Hi everyone, welcome to 2016, especially to all our new families and students.

My first message for the year is a message I have been expounding for a while:

We are a school that strives to continually improve and thus provide a quality education for each and every student.

Our results continue to improve each year, our focus for personalised learning is developing and we are leading the move to quality 21st century skillsets for our students.

In particular this year we will:

- Develop a quality learning program around STEM/Coding
- Provide quality support for students who need it, particularly in literacy and numeracy.
- Maintain our high expectations around student behaviour, attendance and work ethic.

In 2016, we have maintained our enrolment numbers at 1060 students. We have a number of new staff, who are already showing high levels of teaching and learning.

Our Deputy Principals for 2016 are:

Mr Paul Charles – Junior Secondary
Mrs Alison Kaggelis – Senior Secondary

Following this article you will see a snapshot of our improvements over the last few years and some of our targets/goals for 2016.

18 February 2016

PRINCIPAL’S ARTICLE

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TARGETS & GOALS

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We have commenced a new 4 year School Planning Cycle and have 2 broad goals for the school.

“World class educational outcomes for all our students”
“World class educational outcomes in our affiliate/partner schools”

As part of the Tropical North Learning Academy, we will work closely with James Cook University and Trinity Beach State School, as well as our affiliate primary schools (Yorkeys Knob & Caravonica) to ensure we lead learning in this region!

I look forward to meeting you throughout the year and value your input and feedback about the school. After just two weeks, I can confidently say I am very pleased with the attitudes and the work of the students.

Let’s make 2016 our most successful year!

As always, it is a pleasure and a privilege to be your Principal.

Til next time

Barry
### VIVO Rewards Program

2016 has seen the introduction of a new rewards program as part of our School-wide Positive Behaviour Plan. Vivomiles is an online rewards system that helps motivate students to improve. Staff award students with points which can then be redeemed in our online shop or donated to an appointed charity. Points will be allocated based on students demonstrating safe, responsible learning.

Students can log into their online VIVO account at any time to view weekly rewards, see their point’s balance, redeem points for items in the online shop and set themselves goals for items they wish to be rewarded with in the future. Students can access their account by checking their school Education Queensland email which will provide them with a username and password.

During our celebration parades throughout each term, students will be awarded with their chosen items once they redeem their points via the online VIVO Shop. Parents can also log on to their student’s VIVO account to share in the celebration of students learning.

We hope that this initiative will provide students with the acknowledgement for being safe, respectful learners at our school.

### From the ICT Department (Head of Department – Mr G Martin)

The first 3 weeks of 2016 has seen an excellent response to the BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Program. More than 100 students have brought their own laptops to school and successfully connected to the internet. This allows the students to carry out in-class research using their own laptops in the secure Education Queensland wireless environment. Daily sessions are run at the school in N004 to assist the students to connect their own devices.

In the next month or so it is hoped the ‘BYOD Solution’ will be in place. This will offer students the opportunity to not only connect to the internet but as well to the network resources stored on the school server.

All of the relevant information, documents and instructions can be found on the school website (www.smithfieldshs.eq.edu.au) under the ‘Support and resources’ tab in the ‘Student resources’ section under ‘BYOD (Bring Your Own Device’).

Don’t forget that Microsoft Office can be downloaded for free onto personal computers for EQ students. This link is also on the website in the BYOD section. As well, students in the senior school will shortly be expected to have a laptop for use in most of their lessons. Please contact the school at byod@smithfieldshs.eq.edu.au if you have any questions.

### Science Faculty 2016 – The Year Ahead

2016 looks like being an exciting year for the science department.

In addition to our usual programs we have a few projects in the pipeline for 2016, including the development of STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) / Innovation cross curricular units, as well the development of Indigenous Perspective Units in year 8 and 9 in conjunction with the CSIRO. We will also be looking for opportunities to develop units in conjunction with our partners in the TNLA (Tropical North Learning Academy) at James Cook University and Trinity Beach State School. Our aim with these units will be to deepen students’ engagement with science, and build the skills to apply scientific learning in real life situations.

Building on the success of previous years we are targeting a 92% pass rate in year 7 to 10 Science subjects. This will take a significant effort on the part of both teachers and students. To assist in this please ensure students come to class with relevant equipment and a ready to learn attitude, in addition to completing all set homework. Science is essentially the pursuit of understanding how things work….please be curious….ask questions and make 2016 a great year.

Mr Rob Callin  
Head of Department (Science)

### From the Mathematics Department

Welcome back to 2016. I hope you all had a very relaxing break with you family and friends. We are ready for another very eventful year in the Mathematics Department with the Year 7 and 9 spending terms 1 and part of term 2 practising in their Mathematics lesson before sitting the Naplan tests in May. These students will also be sitting a practice exam this week and should be able to have a break in preparation. Good luck!
to let you know their results for both the Calculator and Non-Calculator test very soon.

