

# Dalby State High School

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## NEWSLETTER

*Seek the Truth*

19th May 2016

Dalby State High School

### From the Principal's Desk

#### Welcome

Welcome to the second edition of the newsletter for term 2. As usual, it has been a very busy time and there is much to discuss.

#### School Musical

Thank you to all students, staff, parents and community members involved in this year's musical, The Addams Family, which is on as this newsletter goes to print. The show was of the highest quality! Feedback from the community has been extremely positive, which is always so very nice to hear. I hope all members of the cast and crew are enjoying a well-earned break after such a busy week. Our musical is truly a wonderful showcase for the school and always makes me very proud. Well done everyone, with a special mention to Mrs Tara Routley for her tireless efforts as director!

#### NAPLAN

Our year 7 and 9 students completed their NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy & Numeracy) tests last week. The students were focused, on task and did a great job in completing the arduous schedule of tests. I look forward to reporting back to you later in the year with their results. For the record, the key message I give to students about NAPLAN is how useful the test can be, in terms of providing teachers with information about students' learning. This information can then be used to help students improve across all of their subjects. Improvement is the key!

#### J Block (Manual Arts)

J Block is about to have a full external and internal refurbishment. The work is expected to start within a month and should take a few months to complete. This will of course cause a few disruptions in terms of classroom allocations, but the end result will be a wonderfully updated facility.

#### Exemptions from Schooling

Students who are absent from school for more than ten days (because of illness or family holidays for example) require an exemption. Principals may approve exemptions of less than one year where there is an appropriate reason and / or it would be inappropriate for the child to attend. These reasons should be discussed with me in the first instance. Please contact the school office if your child requires an exemption from schooling.

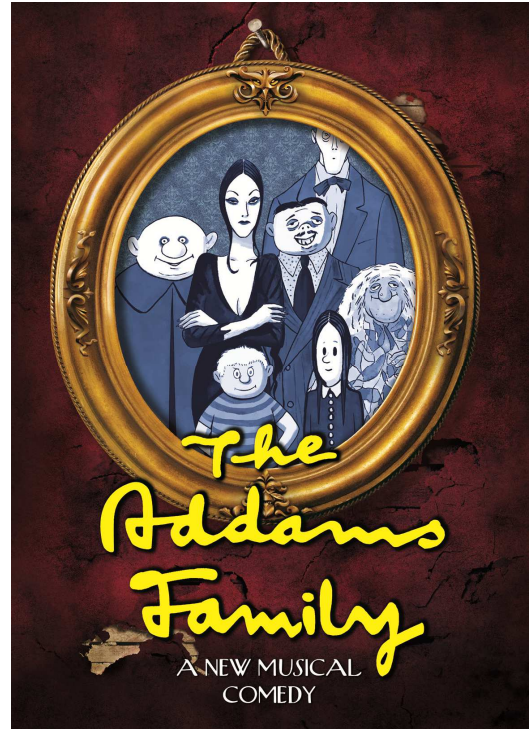
#### Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) and VIVO Rewards

As a part of the school's rollout of PBL, we will soon be implementing a reinforcement package called VIVO Rewards. VIVO is an online, interactive database where staff can reward students for positive behaviours. Students log their points and then trade them in for various rewards, which are largely in-school privileges. Staff then decide the rewards and the reasons for getting the rewards. Stay posted for more information about VIVO.

#### Until Next Edition

Please do not hesitate to make an appointment with me at the school office if I can be of assistance with any matter.

*Dr Dean Russell  
Principal*



17, 18, 20 and 21st May 2016 at 7.30pm

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#### Date Claimers

##### May

16 - 21 Musical Week

18 - 20 Yr 11/12 Clontarf Camp

25 Yrs 7 & 8 Vaccinations

27 Yrs 7 & 8 Vaccinations Catch  
Up

##### June

7 P&C Meeting

8 - 10 Yr 7/8 Clontarf Camp

13 - 17 Yr 11 & 12 Exam Block

13 - 14 Yr 10 Exam Block

23 - 24 Athletics Carnival

21 - 26 Country City Schools  
Exchange

## YEAR 8 NEWS

Welcome back to another update. The term is flying by so fast and this week is no exception. One of the highlights of the week has been seeing the students light up the stage in 'The Addams Family'. I am so proud of the large number of Year 8 students who have been involved in so many different ways – on stage performers, sound and lighting crews, backstage, hair and makeup, and ushers. There is an old saying that it takes a village to raise a child and I am sure I can be forgiven by modifying those wise words to, 'it takes a village to put on a musical'. Thank you so much to all of the staff involved in this year's production for giving the students of Dalby Sate High School such amazing opportunities.

