Welcome to 2017

Hello everyone and welcome to the first edition of the newsletter for 2017. I trust that all students, their families and community members had a wonderful Christmas holiday.

2016 Year 12 Outcomes

I am delighted to report that our 2016 year 12 students produced a fine academic performance, resulting in many high OP scores. 17% of our eligible students received an OP of 1-5. This is an outstanding result and all students should be very proud of their achievements. I am also pleased to report that 94% of our year 12s graduated with a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE); which is a record for our school.

Facilities Update

There are a few facilities projects underway at the moment. The entrance of the administration block has been completely remodelled to allow for more space, as has the ‘older’ section of the Library. The administration block and Great Hall are both having extensions added. All of these projects should be completed by the end of term, which will be great to see. Students are doing an excellent job of staying safe while the work is being completed.

Australia Day Awards

Two current students and a 2016 graduate were recognized at the Australia Day Awards last week:

- Clara Rudd (current school captain) wins Dalby & District AND Regional Young Citizen of the Year Award
- Patrick Rudd wins Dalby & District Junior Sports Award AND Regional Sports Achievement Award (Clara accepted the awards on behalf of Patrick as he was competing in an international gymnastics event in the USA)
- Laura Anderson (2016 School Dux) wins a Dalby & District Certificate of Achievement Dux Award

Congratulations Clara, Patrick and Laura!

2017 School Terms

| Term 1: 23 Jan - 31 Mar (10 weeks) |
| Term 2: 18 Apr - 23 Jun (10 weeks) |
| Term 3: 10 Jul - 15 Sep (10 weeks) |
| Term 4: 3 Oct - 8 Dec (10 weeks) |

Until Next Edition

I am really looking forward to the year ahead. Please do not hesitate to make an appointment at the school office to see me, if I can be of assistance with any matter.

Dr Dean Russell
Principal

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Above: 2017 School Captains from left to right; Vice Captain - Chloe Beresford, School Captains - Clara Rudd and Daniel Scott, Vice-Captain - Seth Quinn.
Year 8 News

Welcome back to Dalby State High school, and term I, 2017. I am very proud of how well last year’s Year 7s transitioned to high school. It certainly wasn’t without its hiccups, but on the whole academic achievements and involvement in school events, like sports carnivals and the musical, were great successes for many students.

It is important to understand that Year 7 doesn’t mark the conclusion of the transition to high school. In Year 8 we continue the Health and Well-being program, where students are supported by their Health and Well-being teacher, who again, typically also takes them for another subject as well. For the most part their class also comprises the same group of students as last year. This consistency is intended to provide familiarity, security and promote confidence. Unlike last year however, the students participate in “elective classes”, which will require them to move away from the Health and Well-being class they were with for all subjects last year, when interacting with other students. This requires of them more independence than last year, where they could just “move with the herd”. This year they are required to be a little more organised.

Each student has been issued a timetable, indicating where they need to be for each subject and when. The timetable is kept in a plastic sleeve in the back of their diary. Ask to have a look at it. Ask about their subjects, teachers and classes. Indeed, ask to see their diary regularly, which will give you an indication on what they are working on in school. I will contain due dates for assignments, as well as homework, and at various times throughout the year communications from the school in the form of notes, which may need to be signed. Their diary truly is one of their most important resources at school.

By encouraging your adolescent to be organised, and on top of the many responsibilities and opportunities they have at high school, we set them up for success, not only at high school, but for the responsibilities and opportunities of adult life to follow.

Nick Bell
Year 8 Coordinator

Year 9 Update

Happy New Year everyone! Welcome back to returning students and a warm welcome to students new to the cohort. Despite the short week to start the school year, it was great to see all of the students return to school looking forward to the year ahead. One of the best parts of last week was hearing how excited the students were about their elective subjects this year. The year level area was abuzz with talk of new subjects and new teachers.

For students and parents new to the school, welcome. My role as your child’s Year Level Coordinator is to act as the first port of call for any questions or concerns. While I try my best to answer all questions and find solutions to problems, there will be times I need to pass it on to other staff. If you are not sure who you need to speak to, feel free to make contact with me and I will help steer you in the right direction. The easiest way to contact me is via email (see address below) or to call the school directly.