Coming up in semester 2 is the Australian Mathematics competition. Students from years 7-12 in extension Mathematics classes will sit the 105 minute test on Thursday 28 July.

There will also be other Mathematical challenges and events happening in the school, and with other schools this year across all year levels, so I will keep you posted as to when these are happening.

We have had a great improvement in students’ Mathematics results over the last few years and for us to continue to ensure our students learn effectively, we need to be sure they attend regularly and come prepared for class. To do this, the students need to bring all necessary equipment to class including exercise book, textbook, pencils, red pen, eraser and very importantly, a scientific calculator. We recommend Casio fx-82 AU which can be purchased from any large department store or Officeworks.

All students should have a Term Planner outlining the topics they will be studying and when any assessment is handed out, drafts and final copies are due. A whole school assessment planner will be issued to students soon.

Have a great term.

**Fiona Pitman (Head of Department)**

### Innovations @ TNLA

#### Making the Makerspace

Last year saw the Tropical North Learning Academy receive one of seven grants state wide to run an innovative learning environment called a Makerspace. Also known as a Hackerspace, Fablab or Makerlab, these facilities are designed to promote creativity, prototyping and ideas. The space will house a number of specialist areas that will enable students to work within the STEM model around Robotics, Textiles, App development and any project they wish! This is an area of collaboration were ideas can come to life.

Recently I travelled to the United Kingdom and dropped into the Bristol Hackerspace to get inspiration and ideas to bring back to TNLA. It was a fantastic experience and I meet some amazing people with many creative ideas which I brought back with me. The Edge in Brisbane at the State library was also another Makerspace I visited late last year. This place blew me away with workshops in every creative area you could imagine. I have established good partnerships with both of these facilities and hope to continue our Innovative journey throughout the year.

The Makerspace will be up and fully running within the next two weeks with a number of critical components still on its way. The 3D printers are in final instillation as well as the soldering station and Hackerlab, while the Vinyl cutter and laser cutter have just arrived!

### Young Entrepreneurs Program

The Young Entrepreneurs Program is starting in week five this term and is a great opportunity to for students with creative ambitions and looking to develop an entrepreneurial mindset.

Our Young Entrepreneurs Program will teach students:

- An entrepreneurial mindset and what to learn from failure
- To develop a 30-minute business plan as a means to plan and cost every idea
- Effective idea screening (what problem are you solving and how big is the opportunity?)
- Opportunity development (what do you need ie: where are your gaps?)
- Proof of concept (ensuring your product meets market needs)

The Young Entrepreneurs Program will give you a skill set which will see you thrive in this new world.

Starts week five - 24/02/2016

For more information see Mr. Mayes (Head of Innovations) in H block staff room.

Finally, the official Dreamfactory launch date of the Makerspace will be week five Term two. Watch this space.

Dream – Create – Make

**David Mayes**

**Head of Innovations**

e: dmaye17@eq.edu.au
The Health and Physical Education teachers are passionate about students being active. Being active is essential for good health and it is expected that all students participate in all Health and Physical education lessons. If the student is not well or has an injury that prevents them from participating, parents or guardians are asked to communicate this with a note.

Hat Policy

At Smithfield State High School we believe that the wearing of hats is essential in our environment. Students are expected to bring and wear the Smithfield SHS bucket hat every outdoor lesson of Health and Physical education (HPE). The application of sunscreen is also very important. It is advised that students carry in their bag a roll-on sunscreen with a minimum of SPF30+. We encourage students to play outside during lunchtimes but they must also be sun safe or they will be directed back to undercover areas by the teachers on duty.

Soccer and Baseball Academies

Our two sports academies will continue to grow this year with our second year of Year 7 students attending Smithfield SHS and the second year Trinity Beach State School students have joined the program. The academies offer students the opportunity to develop their skills and game awareness supported by qualified teachers and coaches from Football Federation Australia and Baseball Queensland. The academy sessions are every Monday 2:35 – 3:35pm. In addition to this the Year10 students have the option of participating in the Soccer Academy as an elective for three periods a week. If parents would like any further information about our sports academies please feel free to contact me.

Brett Fleeting
(HOD Health and Physical Education)
4058 4356

Junior Secondary – Year 7 The New Beginning

Aspiration Belief Motivation Success

• Be Respectful
• Be Safe
• Be a Learner

In Our Junior Precinct

Year 7 have fast made themselves comfortable at Smithfield State High School this year in The Junior Precinct. There is covered seating in the passive area – in which students may sit, eat, drink, converse, play computer games on their laptops or quietly finish a bit of homework. Then there is the active area on the Front Oval – where games of Bullrush, soccer and generally stretching legs is taking place every day. This is a bit of a haven for our newcomers; there is a strict policy in the school designating this seating area for the exclusive use of Year 7 students. The Front Oval is shared only with Year 8 students. However, this does not preclude Year 7 & 8 from moving around any part of the school they choose.

