Hi Everyone,

Our final newsletter for the year- and a great year it has been!

Some Highlights:-

• The smooth transition of Year 7 to high school. We have all been impressed by the way this has gone and by the quality of our students. A big thank you to all of you- parents and staff for the way you have assisted in the smooth transition. Special thanks to – Mrs Jones, Ms Read, Mr Charles and Mr Allen.

• The 2015 outcomes- again our results are inspiring. This is testament to the quality of teaching and learning and to the effort of our students. Our Semester 2 results are at 91% pass rates!

• The Academics – our academies in learning, sports and music are driving improved results and inspire school pride. They require strong commitment from many staff to be successful.

• Farewell to our Year 12s. Once again we have had a wonderful opportunity to farewell our seniors and watch them go forward into adult life. We wish them all the best. They are a great group of young Australians! Thanks to Tristan, Kate, Steven and Brooke for being superb leaders.

Some important developments for 2016:-

1. New start/finish times. The daily routine is highlighted in the newsletter. Note that students will now begin school at 8.45am (first bell to move to Period 1 will be at 8.40am) and finish at 2.30pm. There is no ‘form class’ next year so students go directly to Period 1 at 8.45am. Buses have been contacted and times adjusted for the 5 minute later finish also. There will be some discussion when year level parades will be conducted from 8.30-8.45. These will be notified in advance.

2. BYOD- Students can bring their own laptop device next year and we strongly encourage that. See our website (and below) for more information on this initiative. We will no longer be running ‘take-home’ programs. There are devices at school should students not have a device to use.

3. Start of Year 2016 – Note that Monday 25 January 2016 is a student free day and the school will be closed. Tuesday 26 January is a Public Holiday- school is also closed this day.

School resumes:-

27 January – Years 7, 8 and 12
28 January – Years 9, 10 and 11

2016 will see the Tropical North Learning Academy continue to lead the way toward quality 21st century education. We will further enhance our partnership with James Cook University and Trinity Beach State School, build our other significant partnerships and continue our improvement agenda.

You will see us exploring Innovation; Entrepreneurialism; STEM; Robotics and Coding.

You will see us further embedding critical literacy/numeracy skills and you will see us developing Literate Graduates through explicit teaching of

• Citizenship
• Character
• Critical Thinking
• Creative Thinking
• Collaboration
• Communication

Exciting times ahead.

I wish you all a safe and a happy Christmas holiday. Thank you families, students and staff for all you have done this year. I look forward eagerly to 2016.

Congratulations to Sharon Jones who has taken up the position of Principal of Kuranda State College. Very well deserved.

And finally………………

I wish Sue Davidson all the best in her transition to retirement next year. Smithfield High has not seen a more dedicated or committed staff member. Across a timespan of over 30 years,
Farewell Sue

Well what can one say? Ms Sue Davidson has been part of the fabric of Smithfield State High School for more years than she’d like me to mention. She has seen tens of thousands of students start and finish their high school years. She has worked closely with hundreds, perhaps thousands of teaching and administration staff. Sue has progressed from classroom teacher to Senior Deputy Principal of the school. There is not an aspect of the school she isn’t familiar with. As a staff member who has worked with Sue over all these years, I can confidently say that the level of professionalism, compassion and empathy for and towards everyone she has dealt has always been exceptional. She has offered the school and everyone who has passed through it a helping hand, shoulder to cry on, useful advice and inspiring leadership.

Thank you Sue. You will be sincerely missed and fondly remembered by your Smithfield State High family.

Enjoy your retirement.. You’ve earned it.

Greg Martin

Science News

James Cook University Professor Jamie Seymour and Bridey Walker visited Year 10 students recently that are involved in building a remotely operated vehicle (ROC).

The students are building a submersible, complete with on-board camera, which will be immersed in the JCU aquarium early next year as part of an interschool competition.

Rob Callin
Head of Department (Science)

Humanities 2015

2015 has been an incredible journey of learning for students in Humanities. Students have investigated, questioned, and developed deep understandings of how history from the Ancient World to the Modern World has shaped our world today.

2015 has also seen Humanities evolve to provide a more contemporary focus where students have had the opportunity to investigate and discuss current events and issues from a personal to a global context and consider challenges and implications for the future.