Other activities that Year 8 students have been involved in recently include the ANZAC Day March. The Year 8 cohort had one of the highest levels of attendance. I am truly humbled by how many students were willing to give up part of their public holiday to honour the sacrifice that so many men and women have made so that we can enjoy the freedoms we have today.

The cohort was also well-represented in the school's annual cross country. Mitchell Hemmings (tie with Healy Beresford, Year 9) and Chloe Faggotter won the Under 14 age group, while Brooklyn Dahlheimer won the Under 13 Girls event. Brooke Ball received the P and C Encouragement Award in the 13 Year age group. Good luck to those students who will be competing at the Darling Downs Trials on May 24. Thanks to the PE Department for their organisation of this event.

As we hit the half-way mark of the term it is pleasing to note how many students are calling by my staffroom to talk about classwork and assessment, particularly how to stay focussed and on top of things. My biggest tip for this is to make sure that a copy of the Year 8 Assessment Calendar is put on display in an open area of the house – the fridge is an ideal spot as both students and parents/caregivers can check on it regularly. My next tip is to do little things often; the easiest way to achieve this is to spend at least 10 minutes revising each of the subjects students had during that day. This equates to 40 minutes revision of an afternoon/evening which can seem less daunting than 2-3 hour blocks of time. If you notice that your student is struggling with time management, I am more than happy to work with them during break times, before or after school to develop a study plan. Developing good habits early on in high school will set up students for greater success in the senior years.

As always, please call or email me if you have any queries or concerns.

*Sarah Hemmings*  
shemm1@eq.edu.au

### Sports News

**Under 12 Bunya District Cross Country**—Congratulations to Ruby Bassingthwaighte who won the 12 years girls Cross Country at the recent Bunya District trials. Ruby will now attend the Darling Downs trials in Toowoomba on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May. She will be joined by William Blissner who placed 5<sup>th</sup> in his race. A big thanks must go to Mr Collins and his year 10 Recreation class who assisted Dalby State School by marshalling on the day.

**13 – 19 years Darling Downs Cross Country**—Students who nominated to attend the Darling Downs Cross Country trials in Toowoomba on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May must return their permission notes and \$10 nomination fee to the office this week.

**Athletics** - Training has started in the lead up for the school athletics carnival on Thursday afternoons at 3.15pm until 4.15pm. All students welcome. The school athletics carnival will be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June. It is a compulsory school day and all students must attend. Nominations sheets are currently up at the PE staffroom for students and students have until Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June to nominate. The 3000m events will be run prior to the carnival on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June. A separate nomination form is up for that event. The timetable of the 2 days will up on the school website at a date closer to the carnival.

**All Schools Touch**—Training has commenced for the All Schools Touch competitions. Teams will be travelling to Toowoomba on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August to participate in the 2016 Swans Secondary All Schools. This is compulsory for teams to participate as some matches are preliminary games which must be played before the Brisbane carnival in October. Training times are as follows:  
Under 15 Boys Thursday 3.15 to 4.15  
Under 15 Girls Wednesday 3.15 to 4.15  
Under 18 Boys Monday lunchtime  
Under 18 Girls Wednesday 3.15 to 4.15

**Sports Excellence**—Any student interested in improving their fitness can come to the Sports Excellence sessions on Wednesday mornings. Students are to bring a change of clothes and water bottle and meet at the sports shed at 7am.

**Vicki Wilson Netball**—The school has once again nominated a senior team in the Vicki Wilson Netball competition. At this stage the team will play in Toowoomba on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July.

**Results: Netball** – The junior netball teams had 2 convincing wins over Our Lady of the Southern Cross College over the last couple of weeks.

**Rugby League** – In the GIO Cup we have managed to be undefeated in our 3 matches to date. Unfortunately two of these games were from the opposition forfeiting.

**Equestrian** – The DSHS team competed last weekend and won the Darling Downs and South West Regional Championships Team event.