2015 Student Leadership

All Year 7 students who held Leadership roles in their respective primary schools, along with those interested in joining the program, have been given the opportunity to have a leadership position at Smithfield State High School. Our young junior leaders were admitted into the school’s Leadership Program at our Induction Ceremony on 10th February. The Leadership Program at Smithfield High is about encouraging a strong student voice in the school, with the aim of producing confident Literate Graduates of the future.

A Word from our Year Level Co-ordinators
Ms Mikic & Ms Williams

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Year 7s for their successful and smooth transition into high school. We are off to a flying start this year and all teachers have been highly impressed with the students’ positive attitudes to learning and respect for their teachers. Attendance has been at a record high and we would like to see this trend continue throughout the year. Please remember to contact the office (ph. 4058 4366) if your child is absent for any reason.

All Year 7 students have been wearing their uniforms with pride and look great, keep up the awesome work!
JAZZ ACADEMY

Our Jazz Academy has kicked off its third year involving students in every year level.

Performances and opportunities this year, will again be supported by local and professional musicians; Cairns bands and the Band of 1RAR Townsville. The year has just started, and already we have requests for performances.

Selected students have been invited to perform and celebrate the blessing of the Academic Year at James Cook University on March 3 at 10am.

We look forward to creating another year of music together and would like to welcome new academy students: Bayley Baird and Jamie Saxon (vocals). Jackson Olds (keys) and Jack Chesters (drums).

Majella Pike
Jazz Academy Co-ordinator

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Lessons in Brass/Woodwind/Percussion and Strings have commenced for the year. Both our Concert and stage bands have also started rehearsal.

Timetables are posted on the Q block noticeboard.

If any students are interested in continuing or being part of our music programs, please see or contact one of the music teachers in Q block.

Mr. Cameron Nicholls (brass/woodwind) cnich193@eq.edu.au
Mr. Nathan Christodoulides (percussion) nchri72@eq.edu.au
Mr. Matthew Coxon (strings) mcox05@eq.edu.au
Mr. Ross Pols rpols2@eq.edu.au
Ms. Majella Pike mpike7@eq.edu.au

RADIO

I am very excited to have the opportunity to work with Coast FM as the teacher in the media subject of “Radio Media”, at the Tropical North Learning Academy. As a professional musician and music teacher with over 10 years recording experience, I have a keen interest in sound engineering/recording. I am also interested in developing the human story element of community radio as I see this as a fantastic opportunity to share the untold stories of success from within our own community. Coast FM has an important role to share diverse stories to a large listener audience through the radio medium. The Tropical North Learning Academy is supporting the development of “Radio Media” by introducing for the first time a junior school program. This junior elective program in year 9 has assessment tasks developed from real life radio experiences, enabling student to develop an in-depth knowledge of community radio before
senior. Students can then choose “Radio Media” in senior to refine their skills, leading to certificate courses periodically run by Coast FM or more importantly skills which link directly to a career in radio.

**Ross Pols**  
*Radio & Music Teacher*

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**Year 12 News**

The Year 12s of 2016 are a diverse, interesting and motivated group of young adults, and I am proud to be their Wellbeing and Support Co-ordinator for their final year of schooling. We are off to a blazing start to the year, with Senior Induction assembly on Wednesday and the first fundraiser of the year, St Valentine’s Day, occurring Friday February 12. These students are sausage sizzling, cupcake baking, balloon and flower-selling MACHINES, raising over $600! A huge thank you to all the students involved, especially the senior leaders, and to every single student, teacher and staff member who supported the seniors by purchasing items or helping out.

The senior students are wearing their 2016 Senior shirts with pride and are all gearing up for the Swimming Carnival next Wednesday to really break out their school (and house!) spirit. Mr Yeabsley, there will be strong support for your head shave from the year 12s!

Despite all the fun and games of the year so far, we must also remember that Year 12 is an important year for all our senior students. Now is the time to buckle down – this year is going to fly by and while we are excited about all the ‘fun’ events in our future, we need to focus on the hard work that is going to earn us the right to look back on our 2016 and be able to say ‘I am proud of what I have achieved this year’. Whether your pathway involves University, TAFE, an Apprenticeship, entry to the workforce or you are undecided, **YOUR FUTURE IS CREATED BY WHAT YOU DO TODAY. We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act. It is a habit.** #doubledenzinpiration

**Claire Denzin**  
*Year 12 Co-ordinator & Maths Teacher (in my spare time)*

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**INTAD NEWS**

The start of the year is always exciting regardless of how old you are or how long you have been at school. There are always new faces around with a whole new cohort of Year 7s and an influx of new staff. Rooms have been redeveloped, machinery replaced and everyone is eager to find out what TNLA Smithfield SHS has on offer in 2016.