Students have not only become historical detectives but also inquisitive geographers. From investigations into local area issues such as water, liveability and sustainability to global issues such as fair trade and globalisation, students have enhanced their understanding of the importance of our world in everyday life. In class curriculum has been supported by field trips to Green Island and Fitzroy Island for students to apply their knowledge in the real world.

2015 has also seen the further addition of Business and Economics to the Junior Humanities curriculum with a strong focus on developing students personal finance skills and awareness of financial literacy.

In the Senior School, students have begun new and exciting tertiary studies through our partnership with James Cook University. This year, Year 10 students had the opportunity to study philosophy and ethics at James Cook University which not only opened their eyes to university learning but also their minds to critical thinking and creativity.
In Year 11 and 12 students continued to study our diverse range of subjects including Geography, Ancient History, Legal Studies, Modern History, Accounting, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Studies, Tourism and Business. Student success was a massive highlight for the Humanities Senior School with all students rising to challenge and finding success.

Measuring success in Humanities comes in many forms but from a purely academic point of view 2015 has been an outstanding success with the A- C pass rates in Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 averaging around 90% of students with some year levels exceeding this. Whilst pass rates have been above and beyond our targets so have the numbers of A and B students which highlights how our skills based curriculum focus is providing improvement in our student’s abilities. Much of this success can be attributed to teacher collaboration, student hard work and parent engagement.

From the Mathematics Department

This semester has come and gone very quickly. 2015 was a great year as not only did we welcome the year 7s students to our school next but also welcomed 7 new teachers to our department who did a fantastic job teaching in both the Mathematics and Science areas.

We have had a very busy year in the Mathematics Department and one of our biggest focusses, has been preparing our year sevens and nines for the Naplan Test. This year 100% of the year 9 students were above the national minimum standard in Numeracy, which was a great achievement. Next year we are focussing on a numeracy strategy, which will see years 7, 8 and 9 involved in regular Naplan focussed lessons and developing the students’ higher order thinking skills to ensure we also have more students in the upper two bands.

On 22 May, 4 students attended the Year 9 Enrichment day at Bentley Park College. They were joined by students from many schools around Cairns and spent the day involved in challenging, critical thinking activities. This is an annual event and we are really looking forward to our year nines being involved again next year.

120 of our students sat the Australian Mathematics Competition on July 30. Of those, 1 student received a High Distinction Certificate, 5 Distinctions, 52 Credits, and 35 receiving Proficiency certificates. A great effort for a very difficult competition.

Finally I would like to thank 7 wonderful teachers in the Mathematics Department who are leaving us for a short time, forever, or going to another school.

Roger Dienhoff is taking leave for all of 2016. Terri Mulqueen is taking some leave for 6 months. Brian Kaslar has decided it is time that he hang up the calculator and will be retiring, Manni Todorov, who has been on leave for term 4, will resume next year at Redlynch State College, Andrew Gentle is going to join the staff at the Cairns School of Distance Education, Charlene Wood is off to Narangba Valley and finally Rhiannon Gillott will be moving to Brisbane.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank them very much for their dedication to the Smithfield State High school and to the Mathematics Department and wish them well in their future endeavours.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a safe happy holiday.
Fiona Pitman (Head of Department)

Crabby Futures

When the Holloways Beach Environmental Education Centre (HBEEC) staff noticed a decrease in the number of mud crabs (Scylla Serrata) they were catching in their pots along Richters and Thomatis Creeks, and the Barron River, they called on the investigative skills of students from the Tropical North Learning Academy (TNLA) to research the problem. Seventeen students from grade 5 through to grade 9 across both campuses of TNLA joined forces to look for a cause and hopefully a solution.