50 Day Plans: The major focus of this week in Year 9 was the writing of goals for Term 1. As with previous years, I have asked students to use data from their report cards to help form the basis of what areas they are going to strive for improvement in across this term. Students completed their plans in their student diaries during Pastoral Care lessons this week. I encourage you all to take a few minutes to read what goals your child has set for themselves this term.

Junior Leaders: At the end of 2016, elections were held for Junior School Captains. Congratulations to Grace Butters, Samuel Noller, Sam Rasmussen and Breanna Tanks who were selected to be our 2017 Junior Leaders. This week saw their first official duty with running the weekly assembly. I wish them all the best for the year ahead.

Sarah Hemmings
Year 9 Coordinator

Microsoft Office 2016 Free for Students

All Queensland state school staff and students can now download multiple copies of the Microsoft Office 2016 to their personal home computers and mobile devices for free. You can choose to install Office 2016 or upgrade from Microsoft Office 2013. The installation method is only to be used on devices which do not have the MOE build installed. Do not follow these directions to install Office on a MOE device.

Please note: If you currently have version 2013 installed, you can update to Microsoft Office 2016 by following the same process.

Detailed installation instructions are available from the school office.

P&C News

Welcome to all new and returning families to Dalby State High School.

All students who have paid their Resource Scheme fees and have not collected their books from the Outlet need to do so.

If you have not already done so, the P&C encourages all members of the school community to join the Resource Scheme to ensure your student has the books and resources they need for the 2017 school year. The Resource Scheme includes so much more than just textbooks—for example consumables, photocopying, software licences and subscriptions, cooking and sewing consumables, manual arts materials, access to sporting facilities such as the PCYC, tennis courts and swimming pool fees, transport costs for buses etc. Therefore, the Student Resource Scheme represents excellent value for money.

EFTPOS is now available at the Tuckshop. No cashout and $5 minimum spend.

A reminder that the P & C Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th March at 5.30 pm followed by a short General Meeting. Meetings are held in the Common Room (under D Block) and all are welcome.

Please remember that all positions will be declared vacant. If you think you can fill any of these roles please come and join us. If you have any questions you would like to know in relation to what is involved to fulfill these positions please contact any of the executive committee through the school office.

Tutoring in the Support Space

Where: Support Space (under B Block)

When: Open to all students each morning from 8.00 am.

What: A place to get some breakfast and to get extra help with school work or assessments. If you need assistance teachers from various departments will be supervising each morning.

Bring your homework, revision sheets, assignments or just yourself! All year levels and ability levels are welcome.
Year 12 News

Welcome to 2017 and the final year of formal schooling for our Year 12s! This year will be full of excitement, challenges and opportunities. With their determination and hard work, I have every bit of faith that each student has the potential to face all of this with great success.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate the Year 12s on their overall achievement outcomes for Semester 2, 2016. Their academic results were extremely strong and should be very proud of their efforts. It’s wonderful to see so many students returning this year and raring to go.

Secondly, as there are more and more students receiving their car licences, if your student is driving to school they must receive a permission form from me and return it ASAP. Students who are passengers of another student who is driving to school also need to have the form filled out and returned.

Lastly, I have decided to offer a second round of senior jersey orders. The forms will be available from my staffroom and need to be back to the Resource and Uniform Centre with payment by Friday 24th February (Week 5). Please note that there needs to be a minimum of 15 orders for the order to go ahead.

As always, please don’t hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns or queries via email teh00@eq.edu.au or at the school on 07 4669 0900.

Tess Holcombe
Year 12 Coordinator
Academic Coaching and QCS Test Preparation Year 12

Improving academic results (GPA - Grade Point Average) is a priority of Dalby SHS. This is especially important for year 12 students as their subject results contribute towards determining their OP score (typical pathway for entry into University).

Students who are working towards an OP will have Academic Coaching sessions throughout the year. This process involves students reviewing their results from the last reporting cycle along with their predicted OP and writing a SMART goal for the term that is explicit about what they want to improve and the steps that they will take to achieve their goal. This academic coaching process proved very successful in 2016 with 60% of year 12 OP eligible student’s improving their GPA from semester 1 2015 to exit.