**Cricket** – Unfortunately our Open Boys went down to Oakey SHS in their match last week.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Cent Sale

North Dalby Bowls Club, Eagle Street, Dalby  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May, doors open 9am, draw starts 10am  
Admission \$5 per person with a free sheet of tickets. Light lunch provided.  
150 prizes. In aid of Juvenile Diabetes.  
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### Youth Insearch Program

Next camp 3 - 5th June. Registration closes 20th May.  
If you're between 14 and 20 years old and are going through a tough time or just want to get more out of life we may be able to help you. Weekend workshops and support groups. For more details visit [www.youthinsearch.org.au](http://www.youthinsearch.org.au)  
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### Jazz on the Mountain

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm  
Bunya Mountains (near Poppies). BYP Chair rug & picnic lunch. Tickets \$25 non members (\$60 family and \$20 members (\$50 family) \$10 student.  
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### Faulty Towers Dining Experience

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June at Dalby Leagues Club  
Doors open 7pm, show ends 9.30pm. \$55 pp include 3 course meal and 2 hour show  
Ph 4662 1433 for tickets and info  
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### Dalby Devils Inaugural Gala Dinner

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June at Dalby Leagues Club.  
Doors open at 6pm. 3 course meal,  
Sports auction & multi-draws, entertainment  
Guest speakers Colin Scott & Graham Eadie  
Tickets \$50 at Ray White Dalby or Dalby Leagues Club.  
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### Music from Stage & Screen

presented by Chinchilla Concert Band & South Burnett  
Community Orchestra. 18<sup>th</sup> June \$50 pp  
Sit down 3 course dinner. Bar opens 5.30pm  
Chinchilla Cultural Central

## Foundation Writing Skills

Skilled writers rarely think about handwriting, typing or spelling. They execute these skills correctly and with little to no conscious attention. For instance, having to switch attention to think about how to spell a word can lead the writer to forget ideas or plans held in their working memory.

What can you do, as a parent, to help?

Help your children gain automaticity in these foundation skills. Provide opportunities for them to practice their handwriting, to spell challenging vocabulary and type. For example:

- writing your grocery shopping list for the family
- spelling bee on car trips
- keyboarding games on websites such as [http://www.learninggamesforkids.com/keyboarding\\_games.html](http://www.learninggamesforkids.com/keyboarding_games.html)

*Rhianna Commens*  
Master Teacher

## Tutoring in the Support Space

Tutoring is on every morning in the Support Space from 8 am until 9 am. Bring your homework, revision sheets, assignments or just yourself! Students can also help themselves to a Milo or breakfast snack. All year levels and ability levels are welcome.

Monday—General  
Tuesday—Maths  
Wednesday—General  
Thursday—Science  
Friday—English

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## Academic Coaching

Year 12 QCS students have just completed their first round of academic coaching. These sessions have involved small group discussions where students have reviewed academic results from semester 2 2015 and term 1 2016 to determine progression of their GPA. Students then analyse their OP predictions and their relevant subjects scaled SAI's to write a SMART goal for academic improvement for the semester. The aim of these sessions is for students to celebrate their hard work and successes, and then have students set an achievable goal so that there is more triumph at semester's end.

Two more things you can do for your student/s (I know the list is already quite long....):

- Ask them about their SMART goal for this semester
- Keep an eye out for the DSHS parent information session about QCS, OP's, University entrance requirements etc (date will be confirmed soon).

Any questions (I am sure there are many – this is a complex time). Please feel free to contact me at school (4669 900 or email: [njone2@eq.edu.au](mailto:njone2@eq.edu.au)).

*Narissa Jones  
Acting Hod (Teaching and Learning)*

## Senior Secondary Exam Blocks

Copies of the Semester 1 Exam Blocks for years 10, 11 and 12 have been distributed to students' EQ email addresses and will also be displayed in year level areas and online. Copies of the Exam Blocks are also available from the school office.

Important information:

- Note the room and time of your exams. If you have a clash, speak with a Deputy Principal.
- Exams will commence at 9am sharp or 12:30pm sharp respectively. You will be dismissed at the duration of the exam.
- You must be in full school uniform (unless advised otherwise for the subject). All students must attend scheduled exams. If you are unable to attend due to illness you need to provide a medical certificate. If you are unable to attend for any other reason (ie exceptional circumstances) your parent/caregivers must consult with a Deputy Principal. Unless you have not submitted assessment (see note at the bottom of the exam block), you are not required on school grounds during exam block. Note that the Responsible Behaviour Plan still applies when you are in school uniform and/or travelling to and from school.

Start studying early & best of luck.

