



# Dalby State High School

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## NEWSLETTER

*Seek the Truth*

9th November 2017

### From the Principal's Desk

#### Welcome

Hello everyone and welcome to the latest edition of the newsletter.

#### Awards Night Changes

In the last edition of the newsletter I outlined some changes to our Awards Night. I would like to let you know about another change that is happening this year. Over the past several years, our school average Grade Point Average (GPA) has been steadily on the increase. This is great news as it means that on average our students are producing better results across their subjects. Many of the awards we give are informed by that GPA and we have been looking at ways we can increase it, in line with the whole-school improvements we have been fortunate enough to see. The model that will be used this year for our Book Prizes, will be based on a 'top' percentage of students, rather than a 'fixed' GPA. We have realized that by using the top 11% of students, we will have a very similar amount of book prize recipients as previous years. The beauty of using the 11% method, is that the 'line' to determine Book Prize winners will 'float' up and down with increases and decreases in student numbers and GPAs.

The other change we have made in this process is to use a 15 point scale for the students' results, instead of a 5 point scale. This means that we are considering A+, A, A- differently where previously all As would have been counted the same. This in reality does mean that a student with A+, A+, A+, A+, A+, B+ would be selected before a student with A, A, A-, A-, A, A-; even though the student in the second example has 'straight As'. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the school office if I can provide any further information about these changes or if you have any questions.

#### Year 12s Last Week

As this edition of the newsletter goes to print, our year 12s are gearing themselves for their last week of formal schooling (next

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Friday
Awards Night (pm)	Gold & Silver Awards (am)  Bunya Graduation (pm)	Formal (pm)	Valedictory (pm)	BBQ and Swim at Dalby Aquatic Centre - compulsory attendance (9.00 am - 11.30 am)

week). As advised some time ago, we have implemented changes to that week. The new schedule is here as a reminder:

#### Until next edition...

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

Dr Dean Russell  
Principal

## Dalby State High School 2017 Awards Night

**Monday 13th November  
7.00pm**

**DSHS Great Hall**

Please mark in your calendar this important event in our school year. Award recipients and families are asked to be seated by 6.50pm.



## Welcome BBQ for all new families

Tuesday 28th November at 5pm

N Block (adjacent to Great Hall Car Park)  
For all new students & families (all grades)

*No RSVP required*

## Starting dates for 2018

Years 7 and 11 students will commence Monday 22nd January 2018

All students will attend Tuesday 23rd January 2018  
Australia Day public holiday Friday 26th January 2018

*The school office will close 4pm, Friday 8th December 2017 and re-open 8am, Monday 15th January 2018*

### Date Claimers

#### November

9 Clontarf Awards Night  
 13 Awards Night  
 14 Yr 12 Gold & Silver Awards  
 14 Bunya Campus Dinner  
 13 Yr 12 Formal  
 14 Yr 12 Valedictory  
 15 Yr 12 BBQ & Swim  
 20-24 Yr 10/11 Exam Block  
 23 SATE information session Yr 9  
 24 Yr 10 Rewards Trip  
 24 Yrs 10 & 11 finish  
 28 Yr 7 2018 Full Transition Day  
 28 Welcome BBQ new families

#### December

4 Year 7 Rewards Trip  
 5 Yr 8 & 9 Rewards Trip  
 5 P&C Meeting  
 8 Years 7-9 Finish

#### January 2018

22 Yrs 7 & 11 Commence  
 23 All students commence  
 26 Australia Day Public Holiday

## Year 9 Update

November already?! Where has the year gone? It seems like yesterday I was writing my first update for the year, welcoming new and returning students to another year at Dalby High. Now here we are, part way through November and on the countdown for the last few weeks of the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish the Year 12 cohort all the best as they make their way forward, facing life outside of Dalby High. It has been a privilege to watch you grow and mature throughout the last five years. Special mention to Tess Holcombe and Elise Wright, the Year Level Coordinators who have worked tirelessly with these students across the last five years. To you all - enjoy the next chapter of your lives. Thank you for making Dalby State High School an awesome place to work.