Students will be given a copy of their SMART goal, so please put a reminder in your phone ((15th) February) to talk to them about:

- what their goal is
- what they plan on doing to make it happen
- what they would like you to do to help them achieve their goal
- maybe even put their SMART goal on the fridge or back of toilet door as a reminder about their goal.

QCS Test Preparation Program

Students needing an OP for University entry will need to sit the QCS Test (completed in term 3). A good overall school QCS result will have a positive effect on OP scores. To provide best possible QCS scores students complete a preparation program, 1 session per week for years 11 and 12. The year 12 QCS preparation program will begin in week 4 and continue every Wednesday session 3 until the test in August.

Individual student results from the practice test (completed 2016) have been collated and used to determine individual student weakness. Each student will be given an individualised program so that each student will be learning and practising the things that they are weakest at.

If your child wants to opt out of the QCS test and hence the preparation program, they need to bring a signed note (from parent/carer) to school advising of this decision.

Any questions about QCS or Academic Coaching please contact me at school (4669 0900) or at kmari1@eq.edu.au

Narissa Jones
HoD (Teaching & Learning, Home Economics)
This year at Dalby State High School we have had a change in the Guidance Team. This year we are lucky enough to have 2 fulltime Guidance Officers available to support students. A Guidance Officer can support students in a range of areas including social emotional wellbeing, career and study pathways (University, QCE, OP, etc.), learning and behavioural difficulties, or referrals to external support services.

Mrs Emily Curr continues her role as our fulltime Guidance Officer. This year Emily will focus on supporting our Senior Secondary Students (Years 10, 11 & 12). Emily is available 5 days a week, Monday to Friday.

Mr Nick Hutchinson joins us this year from Cunnamulla State Primary and High School. Nick will focus on supporting our Junior Secondary Students (Years 7, 8 & 9). Nick is available Monday to Friday each week.

Appointments to see a Guidance Officers can be made at the school office.

This year we are lucky enough to have a Social Worker, Meaghan Feddema, join the Dalby State High School support team. Meaghan will focus on family counselling and intervention, supporting students with chronic attendance difficulties, provide social welfare assessments and follow-up support to students and parents/carers, and assisting the Guidance Team in supporting students on a daily basis.

More information regarding referrals and access to the Social Worker will be provided in the near future. In the meantime if you feel that your student or family may benefit from support from the Social Worker please contact school office.

**Year 11 Update**

Welcome to Year 11. I sincerely hope you and your families had a very relaxing and enjoyable holiday. I also hope that you have come back refreshed and eager to kick some awesome goals in 2017 as you enter the last 2 years of high school education.

This year, I won’t lie to you, will be a challenge for you all as the pressures of curriculum content, extra-curricular activities, study and any other commitments you have increase. As your year coordinator I am here to help you in every aspect that I can to assist you in having a successful year – we are on this journey together!! I encourage you all to talk to me early if you are beginning to struggle. Some helpful hints from me:

- attend every day
- use your diary to keep track of important dates such as assignment check dates, assignment due dates, musical rehearsal and any other dates that you need to.
- develop a routine of study, exercise and relaxation early so that great habits are formed
- eat a balanced diet
- return your forms on time – especially camp forms
- smile – it actually does help

Some important dates this semester include:

- Camp at Maroon dam will be happening Week 5 of term 2 (15 May – 19 May)
- RYDA - a road safety program will be running for all year 11 students on 30 May
- Year 11 camp is our last camp whilst at school and a cohort and I am encouraging as many students in year 11 to come as possible! More information on this will come soon – stay tuned.

During PC this term we will be extending our knowledge on being a socially responsible citizen including drug and alcohol awareness. On a Wednesday during session 3 we will also be focussing on QCS skills, QCE compliance and general study. These groups will be out next week.

The process of house vice captains is underway. If you believe your student should run for this please encourage them to do so. I also encourage you to apply of these and other leadership roles to develop your skills in public speaking and running of events etc.

There is a lot of information that will be coming your way this term so please make sure you are listening to notices and reading notes. Parents – make sure you are asking your students how their day was and if they need to be giving you any information.