*Year 10: Wed 22 June is a designated subject selection day. This day is **mandatory** for all year 10s. Applications for Ag and Trade Futures will also be handed out on this day.*

## Positive Behaviour for Learning at Dalby State High School

This week during assembly and Pastoral Care students have been learning about the expectations of 'Avoiding Physical contact with others, transitioning quickly and quietly between lessons and carrying equipment safely.' These expectations can be found underneath the 'Transition times' column of the matrix. Students at Dalby State High School are taught and encouraged to move safely and positively throughout the school to ensure they respect others personal space, avoid unnecessary accidents and maintain a harmonious environment within the school.

Students were taught to find their own Personal Space Bubble (PSB) - this is the physical space they require around them to be able to feel comfortable. Everyone's PSB is different, and we must make sure that we are respecting others by making sure we don't crowd someone's PSB.

Teachers also explained to students how important it is to walk around the school safely and respectfully. Lastly, they were shown how to carry equipment safely to ensure they don't injure themselves or others. That's all for PBL this week. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email me: [aspan14@eq.edu.au](mailto:aspan14@eq.edu.au) or 46690900. Thanks!

*Alicia Edwards  
HOD Junior Student Support*

## Dalby State High School P & C Resource Scheme Outlet

To ensure that your student has the books, classroom materials and sports activities for their study areas in 2016, join the Resource Scheme. The fees for 2016 are \$240 for Years 7, 8 and 9 students and \$260 for Years 10, 11 and 12.

The Resource Scheme includes 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.

A Security Bond of \$50 is required for each student and rolls over each year. Any queries please phone 4669 0953 or email [dalbyhighpandc@bigpond.com](mailto:dalbyhighpandc@bigpond.com).

Pay cash, credit card or cheque. Eftpos is available. Centrepay now available.

Layby of uniforms is welcome.

**Lockers** are also available for hire through the Resource Centre for \$40 per annum (cash or cheque only). A Locker Agreement Form must be signed by student and parent prior to hire.

## Equestrian Team Results

The DSHS Equestrian team competed in various disciplines, Dressage, Combined Training, Showman, Show Horse and Show Jumping over the weekend at the Darling Downs and South West Interscholar Equestrian Championship held in Dalby.

Big congratulations to Dominique Holtkamp, William Kropp and Jessica Spencer for their individual achievements and taking out overall 3rd place in Show Horse Team on Saturday. Dominique Holtkamp, William Kropp and Sean Geraghty did well in their Show Jumping on Sunday. A special mention has to go to William Kropp for winning Reserve Champion in the 1.10m Show Jumping. Well done everybody.

## P&C News

Please support the upcoming production of The Addams Family from 17th May - it will be an amazing event. There has been a huge amount of time and effort invested by the staff and students involved to produce a professional production sure to entertain. Tickets are available from the school office or Stellarossa.

P&C will operate the hall canteen during the interval at each Musical performance. If you are able to help serve in the canteen please contact the school office.

The next General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 7th June at 5.30pm** in the Common Room under D Block. All are welcome.

## Year 9 News

NAPLAN – Never Again Poor Little Angels - Never! After enduring this testing regime every 2 years since they were in Year 3, the 9s are done with NAPLAN for good! I am so proud of the amazing job my cohort did with their very last go at NAPLAN. Every year, multiple students have to be removed from the exam environment because of their poor behaviour and to give students doing the right thing the very best chance at performing as well as they can. This year, not a single student had to be removed – the deputy principals can't remember this ever happening before and couldn't praise the kids highly enough for exceeding expectations yet again.....it is becoming a habit for us!

We are in the middle of Musical Week and quite a number of Year 9s are involved in the production – both on and off the stage. Congratulations to each and every one of them – it takes a huge team effort to make the production as polished and professional as it always is.

As the weather finally starts to cool down, please make sure that your child has and is wearing the correct jumper/jacket/tracksuit to school. Accessories such as beanies, scarves, gloves and stockings can only be black, white, maroon or gold/yellow.

Thank you to the group of Year 9s who proudly marched with other students and staff from our school to show our respect for ANZAC Day. It is a small sacrifice that we can make to thank all those who gave their lives so I appreciate those who made the effort to join us.

We've had quite a few new Year 9 enrolments since the start of the year. Welcome to all those families who have joined our school – I know your children will enjoy their time at Dalby SHS if they make the most of every opportunity offered to them.

Half way through the longest term of the year and we're still going strong behaviour-wise. The number of students making the wrong choices regarding their behaviour and effort in both the classroom and the playground is minimal – please keep encouraging your child to follow our school's expectations of Respect, Safety and Learning because on the whole, they're getting it right!

Be sure to check in with your child about when their assessment pieces are due and give them gentle reminders if needed!