**2018 Student Council:** It is my privilege to announce that Grace Butters, Ajay Datt, Mitchell Hemmings, Ellie Johnston and Sam Noller will be our cohorts representatives on the Student Council for 2018. Voting this year was very close, with only a handful of votes separating the students. Thank you to all who applied – you would have all been awesome representatives for our cohort.

**Special Mentions:** Congratulations to Ellie Johnston who was selected in the Queensland Under 15 Women's Cricket team recently. Ellie was co-captain of the Darling Downs Cricket Team who won the State Titles at the end of last month. Best of luck for the National Championships, Ellie.

Congratulations also to Sam Rasmussen who was named as the school's Sports person of the Year at the Sports Awards Dinner recently. Sam was selected in numerous Darling Downs Teams as well as the Queensland Country AFL team throughout the year. Congratulations to all Year 9 students who were recognised for their sporting achievements at our annual Sports Awards Dinner. It was pleasing to see such a strong representation from the cohort on the night.

**SATE Information Session:** With the introduction of the new Senior Assessment and Tertiary Entrance system in 2019, I encourage all parents of Year 9 students to attend the information session on November 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 5.30pm. The current Year 9 students will be the first students to complete Years 11 and 12 under the new system. Jeff Hart, Deputy Principal for Year 9, and I look forward to seeing you at the session.

As always, please feel free to contact me via the school phone number or email if you have any queries regarding your student.

Sarah Hemmings  
Year 9 Coordinator  
shemm1@eq.edu.au

## *Students Off and Racing!*

Over the course of the 2017 school year, the Year 10 Work Futures, Year 11 Trade Futures & Ag Futures classes have each manufactured Formula Student race cars. The Formula Student program focuses on beginning the transition from school into the world of work, in particular engineering and fabrication. Dressing for work, clocking into work, progressing through a job card system and gaining engineering workplace skills and competencies are key to completing the Certificate II Engineering Pathways embedded in the program.

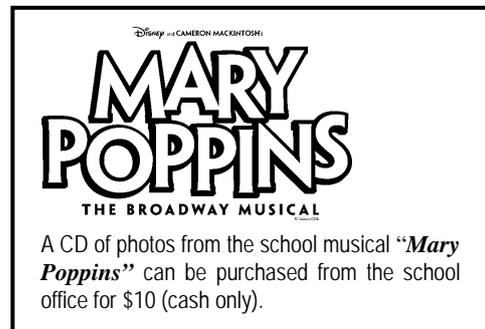
An extra-curricular race day was held at Lakeside raceway on the driver training circuit on Saturday October 21. For the students involved it was an early start, leaving school at 5am and returning at 8pm. The rain was relentless, occasionally it slowed to a solid drizzle... Despite the less than favourable conditions the students made the absolute most of the opportunity and competed the whole day through.

Competition was a single car sprint, much like a rally stage, racing for the best lap time, one car on the track at a time. The camaraderie between all of the schools was fantastic to watch, often a car would stall in a massive puddle and hoard of feet would charge out into the rain, mud and puddles to retrieve the stricken car, returning it to the pits for attention. Dalby students can hold their heads high.

Competition; while the timing and "Best Lap" had to be given away due to the weather, Dalby SHS won the "Best Engineered Chassis", Warwick SHS won the best presented car, and Maryborough the best presented team. The Dalby team built 3 cars over one year, Warwick and Maryborough built one car each over 2 years. By days end, 5 of the 11 cars entered were still running, 3 of them belonged to Dalby SHS. GO TEAM!

Many thanks to the tireless efforts and direction of Mr Sankey, Mr Burt and Mr Borrows throughout the year, Mr Marini for driving the bus and Mr Roberts for his support on the day.

Thank you also to Ashurst Bros for the painting of the body shell, DSM & Janke Engineering for the powder coating and White Industries for their ongoing support in the trade programs.