To commence the project, students from both Trinity Beach State School (TBSS) and Smithfield State High School (SSHS) met with staff from HBEEC, TNLA, and Sue Helmke to formulate a plan of attack. They assessed the raw data collected by HBEEC over the preceding 17 years and noted that there was a substantial decline in the mud crab population in the catch zone. The next step was investigating the mud crab, which students independently researched then shared their knowledge with each other. On October 20, the team set out in 3 small boats in search of mud crabs and a possible visual problem that could help solve the pressing issue. After leaving 12 crab pots out for the day, only 1 crab was caught and tagged – a substantial difference to the average of up to 8 crabs per trip in previous years. Students also tested the pH and temperature of the water at different depths. When our ‘tiring’ day of sitting in a boat with other intelligent and interested minds, observing the stunning ecosystems we live amongst, was done, everyone went home swimming with ideas of what might be the cause. The students divided into three groups to attack the problem from three distinct angles – was the problem isolated to just this area or was it more widespread? Are there environmental factors impacting the crabs? Could the survey techniques used by HBEEC require some alterations?

Over the next two meetings at HBEEC the three groups, with the help of teaching staff and field experts, investigated many possible causes and solutions. Some were discarded, others were looked into further.

On the 24 November 2015, the groups presented their findings and proposals to Barry Courtney (Principal of SSHS), Sue Helmke, Steve Bailey, parents/carers and other important people in the Cairns community. The findings included changing the technique in which the crabs were being caught and tagged, further research on predators that may be causing a decline in crab numbers, helping to prevent lethal parasites, and managing the overfishing in the area. With the continued support of Sue Helmke, Alan Franzmann, Louise Carver, Claire
Denzin, Susan Whipp and Jennifer Goddard, the students hope to put these proposals into action in the years to come.

By Abbie Carroll (SSHS), with input from Luca (TBSS)

There Are NO Limits In Special Education

...except what we believe.

The Rock and Water students Kyden Manestar year 7, Hollie Culleton year 7, Lucas Bittini year 8, Darcy Brooker year 8, Jordan Searle-Kimberly year 9 and Adrian Pilichowski year 9, celebrated the end of 2015 with an excursion to the Cairns Zoom and Wildlife Dome.

The focus of the Rock and Water program was on developing skills and attitudes including Resilience, Confidence, Self-Control, Focus and Team Co-operation. These six students were selected out of a dozen and invited along to attend this all day adventure challenge. The challenge consisted of mid and high ropes obstacle courses, zip lines, dome climb and a power jump.

At the end of each Rock and Water course it is often planned that participants are challenged to push themselves through their self-limiting beliefs and accomplish something that they may have earlier considered beyond their capabilities, and the selected students to attend the Cairns Zoom excursion did just that.

Kyden Manestar and Hollie Culleton were by far the most adventurous daredevils possessing little to no fear of anything and missing no obstacle challenge whatsoever – including zip-lining over crocodiles and jumping from great heights. I have a hunch that both students may have future careers in adventure tourism.

Darcy Brooker and Adrian Pilichowski pushed through their “I can’ts” and proved many times over “I can and I did” and knew exactly when to affirm “NO”.

Jordan Searle-Kimberly aborted his mission in the midst of one tough challenge due to sickness and recovered to do the most psychologically challenging activity – the power jump.

Lucas Bittini knew himself well enough, where he powered on through all challenges without skipping a beat bar one where he then stood his ground to say a firm “NO”, despite me applying my highly skilled persuasive techniques with him.

All up it was an extremely fun, adrenaline pumping, physically and mentally demanding day out. An adventure which many of us not having Autistic Spectrum Disorder could balk at.

A huge thankyou to my supporting teacher, bus driver and camera man Mr David Jarman and to our wonderful “I will try anything once” teacher aide Miss Kathren Owen, who I will add, extended herself well beyond her ingrained fear of heights. And last but not least a great big thankyou to the Cairns Zoom and Wildlife Dome staff that helped us out many times through each of our testing pursuits.

Happy end of year.
Julie Millar

Learning Academies

In 2016 there were approximately 200 students involved in Academy programs from Year 7 to Year 12. This year was the first year where high achieving students were identified and grouped together for their core subjects in Year 7 to 10. After collaboration and planning with James Cook University students have been involved in a variety of workshops, either at the university or here at school. An innovative program saw the Year 10 students be involved in a course of Science and Philosophy – a course that certainly challenged their critical and creative thinking. Assessment tasks that challenge our students have also been developed.