As always, please make me your first point of call if you or your child have any questions or concerns associated with school. You can ring me on 46 690 900 or email me at [kmari1@eq.edu.au](mailto:kmari1@eq.edu.au)

*Karen Marini  
Year 9 Co-ordinator*

## RUN FOR MI

RFML is a Mackay based organisation that aims to raise awareness about suicide and depression, and the impact it has on our communities and youth. By shedding light on mental health issues RFML hopes to inspire people to seek help and support when it is needed.

RFML in conjunction with Amanda Allen, a two time Crossfit Games champion, have created the 'Run for MI Queensland' event. This is a mammoth journey through the sunshine state aiming to shine light on suicide and depression, whilst encouraging mateship, kindness and stronger community relationships. Amanda will spend approximately a month running from Toowoomba to Mackay via inland Queensland farming communities. She will be running 1,200km.

The event will come to Dalby on Wednesday 1st June. On this day, Dalby State High School students are invited to attend a free breakfast starting at Thomas Jack Park, Condamine Street, Dalby. At the breakfast, Amanda will be sharing her mental health story, with a focus on 'healthy body, healthy mind' and will be providing a list of local and regional mental health services that are available. The breakfast will commence at 6:45am and conclude at 9.00am .

Students are also invited to participate in a 'mini run' and CrossFit session with Amanda for the cost of approximately \$20. Registrations will entitle each participant to a 'Box Session' with Amanda and entry to run with her as she leaves Dalby to begin the next leg of her journey. To participate in the mini run/CrossFit session students are required to register at <https://register.canbook.me/run-for-mi-queensland-dalby>

For further details and to get involved in the breakfast and/or in the mini-run/CrossFit session, please see Mrs Henschell for a permission note. More information about RFML can be found at <http://runformilife.org.au/rfmq>.

## State Cup Cricket

Dalby State High School 1st Eleven competed in the annual State Cup Cricket competition recently. The boys were defeated by Oakey State High School in a close encounter. DSHS scored 107 off their 20 overs, with OSHS chasing down the target with 8 balls to spare. The Dalby boys showed great commitment and enthusiasm and should be congratulated for their efforts. Special mention to Mark Burt, William Ambrose and Chris Featherstone for making contributions with the bat. Cameron Ferguson and William Kropp impressed with solid spells of bowling. Particular mention to Mark Burt for his leadership expertise throughout the day. The team will need to wait for further results to determine whether the school progresses through the State Cup.

Also, huge thanks to Russell and Leanne Young for donating over \$1000 worth of brand new cricket bats to the school. Russell's contribution of A grade Kookaburra and Slazenger bats will make a significant difference to the boys and girls who are involved in the Cricket program. Thanks Russell.



## Receive the Newsletter by email

Sign up to receive our electronic newsletters. The eNewsletter is rich, high quality, fully interactive incorporating school news, photos, etc. To help us reduce our environmental footprint, register your email address, your students name, contact person for email and relationship to student to [newsletter@dalbyschools.eq.edu.au](mailto:newsletter@dalbyschools.eq.edu.au)

## YEAR 12 NEWS

Having reached the middle of Term 2, it is important to turn our focus to the upcoming exam block and assessment period. Over the course of the term, I have been talking to the students about ensuring that they take steps to prepare for not only this busy period of assessment, but also the challenges that will arise in the second semester. Our discussions have revolved around mental and physical health and time management.

Eating a balanced and healthy diet, including breakfast is immensely important to performance in class. Many students indicated that they did not regularly eat breakfast, usually citing time restraints as their reason for skipping the meal. A healthy breakfast ensures that students have the necessary fuel for their brains and bodies, prior to the start of their school day. This one meal can dramatically influence the behaviour, effort and motivation of students. The school has a Breakfast Club that runs on Tuesday mornings at the old tuckshop, which provides students the opportunity for a good breakfast and a chat with friends.

In regards to their mental health, I encourage students to speak to their teachers and/or myself if they are struggling with subjects or finding the workload to be overwhelming. As a Year Coordinator, issues of this nature are usually brought to my attention once they have reached a crisis point, but early prevention and intervention are the best course of action. If you or your student have any concerns or would like to discuss their progress, I am available for contact at your convenience. Additionally, the school has a wide range of support staff available to assist students; Guidance Officers, a Chaplain and a School Based Youth Health Nurse. For further information or to make appointments please contact the school office.