## BEYOND YEAR 10 CAMP

In October 7 of our Year 10 students, along with our School Chaplain and Guidance Officer, attended the USQ Beyond Year 10 Camp. They joined 38 other students from 5 different schools. Participants were exposed to a variety of industries, careers and training organisations. Students also gained valuable information relating to different study pathways to support their career and education goals.

The comments used by students to describe the camp were "awesome", "hectic" and "educational".

## DALBY POLICE UPDATE

### Road works safety

We recently posted an article on our blog about road safety around the roadworks in town. <https://mypolice.qld.gov.au/southwest/2017/10/12/right-dont-turn-right/>

However, police have also noticed school children walking to and from school loitering and playing around these road works. Please ensure your children understand the dangers of this type of behaviour and lets keep our kids safe.

### Property crime

Whilst there hasn't been a lot of reported property crime in Dalby recently that that has been reported was certainly reported. Unfortunately, we no longer live in a society where no matter how long we are away from our house or our cars we need to leave them securely locked. This also applies to when we are home. Property can't be left in unsecured vehicles or trays of utes and be expected to still be there when we return. All external access to our dwellings also need to be locked even when we are at home. By taking these simple steps we greatly reduce being a soft target to the criminal element.

*From the Guidance Team...*  
**Youth Mental Health First Aid**

Our first round of parents, carers and community members have successfully completed the Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) course. Ten participants engaged in four evening sessions with Emily Curr (GO), Nick Hutchinson (GO) and Carmen Blacker (Social Worker) to complete the 14-hour course. The YMHFA course is based on international Mental Health First Aid Guidelines. These Guidelines were developed using consensus of mental health consumers, carers and professionals from English-speaking developed countries.

The YMHFA course teaches adults how to assist adolescents who are developing a mental health problem, experiencing a worsening of an existing mental health problem or in a mental health crisis. Participants learnt about adolescent development and the signs and symptoms of mental health problems, how and where to get help and what sort of help has been shown by research to be effective.

Parents, guardians and community members will be invited to attend future YMHFA courses in 2018 at Dalby SHS. We look forward to building community knowledge and understanding of mental health to enhance the way we support our young people.

### Instrumental Music News

- Congratulations to everyone who competed in MusicFest. The Concert Band were awarded a Gold Medal for their wonderful performance and received a fabulous report from the adjudicator. The band received **100%** for both **Stage presence and presentation, and Repertoire selection and utilisation.**
- Congratulations also to year 8 trumpet player, **Rachel Redlich** who received a special adjudicators award as a standout performer in the ensemble.
- Last weekend was our annual Spring Concert and both the Concert and Stage Bands performed extremely well.
- With only Awards night to go for the year it is time to say a very sad goodbye and goodluck to our year 12 members. We wish Georgia, Jerry, Seth and Emma all the best after High School and hope that they continue with music in one form or another.
- **Awards Night Performance—13th November. Students to arrive at 6.15pm for 6.30pm start**

## Beyond the Broncos

So far this term has been full of excitement for our Beyond the Broncos girls. At the start of the term, 14 students were invited to attend the Burleigh Heads Rewards Camp with Shaye Easton, (Indigenous Sport & Recreation Officer PCYC) and Aunty Jo Duncan, (CEC). The trip was a reward for the girls attending at least 8 sessions of the Beyond Brekky program at the Dalby PCYC. The program begins at 7:30am every Wednesday and Friday morning after Shaye does a bus run. The girls participate in various fitness activities and eat a healthy breakfast before they go to school. The girls have enjoyed boxing fitness, boot camp style workouts, walks along the Myall Creek and swimming at the Dalby Aquatic Centre. During the trip the girls stayed at the Christian Youth Centre and participated in activities such as surfing, paddle boarding, rock climbing, and abseiling and attended an Aboriginal Art talk. On the 26<sup>th</sup> October, Beyond the Broncos ambassadors Bo De La Cruz and Scotty Prince visited Dalby State High School to deliver this term's workshop "Looking Deadly". The workshop was focused around personal hygiene. After the workshop, we headed off to the Dalby Aquatic Centre for some fun in the sun swimming, navigating the inflatable ride and enjoyed a BBQ lunch. On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October, Aunty Jo and I escorted 5 of our graduating year 12's to the Brisbane Broncos Leagues Club to attend the annual Year 12 Graduation Ceremony and lunch. The ceremony was attended by every Beyond the Broncos school academy along with many special guests. After the Welcome to Country, some of the guest speakers included Broncos CEO, Paul White and Professor Chris Sara. This year we celebrated over 170 Indigenous graduating students in the Beyond the Broncos program. If you would like to know any information about our Beyond the Broncos program, please contact me on 0402793600 or email [jtatt26@eq.edu.au](mailto:jtatt26@eq.edu.au). Cheers