Next year the connections with the University will be stronger. There will be connections relating to career aspirations and beliefs, especially in the junior school. Programs that connect the university to various faculties and subjects will see a further development of one of the aims of the Academies – that is for students to have the necessary skills and attitudes to be successful at tertiary studies.

A point of differentiation at the school is the studying of philosophy. It is through philosophical thinking that students begin to question answers rather than just answer questions. Philosophy in Action was a new course in Year 7 and 8 this year and expands to Year 9 next year. Year 10 students have the opportunity to study philosophy through the Humanities course and Year 11 and 12 students study Philosophy and Reason in the OP pathway. Next year there is a plan to have the first Cairns Philosothon where students from around the region come to together to try to answer the unanswerable questions. Stay tuned for further details.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me on 40584319 or email jcour17@eq.edu.au

Languages Department

2016 was a successful year for the Languages Department. For the first time French was taught from Year 7 through to Year 12. Ten students competed in the Language Speaking competition with the school being successful with both Kaira Refugia (Year 9) and Andreana Roy-(Year 10) receiving Gold medals and Caprice Bishop (Year 7) and Sophie Curtis (Year 10) receiving silver. It was a valuable experience for all the students who attended in building up their confidence in speaking a foreign language. A number of our Year 10 students also attended
the Language Ambassador Day where they completed a presentation on the importance of learning languages. These opportunities will be available to our students next year, so if your student is studying a language next year, please encourage them to attend.

Sadly, our two French teachers, Isobel Harris and Fiona King will be leaving us next year. Isobel is moving to teach in Brisbane and Fiona is taking leave to travel. They will both be missed for both their professionalism and their friendship and are leaving the languages department in good shape. Fortunately we have two new French teachers as replacements. Blayse Melvin and Tangi Montfort have already taken up teaching positions in our school and will be teaching French next year. We are looking at expanding our connection with James Cook University with our Senior students attending French film nights.

Another exciting innovation for next year will see the teaching of Chines in Year 7. We welcome Sichan Tang as the teacher. This program will continue to grow in the coming years.

As you can see 2016 will be a time of exciting change within the Languages Department.

Janette Courtney
Head of Department
Tertiary Aspirations/Languages

‘FROM THE SPORTSDESK’

Is there ever a thing as too much footy??? Not according to our U/15 rugby league team who gorged themselves on their third competition this year in the annual Razorbacks 7s cup. In the searing November heat this group of young men once again jumped at the opportunity to proudly represent their school.

In a brutal back to back format (no rest periods) our boys played 3 intense games against, Peace Lutheran College, Redlynch State College and Kuranda State High School.

Game 1 was played at a frantic pace and the Smithfield boys controlled their sets well early earning them good field position. Matt “The General” Dooley displayed some silky skills with an impressive left foot step to cross for the opener. Dooley backed this up with a beautiful cut out ball to hit a flying Jordan Jackson setting up a 2 nil deficit with minutes left in the first half.

Defensive lapses in the Smithfield line though proved costly as Peace hit back with 2 consecutive tries to go into the break all locked up.

Peace came out the better of the 2 teams in the second half scoring early and dominating the field position. Some crucial tackles from Adriel Hevau and Turoko Curulula kept the side within striking distance. A quick scoot on the left hand edge followed by some Zane Knowles fancy footwork and a brilliant offload saw Nathan “Celery” Elery dive over to bring the Smithfield side within one, however this is how it ended.

Game 2 opponents were Redlynch SC. Super star team manager/water man extraordinary Jayson Mura again was superb in motivating the boys and keeping them hydrated. The Smithfield boys looked to make amends from their round 1 defeat putting on 2 well-structured early tries rucking the ball down the middle before attacking down their favoured left edge. Jordan Jackson showed his skill sets were more than just bulldozing through people with a big left right step combo to dive over sending the Salties up by 3. Not to be outdone Winstan “Cement” Daki produced probably the biggest “don’t argue” seen this rugby league year at any level (seriously frightening stuff from a lad in year 8) to cross for the 4th try in the first half.

The Salties looked to continue their dominance in the second half on the back of some bullocking runs by Aidan “Busta” Dotoi and Phillip “Cannon Ball” Kenai. The team were relentless in both attack and defence and ran away with it the end score line being very one sided.

