting in a \$7598 increase. Zach will receive a cash prize of \$500 for placing first in Queensland and a further \$400 for placing second nationally. **Congratulations and well done Zach!**

*Rhonda Chantler - Business Studies Teacher*

## Dead Puppet Society Workshop

Last Friday afternoon the Year 11 Drama Class took part in a puppetry workshop conducted by the Brisbane Theatre Company, **Dead Puppet Society**. It was a great experience! This workshop gave us an understanding of the history and culture of puppetry, and how puppets are created and brought to life for performance. We worked in groups to create our own puppets using only paper and tape and learnt the three rules of puppetry inspired by Asian theatre forms.



It took a few of us to make them come alive, but once we did we could manoeuvre them in a realistic, even slapstick way- jumping, walking, exploring- even dabbing. Thanks to Jenny from the Bundaberg Regional Council and Helen from the Dead Puppet Society for such a **unique workshop!**

*Mitchell, Eden - Year 11 Drama students*

## 'No Limits'



*Members of the girl's No Limits group taking part in one of the fun learning experiences aimed at encouraging team work.*

This term, two groups of students from Year Seven have been engaging with the **No Limits program**. This valuable activity is conducted by our school chaplain, Ralph, as an **action based learning program** aimed at helping students unlock their potential. Most **No Limits** activities are held here at school, but the culminating activity will

see participants going on a challenging bushwalk in the Biggenden Mt Walsh area.

*Gary Munks - Head of Department (Student Services)*

## New Blood Ambassadors for 2017

Our school has a continuing proud record in blood donating and 2016 was no different. We collectively gave a total of 125 donations which equates to saving 375 lives. These donations are not only from students but also from teachers and adults in our community, who donate on behalf of Isis High School. This 'tally' places us in the top three of donating communities within our district. A huge thank you must go to our school's P & C who cover the cost of the bus for each trip and of course to all of you out there who have donated or attempted to donate this year. Your support for this vital activity is not only imperative but highly appreciated.

Also, we would like to thank this year's Blood Ambassadors (Laura, Georgia and Matthew) for their dedicated service supporting Red Cross throughout 2016. These leaders also recently assisted in interviewing an exceptional group of potential applicants for these positions next year and we can announce that our new Blood Ambassadors for 2017 will be Tracey, Ashleigh and Jade (pictured below l-r with Ms Adams).



These students will be officially inducted at the 2017 Leaders' Investiture Ceremony along with other school leaders early next year.

*Ms Adams - Blood Bank Coordinator*



# Isis District State High School

## Administrative Arrangements 2016 - 17



A number of important organisational and administrative arrangements with which parents need to be familiar are provided in this document. Please read carefully and retain it over the Christmas vacation for your ready reference to important information.

### End of School Dates and Reporting

It is important for students to continue to attend school until their scheduled last day. Productive learning will continue to occur until their final day of school. The **last day** of school for each year level:

**Year 10 & 11** Friday, 25 November, 2016

**Year 07, 08 & 09** Friday, 09 December, 2016

**End of year reports** will be issued to students as follows:

**Year 12** Exit Statement/VET Certificates and References (if requested)  
*Available from the office on Friday, 25/11*

**Year 10 & 11** Semester Two Report  
*Available from the office on Friday, 02/12*

**Year 07, 08 & 09** Semester Two Report  
*Distributed to students on Wednesday, 07/12*

Year 12 Reports not collected by Wednesday 30 November will be mailed to the student's last known address, unless advised otherwise.

Copies of reports will also be emailed to email addresses held by the school for parents.

### Email communication

Electronic communication (email) from the School to parents/carers allows an easy and quick form of communication. However, it does rely on the School holding a current, correct email address.

Parents and carers can provide and/or ensure the School has their latest email address by:

- **Phoning** the school Office on 4192 1222
- **Emailing** to: [principal@isisdistshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:principal@isisdistshs.eq.edu.au)
- **Text** messaging to 0429 831 488
- Having your student son/daughter dropping it into the School Office

Thank you in anticipation of your assistance in this regard.

### Outstanding school accounts

It would be appreciated if parents/carers would finalise their student's accounts for the year (there are still some families with outstanding balances). Our students receive the resources for the education they deserve, by all families making their fair contribution. The main School Office is open between 8:00am and 4:00pm.

### 2017 School Starting Dates

The School Office will re-open for 2017 from **Monday, 16 January** and Administration staff will be available during that week for enrolments and/or enquiries.