*Julie Duncan*  
*Student Support Officer*

### Casual Cleaners—Nicholson Campus

We are presently compiling a list of people interested in casual cleaning positions. This is to cover periods of leave at various times throughout the year. Hours of duty are out of school hours and would be between the following times - 5am to 9am and 3pm to 6pm. Please submit a resume detailing cleaning experience and the names and contract details for two referees. Applicants will be required to apply for a Working with Children Suitability Card. Please send resumes to [rmars1@eq.edu.au](mailto:rmars1@eq.edu.au) or drop into the Dalby SHS Admin Office.

## 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 2018, join the Resource Scheme. The fees for 2018 are \$240 for Years 7, 8 and 9 students and \$260 for Years 10, 11 and 12.

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 or cheque. Eftpos is available. Centrepay is available.

**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.

Donations of uniform items are always most welcome at the uniform shop and can greatly help families in need. Items can be dropped in to the Uniform Outlet during opening hours or at the school office.

### HOURS OF OPERATION

**Monday - Friday – 8.30am to 2.30pm**

**CURRENT STYLE SENIOR  
POLOS FOR YRS 10 - 12 NOW  
\$15 EACH**

### 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@dalbyshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:newsletter@dalbyshs.eq.edu.au)

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

Free Women's Health Clinic  
8.15am—2.30pm

Dalby Hospital (Allied Health—Nurses Quarters)  
Mobile Women's Health Service is a free and confidential health service for women living in rural and remote areas. Services provided by specially trained nurses include Pap smears, breast care, health checks, counselling, information and support relating to domestic violence and sexual assault. Appointment bookings: 46690517

## What is “Fluency?”

Fluency is the ability to read efficiently and it is a bridge to comprehension (Allington, 2009). Fluent readers are better able to comprehend what they read because they automatically recognise most words and can apply word-identification strategies when they come across unfamiliar words. Their reading is faster, and they read expressively. (Rasinski, 2007).

Fluency involves 3 components: accuracy, speed and prosody.

Accuracy – the ability to recognise familiar words automatically, without any conscious thought, and to identify unfamiliar words almost as quickly.

Reading speed – refers to the rate at which students read (e.g. adults read approx. 250 words per minute silently).

Prosody- is the ability to orally read sentences expressively, with appropriate phrasing and intonation.

### TIPS

- Ensure your child chooses a suitable book; not too difficult which they can read independently. [Get students to flip open to a page, see if they can read it aloud – should be getting 95% of it correct].
- Read. If your student says they don't have homework (or even if they do) 30 minutes of reading is a great replacement. It doesn't need to be literature, but reading written text for an extended period is important to literacy development.
- When your child is reading aloud to you and mispronounces or mis-identifies wording, try not to interrupt them, but rather give them time to notice their mistakes and self-correct.
- Motivation lacking? One of the most popular borrowings in our library are magazines. If your child has a particular interest or hobby, consider getting a subscription to a specialised magazine. This is also a good way to extend students; keen swimmer > maybe a magazine on scuba diving would be of interest and give them new technical vocabulary they haven't utilised before.
- You don't need to buy. Encourage your child to use both the school and town libraries.