The playoff round pitted the Smithfield side against the second placed team from the other pool, Kuranda SHS. This meant the boys played 3 games in a row without rest, however despite this were full of confidence. The game started evenly with neither side establishing any real authoritative field position. The boys defended their line from relentless waves of attack however the continual subbing from the opposition combined with our growing tired legs saw Kuranda cross for 2 unanswered tries. Winstan Daki on the back off some great lead up play crossed for the Salties to keep them in touch. Before the half time whistle.

The second half played out much the same however Smithfield were just unable to cope with Kuranda’s continual rotation of fresh players and they were able to expose some holes in our defences. To their credit the boys never conceded and ensured the score line was still respectable continuing to work hard, eventually going down by 3 tries.

The side conducted themselves in an outstanding manner both on and off the field, it was great to hear one of our players chip another player off the field about the inappropriateness of their language. After being on the end of some unsavoury treatment in the ruck Zane Knowles displayed outstanding sportsmanship and great self-restraint. With this opposition player still in his face trying to entice him, Zane refused to retaliate in any manner showing enormous character and traits that make me so proud to be a teacher at Smithfield SHS. Well done to all these young men on an outstanding tournament.
As this will be my last article for the year I have again chosen to bamboozle our dedicated readers with my technological prowess.

http://vimeo.com/148167742

Click here to Check out this small compilation from the Razorback 7s competition.

(I know how popular some of my musical choices for the soundtracks have been this year, so I have chosen this little piece of ear candy just to mix it up a little. Enjoy)

2015 was certainly a great year for our school and one which I see as a building block for next year. As a school in 2016 we will definitely continue to build on the opportunities we provide for our students and continue to foster those important societal qualities as evidenced by Zane Knowles. The way we treat our fellow man is of the utmost importance and I am pleased that so many Smithfield students are displaying these qualities on a regular basis both in and out of the school.

Wishing you all a relaxing, safe and happy holiday break.

Alastair Yeabsley
Sports Co-ordinator.

Congratulations to Brooke Knight; BLA Awards

This year our vice school captain Brooke Knight was nominated for a Business Liaisons Award in Health and Physical Education. Bursaries are awarded for students interested in pursuing a career in a Physical Education/Sports Physiotherapy or Sports Medicine related field at Tertiary Level. Brooke was our Dux of Senior Physical Education and has applied to JCU to study a Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science. Brooke was awarded an Encouragement Award along with a $500 bursary. We wish Brooke all the best in the future

Lauretta Dowling
HOD HPE

IS SCHOOL REALLY OVER?

As the school year comes to a close, the dust settles in the workshops and the kitchens lay idle, pause for a moment and have a think about the students who continue their educational journeys over the summer break. While most of us countdown to Friday, 11 December, gear up for the holidays and start to unwind, for some the year has not ended. There are students still focused on perusing pathways to employment and gaining vocational qualifications. At Smithfield, we have a large number of school based trainees, apprentices and students who are continuing work placements over their summer vacation. The dedication and commitment of these students has a positive influence in our school’s role within our community. We have had the opportunity this year to gain positive partnerships with some large corporations including The Mantra Group. Peppers at Palm Cove has signed up five of our students in Certificate 3 in Hospitality, who will be busy working and learning from there on the job experiences over the holidays and continuing through to November next year.

Smithfield SHS would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our partners within the community who have taken on some of our students this year. Whether it was a week of work experience, a traineeship or school based apprenticeship, we value your support in educating our students in real world situations. This is an area within our school that we all intend to grow and expand into and beyond next year through forging further partnerships with businesses in the greater Smithfield area.

As you go through that drive through, sit in that coffee shop, eat in that restaurant or even go to the butcher, think about who is serving you because more than likely it is one of our students continuing their work and course commitments during their summer holidays.

Justin Crotty
Acting HOD Senior Pathways

FROM THE SCHOOL BASED POLICE OFFICER

The increase of homes and vehicles being broken into through unlocked doors is very alarming. It’s no longer safe to leave your car keys or wallets on the kitchen bench or in your car that’s parked in the garage.

