



15 June 2014

Isis District State High School

# JUNIOR SECONDARY

## News

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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL...



On Tuesday 3 June we held two highly successful Junior Secondary, Year 7 parent information sessions. Over 60 parents attended across the daytime and twilight tours. Parents were provided with great insight into the preparation that has been undertaken across the last three years to ensure that Isis

District State High School is ready to welcome Year 7 into our school in 2015. Parents were taken on a tour of the new Year 7 learning spaces at the Annexe Campus, presented with the core curriculum and elective programs and exposed to a variety of different technologies used every day in our classrooms.

In the last week, I have had a number of parents stop me in the street and supermarket to provide feedback on the value of these parent sessions. One mother commented that she came away from the parent information session confident she had made the right choice in enrolling her student at Isis District State High School. She noted the significant time and consultation that has gone into ensuring the Year 7 transition to high school is highly successful, along with the care and support structures we provide for our students. Other comments have supported the high expectations set for students and our successful goal setting programs. Your ongoing feedback is greatly appreciated.

A number of parents are still asking questions in the online *Today'sMeet* space. The space was set up for parents to ask questions during and after the parent information sessions regarding Year 7 and Junior Secondary at Isis High. I personally check back into the room every couple of days and respond to questions posted. The room will stay active until the end of June. The link is <https://todaysmeet.com/isis2015yr7parentq>. I would encourage you to visit the Today'sMeet space and read the questions from parents and responses from school staff or ask your own question.

## 2015 Year 7 Enrolment Interviews

**Monday 4 Aug to Friday 8 Aug 2014**

Call us for an interview time. Interviews help us place your child in a class that best suits their needs, thus making transition into high school as easy as possible.

Staff available for interviews: Gary Munks, Anneka Lloyd, Michele Kirkland, Brett Kavanagh and Dearnne Beatson.

Contact the office on 4192 1222 or email: [the.principal@isisdistshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:the.principal@isisdistshs.eq.edu.au) for an appointment!



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The Year 8 information sessions and school tours will occur on Tuesday 26 August. Further information will be provided as this date gets closer. I would like to thank the Junior Secondary Deputy Principal Michele Kirkland and Head of Department Gary Munks for their ongoing commitment and effort to ensure the success of our Junior Secondary program.

Kind Regards

Brett Kavanagh

Principal

### Daylight and Twilight Tours of Our Junior Secondary Facilities

**Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June, saw Isis High hosting two parent tours of our facilities.** The tours were aimed at parents of Year 6 children who will be enrolling in our 2015 Year 7 program, but we were lucky enough to have a number of other interested community members attend the tours.

A variety of speakers presented information to the audience. Michaela Douglas - Project Officer for the *Getting Ready for Secondary School Program* - did a fantastic presentation on *Why the Change to Year 7?* and *The Teenage Brain*. Our Year 8 Ambassadors also hosted a section on *'What was the First Day of High School Like?'*.

During the presentation our Year 7 Enrolment packages for 2015 were handed out. **Did your family miss out on an Enrolment Package? Contact the School Office on 41 921 222 for your copy.**

### Small School's 'High School Experience'

**Term Two has marked another milestone in transitioning Year 6 and 7 students to Isis High.** We've been hosting Year 6 and 7 students from some of our feeder Primary Schools for Science and Manual Arts lessons.

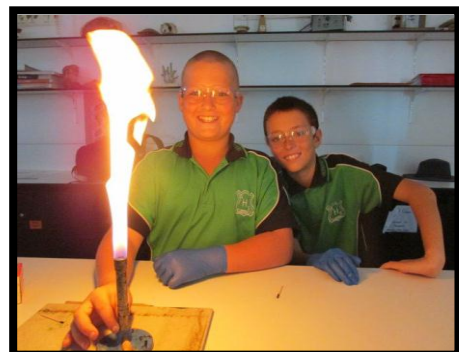
The purpose of these half-day 'High School Experiences' is to provide Year 6 and 7 students with a taste of what it is like to attend Isis High, to meet students from other district schools and to interact with some of our key staff such as Year Level Co-ordinators.

Feedback from the visiting students was very positive.

*Mr Williams- Manual Arts Teacher- working with visiting Year 7 Students.*



*Howard State School students enjoying their science experience*



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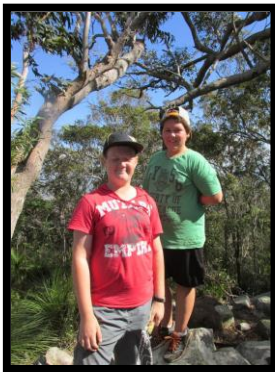
## Year 8 'No-Limits' Group Conquer Mount Woowoonga

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*Coby Zunker and Brodie Bache at the summit of Mount Woowoonga.*

Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of June, saw our 'No Limits' group go bushwalking up Mt. Woowoonga. Tackling this steep Grade Four climb was the culminating activity for this term's 'No Limits' activities. A total of eight boys made it to the top of the mountain.

'No Limits' is a program aimed at developing leadership and building resilience in young people.

Many thanks to Ralph, our school chaplain, for organising this great field trip and booking a delicious lunch in Biggenden and thanks must also go to Graham and Neil for accompanying the boys on the bushwalk.

## Meet One of Our Year 8 Ambassadors

**Name:** Bryce Klaasen

**Previous School:** Childers State School

**Interests:** Rugby League, Rugby Union, Sport, Fishing

**Where I will be in 10 years:** In Brisbane, at University

**Interesting Facts About Me:** I hold a Little Athletics record for 13yr Boys shot-put; I like rock, heavy metal and scream music; Israel Flau inspired me to play rugby.



## Year 7 Staffing - 2015

Congratulations to Miss Lisa Marsh, who has just been appointed to a fulltime position at Isis High. Miss Marsh will be one of our 2015 Year 7 C.A.R.E. class teachers.

**Join the Conversation**

**Learn More about Year 7 at Isis High in 2015**

**Visit**

<https://todaysmeet.com/isis2015yr7parentq>

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**Date Claimer**

**Year 8 Parent Information Tours**

*Learn more about Year 8 in 2015*

**5:30 - Tuesday 12 August**





**Fridge Ready Calendar - What's Coming Up in the Junior Secondary School at Isis High - Keep Me for Future Reference!**



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July 2014						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14- School Returns	15	16	17	18- Sem I- Report Cards- Posted	19
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27	28	29- Parent Teacher Interviews	30	31		
August 2014						
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3	4- Year 7 Enrolment Interviews- Ring for an Appointment	5- Year 7 Enrolment Interviews- Ring for an Appointment	6- Year 7 Enrolment Interviews- Ring for an Appointment	7- Year 7 Enrolment Interviews- Ring for an Appointment	8- Year 7 Enrolment Interviews- Ring for an Appointment	9
10	11	12- Year 8 (2015)- Parent Information Evening	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26- Parent Information Evening- Various Year Levels	27	28	29	30
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**Junior Secondary Enrolments for Isis District State High School**

Counting Down to  
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**Need more information? - call us on 4192 1222**