I have also been pleased by the number of students who have taken up my offer to help them organise a weekly planner. This process involves mapping students' school, work, sporting and extra-curricular commitments, developing academic goals from their report card information and creating a weekly plan to assist in prioritising specific subjects and organising study time. Time management is a valuable skill and has clear benefits for life in and outside of school for all students. If you believe this process may benefit your student, please encourage them to see me.

As a reminder, the Year 12 Assessment Calendar is available from the Dalby SHS website, and lists when assessment for each subject is due. Additionally, students have been e-mailed the timetable for the Year 12 Exams in Week 10. Also, the arrival of the 2017 QTAC books won't be too far away, which means students will soon be able to start making decisions around University Course Preferences. The Guidance Officer will speak with students about this later in the term.

If you have any questions or concerns about your student or their progress at DSHS, please feel free to contact me on 46 690 900 or [hhult1@eq.edu.au](mailto:hhult1@eq.edu.au).

*Heath Hultgren*  
Year 12 Coordinator

## Brain Bee Challenge

Last term a group of four year 10 students (Bonnie Frizzell, Jodie Mears, Alex Little and Sarah Pointon) volunteered to participate in an Australia and New Zealand wide neuroscience competition: 'The Australian Brain Bee Challenge'. They had to read a neuroscience book and complete an exam EXTRA to their own studies. They were competing against 5000 other students.

The Australian Brain Bee Challenge (ABBC) is a competition for high school students in year 10 to learn about the brain and its functions, learn about neuroscience research, find out about careers in neuroscience and to dispel misconceptions about neurological and mental illnesses. The program was started in Australia in 2006 to address a number of deficiencies in the public's perception of science in general, and neuroscience in particular. The ABBC provides current and accurate information on the latest advances in neuroscience research, its value to the community, and promote careers in science and technology.

Two of our students, Jodie and Alex, scored a high enough result to be invited to the state finals in Brisbane next term. This is an outstanding result for Jodie and Alex, and also for Dalby SHS as most schools only have one student qualify. Jodie and Alex will travel to the Queensland Brain Institute in Brisbane and participate in laboratory tours and science career workshops, as well as competing against other finalists in both written and verbal testing.

## White Industries Sponsorship

We have all heard the dilemma that you need a job to get experience, but you need experience to get a job.

But through Dalby State High School's Trade and Futures program, students are gaining real experience, improving skills, and making valuable industry connections to secure future full-time employment – all while completing Year 12.

Their experiences and education are now set to become even more thorough, thanks to a sponsorship commitment from local manufacturing company White Industries. The company has committed to sponsoring the program through donations to the value of \$10,000 each year.

In addition to packs of equipment that students take between businesses to improve their safety, White Industries also donated a pipe and section roller to the school. The pipe and section roller will be used for rolling pipe, RHS and angles.

Teachers at Dalby State High School said it was valuable for local businesses to invest in the students' education. Head of Department of the Trade Futures program Bruce Burt said the students would benefit from the equipment and the exposure to the industries.

"White Industries has always been a big supporter of the program and getting kids into trades, and that employment of kids wouldn't happen without the industry support," Mr Burt said. "On average, 80-90% of kids coming through the program have successfully gained employment through their chosen trade and the program relies on all industries for them to get experience."

The popular program takes place in the school's state-of-the-art Trade Training Centre, which was purpose built for training skilled employees to enter the resources, engineering and manufacturing industries.

Students participating in the program throughout Year 11 and 12 undertake a Certificate 2 in Engineering, Certificate 2 in manufacturing technology, Certificate 2 in gas plant operations and a Certificate 2 in resource infrastructure along with English and Maths.

The students are 'adopted' by local industry mentors, wherein they engage in regular work on-site in order to apply new skills within a real industry environment.

At the end of their studies, the students graduate with the four certificates and a Queensland Certificate of Education.

The popular course is undertaken by a class of 25 students per year level. In the current Year 12 cohort, five students have already gained employment within their chosen trade.

White Industries managing director Bruce White said it was pleasing to see the school environment recognising trade as a strong pathway for its students. "Kids who wanted to pursue trade 10 or 20 years ago were advised against it by schools and pushed more toward university, but trades are better respected now," Mr White said.

"The best kids who come and work for us are the ones who have had an exposure to these industries during their school years. "We've been a big supporter of the program since day one." The employment of kids wouldn't happen without the industry support.

Four previous students of the Dalby State High School Trade Futures Program have gained employment at White Industries in recent years. For more information about the Dalby State High School Trade Futures Program visit [www.dalbyshs.eq.edu.au](http://www.dalbyshs.eq.edu.au).

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