As Christmas holidays approach it is highly likely that property crime will increase. Please ensure you always lock your door and secure all valuables within your homes. If you leave your car in a secure garage, lock it and hide the keys. These are a few things you can do to prevent being a victim of crime.

On a side note to parents who allow their children to bring their mobile phones to school, there have been several reports of stolen phones over the last few months. Please be aware that your child brings their phones to school at their own risk.
I’d like to personally wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to working within the school in 2016.

Narelle Neil

Every Lesson Counts

Your students’ attendance at school is our priority.

If your student has a recurring medical condition that has them unable to attend classes on a regular basis, we ask that you provide us a certificate from the doctor that explains their absence.

If there are emotional or family issues that are affecting your students’ ability to attend school, we encourage you to make an appointment to see our Guidance Officer for assistance.

Parents are obliged under section 176 (1) of the Queensland Education Act 2006, to ensure their students under the age of 16 are in compulsory schooling.

We are committed to providing a quality education so that your student completes their education with outcomes that set them up for a successful and happy future. Attendance at school every day provides them with the best chance of achieving this.

One Million Stars to End Violence

Over the past month, we have invited the community to join us in decorating the library for Christmas. Together, we have woven over 1,000 stars that will hang in this space and then be sent onto the national art venture.

As you will see in the attached photos, students have taken to this project with great energy (yes, we have fed them some snacks to keep up that good energy…) Many have recognised the traditional islander weave.

The stars will be hanging in the library from next week- please visit to immerse in the magic!

For more information on “One million Stars to End Violence” go to: www.onemillionstars.net

Sivan Bolger
Librarian
Smithfield

Facebook

The Tropical North Learning Academy – Smithfield State High School facebook® site is up and running. Please take the time to go to the site and “like” what you see. It is regularly updated with news and events from the school.


QParents

The QParents app is available from the app store. Parents/carers need to contact the school and sign the appropriate documentation to offer them a portal to their students’ data at school. Attendance, behaviour, outstanding fees, to name a few, are available through the app.

QSchools

The QSchools app is still available from the app store. Everyone is able to download it onto the phone/tablet. It offers parents/carers news articles, the latest newsletter, calendar items and notifications. Be sure to download this informative app.

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

It’s happening in 2016. Students can, and in years 10/11/12 be expected to bring, their own laptop/tablet to school. Please consult the school website for all details and any updates.

https://smithfieldhs.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Studentresources/Pages/BYOD.aspx

Coding

2016 will see the introduction of coding into all ICT based subjects. Coding takes many forms but simply put, it is a language which a computer can understand. Students will study coding across year’s 7 to 10 if they choose an ICT based subject.

Lost Property

We have a number of things in lost property, from phones to skateboards. If your child has lost something at school, please have them check with Admin to see if it is in lost property. All items not claimed before Friday 11 December will be given to The Salvation Army.

ICT Newsletter

2015 has seen the introduction of additional communication tools for parents to the school.

For 2016
**ADMINISTRATION HOURS 2016**

**CLOSED**
Friday, 11 December 2015 3.00 pm to Tuesday, 19 January 2016 8.00 am

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**Administration**
Enrolment interviews are required for all students commencing Years 9-12. Please phone 4058 4333 during opening hours to arrange an appointment.

**Payment of fees**
To be finalised or a payment plan arrangement to be in place before textbooks will be made available at the school Library Resource Centre. If you have paid by BPPoint or credit/debit card over the phone there is no need to come in to collect textbooks they will be handed out in class time.

**Purchase of uniforms**
To be made at the school tuckshop during opening hours.

**BELL TIMES 2016**

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**Contacting Principal or Deputy Principals**

Please note, as from January 2016, the contact email for the Principal and Deputy Principals will change slightly. Please refer to the table below.

If you would like to contact the Principal or the Deputy Principals please call their secretaries on the numbers listed.

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**STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS FOR 2016**

The 2016 stationery lists are attached for individual year levels; you will also find a copy of the lists on the school website. This year the school will not be selling stationery packs. Please discuss with your child what subjects they are studying, as not all students study all subjects. If you already have certain items, e.g. calculator, there is no need to purchase a new one.
School Bus Travel 2016

School bus travel assistance forms are now available to be downloaded from lovesbusservice.com.au for 2016. Completed forms are to be given to a bus driver or sent to Loves Bus Service, PO Box 951, CAIRNS 4870, before the end of this school year.