Uniforms will be sold at the Stadium on **Thursday, 19 January** and **Friday, 20 January** (8:00am to 12:00pm) and from the Uniform Shop on **Tuesday 24 January** (8:00am to 12noon).

**The 2017 school year commences: Monday 23 January for Year 07, 09 and 11 students only.** Students in these year levels will be commencing new courses and there may be some clarification required.

**Tuesday 24 January: ALL students (Years 07 to 12)** in attendance.

Both days will commence with a school assembly in the Stadium.

**Thursday 26 January** is the Australia Day public holiday.

### Student Resource Scheme

The Student Resource Scheme (SRS) involves a parent/carer annual fee set for 2017 by the P&C Association as \$130 per student (\$250 for 2, \$350 for 3+) for provision of textbooks and a range of school resources. SRS Agreements for 2017 will be distributed to students on their first day.

**Payments for the Student Resource Scheme** will occur on **Friday (27/01)** for Year 12, 11 and 10. They will continue on **Monday (30/01)** for Year 9, 8 and 7.

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## Uniform Expectations 2017

The November meeting of our Parents and Citizens' Association reconfirmed this School's commitment to a Student Dress Code and a school focus to appropriate personal presentation in the school workplace. It is timely to remind students and parents of the uniform expectations for 2017.

### All students

'Everyday uniform' remains unchanged, however there is a new improved design of shorts in stock at the Uniform Shop now.

- School polo shirt with printed school badge.
- Black school shorts:
  - o Preferred style of shorts (with school logo) are sold at the Uniform Shop
  - o Length not below the bottom of the knee
  - o If shorts are purchased elsewhere, they must be of **similar style and length**
  - o Short shorts are not permitted.
- **Runners / joggers are required footwear**, canvas shoes do not meet WHS requirements in workshops / kitchens.

### Senior Formal Uniform for Seniors (Yr 11 and 12)

Transition from the 'A-line design' skirts to skirts with the '4-6 pleats' is now complete with the graduation of this 2016 Year 12s. Therefore, the senior girls formal uniform includes **green skirts with pleats**.

#### Senior girls formal:

- o Short/long sleeved, button up standard white blouse with collar or school blouse with pocket school emblem
  - o Green school tie knotted at the top button of the blouse
  - o Green school skirt with pleats NOTE: Length of skirts should remain as purchased to ensure the appearance is as endorsed by P&C.
- or**
- o Long black fitted slacks (not jeans) with black belt
  - o Flesh coloured stockings and/or visible white socks
  - o Closed in black shoes.

#### Senior boys formal:

- o Short/long sleeved, button up standard white shirt with collar with pocket school emblem
- o Green school tie knotted at the top button of the shirt
- o Long black fitted trousers (not jeans or tracksuit pants) with black belt
- o Black socks
- o Closed in black shoes.

## P&C Uniform Shop

**The P&C Uniform Shop is the preferred supplier for items of the school uniform.** Uniform items eg shorts / skirts, purchased from alternative retailers, should be of similar quality and design (including length) to those from P&C Uniform Shop. The P & C Association Uniform Shop opens from 8:00am to 12 noon every Thursday.

Uniforms will be sold from the Stadium on these days before school commences

**Thursday, 19 January** – Stadium - 8.00am - 12noon

**Friday, 20 January** – Stadium - 8.00am - 12noon

In addition, the Uniform Shop will also be operating, on **Tuesday 24 January from 8:00am to 12noon.**

## Lunch Passes and banned foods

Given our school location and the number of families who live outside of the town area, historically we have assisted families requiring their children to run an errand or 'odd job' by allowing them to obtain a lunch pass. However, a number of students have recently requested lunch passes (or aren't 'signing out' at all) in order to go to town to buy lunch. This is NOT the intended purpose of the lunch pass. Our P&C Association operate a very well stocked tuckshop each day of the week. The profits of the tuckshop (as well as other P&C fundraising) are channelled back into the school through the purchase of resources for the benefit of our students. Students have been reminded that lunch passes will only be issued occasionally with parental permission (either in form of a note or a phone call). Students will not be issued a lunch pass in order to go buy lunch outside the school grounds.

In addition, we have also recently experienced some students leaving the school grounds at the end of the school day and then return to the school, five or ten minutes later with soft drinks or fast food. Again, these students are being reminded of our duty of care to supervise them from when they get off the bus of the morning through to them departing on the school the bus of an afternoon. Students should remain on the school grounds for the duration of this time unless contact has been made with the school.

Students have also been reminded that soft drinks, energy drinks and fast food are not to be bought onto school grounds.

We look forward to and appreciate your support in this matter.



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