You are off to a great start already this term, however, given that you are now all post-compulsory your behaviour and effort levels need to be satisfactory or above for all subjects. Let’s remember you are all seniors and are here to get an outcome. Some of you last year would have received a ‘warning’ letter regarding this. Please take this on board and develop good learning methods this year.

I am excited about 2017 and I am really looking forward to helping all of you reach your goals and aspirations this year! It’s going to be a challenge but you are ready and have the ability and support to do this! As always if there is ever anything you need help with or clarification on please do not hesitate to contact me either via email dschr15@eq.edu.au or by phoning 4669 0900.

**From Your Guidance Team**

David Schreiber
Year 11 Coordinator

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Dalby Devils Junior Rugby League**
Sign on Day 12th February
10am—12pm at Dalby Leagues Club
U7 - U16 divisions
$140 registration fee per player
Get Started Vouchers accepted.
New Players must show birth certificate

**Dalby Rugby Union**
Sign on Friday 10th February 3.30pm
John Ritter Oval Open Street
Registration $120 per player (includes socks and shorts)
Old Get Started Vouchers accepted.
www.dalbyrugbyunion.com.au

**Dalby Swans AFC sign on day**
Tuesday 21st February 4pm—6pm
Swans Oval Owen St Dalby
Sausage sizzle and Brisbane Lions will be there!!!

**Dalby Junior Mixed Touch Sign On Day**
Wednesday 8th February at the Touch Grounds 5pm—
6pm. 5—12 yrs. Games played Wednesdays 5–6pm.

**Football Dalby (Soccer) 2016 Season**
Sign on Saturday 19th February 9am—12pm at PCYC
Registration now open online at
www.myfootballclub.com.au. Click on Register Now, then
Player and follow the prompts.
5 or turning 5 (U8s) through to competitive U16.
Phone Jen Tunley 0429 777967

**U12 - U16 Summer 6’s**
7 week comp . Wednesday 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Half field, 6 a side, non-competitive.
Phone Jen 0428777967 or pm Football Dalby on facebook
or email registrar1@footballdalby.com.au

**Dalby Triathlon**
5th March. Individual adults and juniors, adult teams,
etier event, Myall Medical Practice Dalby Business
House Challenge. For more information and to enter
www.dalbytrisports.com

**Toowoomba Netball Muster Days**
Sunday 5th and 12th Feb from 9am – 11am
Neil E Robinson Park. Enquiries 0487359762

**Bring French Culture to Life !**
Why not volunteer to host an international student from France mid year? We have a small group of French students coming to Australia for 10 weeks to immerse in local culture, experience our schools, sports, environment and lifestyle. Arriving in June, all students speak excellent English, have their own spending money, cover all school expenses and we arrange all aspects of their program. If you’d like to know more, please email your interest to rob.lindsay@icm-education.com.au or call 0438 689828

**Kokoda Challenge 2017**

**Year 12**

If your student is interested in participating in the 2017 Gold Coast Kokoda Challenge, you and your student are invited to attend an information evening this Friday 3rd Feb at 6pm in the library to discuss the expectations and requirements of joining a team. It is a big commitment so it is recommended that you attend so as you and your student are fully aware of what they will be signing up for.
PBL works at Dalby State High School. Negative behaviours are down whilst positive behaviours are up! Students are learning and having success in the classroom. The playground is also calmer.

Dalby State High School is proud to continue to be a PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) school. Last year during PC all students were taught the expectations of Respect, Safety and Learning and what these expectations look like during lessons, breaks and in the playground. This will be rolled out again in year 7 health and wellbeing lessons and refreshers will continue in all other year levels as the need arises.

The VIVO rewards system is back! Students can start accumulating VIVOs for being respectful, safe and a learner from the beginning of week 3. The PBL team is also updating the tangible rewards students can receive once feedback is gained from the student body.

Where to from here? During 2017 we are in the transition phase of becoming a tier 2 PBL school. This will also have its many rewards for the school community and student outcomes.

The expectations matrix is below to see what we as a PBL team and staff are looking for in your student. Please note that Alicia Edwards is currently on leave and Jordan Hart will be taking over her PBL leadership role.

If there are any questions please don’t hesitate to contact the PBL team on 4669 0900. Thanks for reading and stay tuned for the next update.