*Rhianna Commens  
Master Teacher*

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Allington, R.L. (2009) *What really matters for struggling readers: Designing research-based programs*. Boston: Allyn & Bacon/Pearson.

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## P&C NEWS

Congratulations to all of the award recipients at the recent Sports Award Dinner. It was again a very successful evening enjoyed by all.

Our thoughts are with the Year 12 cohort this week as they complete their final exams and prepare to move on from secondary schooling. We wish each and every one of you a happy and safe conclusion to your schooling year and all the best for the future. Enjoy your final week which we trust you will look back on fondly as a memorable time with your friends.

The P&C association encourages the school community to support the Annual Awards night on Monday 13th November celebrating the academic, cultural and service achievements of our students. The P&C Association is proud to sponsor awards for this event.

In 2018, a DSHS lanyard and USB will be supplied to all students. Students that are members of the Student Resource Scheme next year will also receive headphones. Students studying Year 11 Math B & C that are members of the SRS will receive a graphics calculator (RRP \$199) as part of their membership in 2018.

**Current style senior polo shirts (for years 10 - 12) are now permanently discounted to \$15 each at the Uniform Outlet.**

We encourage parents and caregivers to start thinking about payment of Student Resource Fees for 2018. Payment by instalment is welcome and payments finalised before 1st December 2017 attract a \$20 discount. Please contact the Resource Outlet on 4669 0953 for further information or call in to discuss between 8.30am and 2.30pm Monday to Friday.

All are welcome at our last P & C meeting for the year to be held on **Tuesday 2nd December at 5:30pm** in the Common Room under D Block.

*Penny De Waele  
President*

## Casual Teacher Aides — Special Education

We are presently compiling a list of people interested in casual teacher aide work within the Special Education Program. This is to cover periods of leave at various times throughout the year. Please submit a resume outlining your experience addressing the tasks listed below.

### ROLE

Your role will include a mix of the following activities and delivery of some of the following key tasks:

- Communicate effectively and display a high level of interpersonal skills to function as an effective team member.
- Assist with the management and stocktaking of equipment and resources.
- Display respect and empathy for students with high level needs.
- Display confidentiality, tact, reliability and sensitivity to students and their families.
- Assist in the supervision of education activities, under the direction of a teacher.
- Specific Literacy and Numeracy support may include:
  - support for teachers in providing learning materials for students at risk
  - working with small groups as well as individual students
  - use of computer when working with children
- Assist teaching staff with playground supervision.
- Additional tasks as requested by teacher in charge

Your resume should include- Personal details, Employment history, Qualifications/ Experience related to the position, Name and contact details for two referees. Applicants will be required to apply for a Working with Children Suitability Card. Please send to [rmars1@eq.edu.au](mailto:rmars1@eq.edu.au) or drop into the Dalby SHS Admin 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.

Tuesday - Maths  
Thursday - English

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

# Sports News

## Sports Awards Dinner

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October Dalby State High School held its 6<sup>th</sup> annual Sports Awards Dinner at the Dalby League's Club. The night is an opportunity for the school to celebrate the sporting achievements made throughout the year by students in school sport. It is also a chance to recognise the contribution of both parents and staff in assisting our students participate in sporting events throughout the year.

Guests listened to addresses from the Principal Dr Dean Russell and Head of Department PE & Sport Ms Bronwyn Henschell as well as special guests, Nathan Bradley and Kerry Carmichael. Nathan and Kerry are past students from Dalby SHS and this year were the premiership winning coaches of the Wheatmen and the Diehards.

Awards were presented to Age Champions, Bronze, Silver and Gold recipients as well as to students who assisted with service to sport. The major awards presented on the night were:

Cricketer of the Year – **Cameron Ferguson**  
Junior Team of the Year – **Laura Geitz Shield Junior Netball Team**  
Senior Team of the Year – **Open Boys First XI Cricket team**  
Coach of the Year – **Mr Cameron Miers**  
Pierre de Coubertin Award – **Patrick Rudd**  
Andrew McCullough Aim for Excellence Award – **Jake Rynne**  
Sportsperson of the Year – **Sam Rasmussen**

Thank you so much to all who sponsored the evening and those who assisted in any way. Your assistance was greatly appreciated and without you we cannot offer such a great night.