Those needing to fill out a form are:

Students going from grades 6 to 7, anyone who has changed address (even if you have moved next door), or if a student is repeating a year level.

Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop will be open the week prior to Term 1. See below for days and times:

- Tuesday 19 January - 8.30 – 4.00
- Wednesday 20 January - 8.30 – 4.00
- Thursday 21 January - 8.30 – 6.00
- Friday 22 January - 8.30 – 3.00

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) in 2016

This year students were given permission to bring in their own laptops/devices and connect them to the internet under our BYOD program (Bring Your Own Device). The program is to expand next year with the expectation that all students in years 10/11/12 will bring a laptop to school and students in years 7/8/9 will be encouraged to bring in a laptop. Students in years 10/11/12 will be required to bring their own laptops every day for use in all classes. We are happy to announce that we have made agreements with two of the major laptop producers who have come up with very favourable prices, services and robust devices that will be suitable for school, home and transport in between.

Acer

Acer has set up a BYOD portal in collaboration with Smithfield State High School with the following web address:


Select “BYOD store” on the website to get access to a variety of Notebooks, accessories and monitors for home usage. As well, accessories for use with the laptops are available. Accidental Damage protection can also be selected here. We strongly recommend the purchase of Accidental Damage Protection with the laptop or arrange it with your private home & contents insurance (just beware of any excess).

Dell

Dell has also set up a BYOD portal in collaboration with TNLA – Smithfield State High School with the following web address: https://myschoolshop.qld.datacom.com.au/tropicalnorthlearningacademy - (if the link doesn’t work, please copy the link text and paste it into your browser’s address field)

2016 Student Resource Fees (School Fees)

Invoices for the 2016 Student Resource Scheme will be raised at the end of this month.

Fees will remain the same as 2015 with Year 7 – 9 being $320 per year and $350 for Year 10 – 12. Families with 3 or more students enrolled at Smithfield State High School will receive a $100 discount.

The school’s budget is formulated on the presumption that fees will be paid by the end of Term 1. Resources and textbooks are ordered and payment committed in the previous year. It is important payment is received on time.

Microsoft Office 365

Microsoft has generously offered all students to install Office 365 on up to 5 computers for each student, which means that students do not need to purchase MS Office for their laptop.

Symantec Norton Antivirus

A requirement for the BYOD program is that the students have their devices protected by antivirus software. Symantec is offering our students Symantec Norton Antivirus for $9.99 per year. This is accessed through your child’s EQ Learning Place account. Please contact the IT department if you would like to go ahead with this offer. The Dell laptops all come with McAfee Antivirus protection.

All details of the program can be found on the school website at https://smithfieldshs.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Studentresources/Pages/BYOD.aspx

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please feel free to email the school at byod@smithfieldshs.eq.edu.au

For more information please go onto School Website: Support and resources/Student Resources/BYOD

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There are three categories of laptops, depending on the year level/subject choice of students. The laptop models on the website come with onsite warranty, which means that if the laptop malfunctions the student can bring the laptop to the school where Dell technicians will rectify the problem (on the next business day). If the laptop cannot be fixed straight away, the school will provide a loan laptop until the student’s device has been repaired.

We strongly recommend to purchase Accidental Damage Protection with the laptop or arrange it with you private home & content insurance (just beware of any excess).
Failure to comply with payment of school fees may result in your student being unable to participate in out of school activities, excursions or act as a representative of the school.

Payment plans including Centrelink deductions or regular credit card deductions are available through the Finance office. If you wish to arrange a regular deduction from your Centrelink account or credit card please download and complete the appropriate form below and return to the school office.

For families who currently have a credit card deduction plan in place for 2015 and wish to continue this in 2016 please email Tina Stevens your intention to do this.

If you have any questions regarding the Student Resource Scheme or payment plan options please contact Tina Stevens 4058 4307 or tstev153@eq.edu.au.

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From all of us at Smithfield State High School

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday season. See you all in 2016.