**Expectations Matrix 2016**

**At Dalby State High School we value:**

**Respect**
- Be polite, use your manners and speak appropriately
- Respect others’ personal space
- Respect your own and others’ belongings
- Follow staff instructions
- Follow the uniform policy
- Use a respectful voice (language and tone)
- Follow mobile phone and anti-bullying policies
- Respond with tolerance
- Listen to the speaker
- Wait your turn

**Safety**
- Keep hands, feet and other objects to yourself
- Move in a calm manner around the school
- Stay in school grounds
- Use verandas and stairs only when directed
- Sit safely where directed
- Use equipment as intended

**Learning**
- Walk appropriately through school
- Avoid physical contact with others
- Stay left on stairways, walkways and verandas
- Carry equipment safely
- Only year 7 and 8 students to be in their areas
- Running and ball games on the oval or designated areas only during second break
- Maintain routines
- Share and return equipment
- Follow game rules
- Be a team player
- Encourage each other
- Put rubbish in the bin
- Stay within campus grounds
- Use facilities correctly
- Follow safety procedures
- Use study time effectively

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**Interschool Equestrian News**

The DSHS Interschool Equestrian team is looking for new members this year. If you are a keen rider and interested in competing for DSHS in any of the following disciplines, Dressage, Showhorse, Showman, Combined Training, Eventing or Show-jumping, you are encouraged to see Miss Henschell, Head of PE to pick up the Equestrian Handbook for further information on how to register. You can also call Hilde Holtkamp, Equestrian team convenor on 0438637709 for further details.

The end of last year Dominique Holtkamp took the invaluable opportunity to join her coach Robert Goodwin on his World Cup Show Jumping Tour to Victoria to enhance her show-jumping skills. Across the 6 shows she achieved great success in all her show-jumping rounds especially at Boneo Park where she outperformed 47 other riders to win the open 1m class and placed 4th in both the 1.05m Interschool and 95cm open events. These events showcase Australia’s best World Cup and Junior showjumpers.

Congratulations also to William Kropp and Dominique Holtkamp on their respective placings and for gaining necessary qualifiers for this years Interschool State Championships at the Australia Day Show-jumping Competition in Toowoomba last week.

The Interschool Equestrian team is looking forward to a great 2017.
Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday the school held its annual Inter-house Swimming Carnival. Over 500 students braved the heatwave and made it to the coolest place to be in town – The Dalby Aquatic Centre for what was set to be a blistering carnival.

The participation level for the day was the highest seen by staff and this resulted in twenty four records being broken on the day. Records broken were:

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Age Champions were:

12 years Natise Smith; Lachlan Hemmings
13 years Ella Wockner; Mathew Legge
14 years Jessika Bliesner; Jake Rynne
15 years Karla Sankey; Mitchell Hemmings
16 years Kayla Lawrie; Chris Fetherstone
17 years & Over Chloe Beresford; Patrick Rudd

Thanks again to the P & C who donated Encouragement Awards to the following:

12 years Isabella Tanks; Aiden Schelberg
13 years Lara Pain; Clayton Festino
14 years Brooke Ball; Jake Cosgrove
15 years Kasey Lane & Zoe Krause; Trent Cuzens
16 years Danielle Leggett; Haydn Sutton & Tim Sheehan
17 years & Over Jeanette Genis; Will Ladd

The champion house was closely battled all day and eventually went to a well-deserved Myall after their fantastic and consistent participation effort throughout the day. Overall points were:

1st Myall 1544
2nd Bunya 1382
3rd Wilga 1290
4th Kurrajong 1084

Thanks to all students and staff who assisted with setting up and packing down the tents and with the smooth running of the carnival.

Students who meet qualifying standards are now able to nominate for the Bunya District swimming carnival (10 to 12 years) and the Darling Downs swimming carnival (13 to 19 years). For more information see Ms Henschell.

Inner Downs Cluster 1

On Thursday 9th of February the school will host the Inner Downs Cluster 1 trials for 13 to 18 years boys and girls touch, 19 years boys cricket and 19 years boys and girls tennis. Nomination forms were due back on Friday 3rd February. Successful students will go to the Darling Downs trials in Toowoomba on Tuesday 14th February.