## State Track and Field Championships

Dalby State High School has their largest ever group of students represent the Darling Downs at the recent State Track and Field Championships. This is a great opportunity for students to participate at such an elite level at an international standard stadium.

All students performed well but the most significant performances were from John Flegler, Deacon Pridmore, Jarrod Pridmore and Justin Heinrich who all medalled in their events.

## Women in Sport Breakfast

Eight students together with Ms Henschell and Miss McEwan attended the recent 2017 Women in Sport Breakfast with over 900 attendees from schools across South-East Queensland. Highlights of the morning were the presentation of the Queensland Schoolgirl Athlete of the Year and interviews with elite female athletes, Lucky Patterson, Kate McCarthy and Lucy Stirling. This event provides recognition of the incredible sporting talent amongst women and girls in Queensland.

The girls then enjoyed a tour of the Queensland Academy of Sport where they were fortunate enough to run into Andrew McCullough who enjoyed seeing some familiar faces from Dalby.

## Congratulations

Ellie Johnston, in Year 9, returned from captaining the victorious Darling Downs Under 15 Girls Cricket team. After their success she was named in the Queensland team to play at the national titles in a few months time.

Water polo: the following students were named in the Darling Downs Water Polo teams to attend the state championships in March next year – Mitchell Hemmings, Lachlan Hemmings, Trent Cuzens, Danielle Leggett and Jessika Bliesner.

Triathlon: Jake Newlands, Jake Cosgrove and Beau Cosgrove were all successful in making the Darling Downs Triathlon team that will attend the state championships in Hervey Bay in February 2018. Beau collected the bronze medal at the Darling Downs trials. Congratulations Beau.

## Return of Sporting Uniforms

As the end of the year is fast approaching I am making an urgent request for the return of any sporting uniforms that may be still outstanding. Please return them ASAP. Replacement bill will be issued to students for uniforms not returned.

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING - SCIENTIFIC OPERATIONS OFFICERS

Dalby State High School –  
Nicholson Campus

Dalby SHS is looking for two motivated people to become key members of the school support staff team. These positions will ensure that effective delivery and high quality services are achieved across the science faculty.

### JOB DETAILS

**Jobs Type:** Permanent Part-Time  
**Hours of Work:** Two Positions – 18.00 hrs & 18.25 hrs per week respectively  
**Occupational Group:** Science  
**Classification:** 002  
**Workplace Location:** Dalby SHS – Nicholson Campus  
**Closing Date:** Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2017

### ABOUT THE ROLE

The duties performed by a Science Operations Officer may include any or all of the following activities:

- Handling chemical materials
- Laboratory support
- Maintaining scientific materials
- Maintenance and storage
- Field Trips
- Administration

It is desirable but not mandatory that applicants have prior experience or a relevant qualification in relation to the scientific fields. Successful applicants will be able to access school holidays as part of an ADO arrangement. Progression to 003 is also available.

### TO APPLY PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

- a covering letter and brief resume including contact details for two current referees.
- a brief statement (two pages) telling us why you are interested in this role.
- a copy of the role description is available from the school office or by emailing - [rmars1@eq.edu.au](mailto:rmars1@eq.edu.au).
- applicants need to hold a current "working with children" blue card or be willing to apply for one.

### SENIOR ASSESSMENT & TERTIARY ENTRANCE INFORMATION SESSION FOR YEAR 9 PARENTS

With the introduction of the new Senior Assessment and Tertiary Entrance (SATE) system in 2019, parents of Year 9 students are invited to attend the information session on November 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 5.30pm in the Library. The current Year 9 students will be the first students to complete Years 11 and 12 under the new system.

This will also be an opportunity to ask any questions about subjects and subject selections for Year 10 2018.