Mr Michael Vandersar is a welcome addition to our INTAD staff and brings with him a wealth of knowledge through his carpentry, joinery and cabinetmaking background. Some Year 12 may remember him from Year 8 when he was completing the practical component of his teaching degree here at Smithfield. We are lucky to have someone as experienced as Mr Vandersar on staff so please ensure you make him feel welcome!

Those students who are enrolled in Engineering this year are looking forward to the opening of the refurbished Senior Workshop. Over the summer break, extensive work has taken place in this building, with new equipment installed and the working environment improved …more on this in the future!

Throughout the end of fourth term last year and over the school holidays, 10 students enrolled in and completed Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation through The Deep Sea Divers Den. It is always gratifying to see students give up their own time to complete courses they will benefit from in the future, and we are lucky to have formed such a successful and rewarding partnership with this well-respected local business. If any senior students are interested in or want to know more about the course with The Deep Sea Divers Den, please see Mr Crotty in K Block staffroom.

The INTAD and Home Economics staff are looking forward to the year ahead, with everyone excited about the developments in The Maker Space area and STEM and to the opportunities both will bring to the students who love our teaching areas. So buckle up! 2016 is sure to be a great ride!

**Justin Crotty**  
*HOD - Senior Pathways*

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**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAMME**

Tropical North Learning Academy-Smithfield State High School is extremely proud of the International Student Programme it operates. Both the visiting students and our local students benefit enormously from their interactions with each other, and many lifelong friendships are made.
Hello, my name is Flurina and I am from Switzerland. I am 16 years old and will be in Year 11. I play the clarinet and I like swimming, reading, music and many other things.

Hello, I’m Carlotta.

I’m an exchange student from Germany and I’ll be here at SSHS for 6 months in Year 11. They’ll probably put a photo of me in this but in case they don’t I’m tall, slim and I’ve got long blonde hair, brown eyes and yes, the tips of my hair might be a little bit green…

I love drawing and painting and at home in Germany I sometimes improve my pocket money by drawing portraits. I also play four different instruments including the clarinet in the school orchestra and piano in a band.

One of my other hobbies is playing fantasy roleplay games with my friends—not the ones with computers. I listen to music all the time; mostly rock music from the 70s and 80s, and I’m a big Alice Cooper fan.

While in Australia I hope to dive a lot of the Great Barrier Reef, see the rainforest and make many Australian friends.

Queensland Core Skills

All OP eligible students in Year 12 will be sitting the Queensland Core Skills Test in August this year. They are attending one lesson a week in preparation for this test. In this lesson the students the students are taken through the various requirements of the test. Each session is run by a different teacher with Kristy Horton (a trained Writing Task marker) working on the Writing task; Dan Kaggelis (Head of Department – Humanities) working on the skills required in the literacy/extended response questions and Clair Denzin who will work on the numeracy aspects of the tests.

Important dates to remember:

Thursday, 25 February – Periods 1 and 2 – Writing Task practice
Friday, 26 February – Periods 1 and 2 – Short response Practice
Tuesday, 1 March – Periods 1 and 2 – Multiple Choice Practice.
Term 2: Week 6 – Full two day Practice test – dates to be confirmed.
It is important for all students to attend these tests as their responses will be sent away for marking and analysis. This analysis helps us to guide our preparations as students’ strengths and areas of concern are highlighted.

If your student is unable to attend these session, please notify me as soon as possible on jcour17@eq.edu.au so that other arrangements can be made for the student to do the practice.

Thank you

Janette Courtney (Head of Tertiary Aspirations)

‘FROM THE SPORTSDESK’

A warm welcome back to our avid readers from 2015 and a welcome invite to our new readers for 2016. Smithfield State High School is again committed to providing your student with every opportunity possible to be involved in sport during their schooling years.

In terms of representative opportunities it is imperative that your students check the sports’ noticeboard regularly for the most up to date information. Trials information for both Trinity Coast North (TCN) and Barron River are posted here. Students born in 2004 or later are eligible to trial for selection for Barron River and those born before this are trialling in the TCN district. These trials are pathways for those students who want to represent Peninsula at state titles.

The first major inter-house event is our school swimming carnival. The Clifton House Captains (whom will all be introduced to you next issue) Alfonse and Cameryn have been talking their house up for back to back victories. Clifton last year broke a 21 year hoodoo which has the fresh captains brimming with confidence. Our next issue will have a full report of the day.

Our senior students have already been involved in their first interschool competition hosting Cairns SHS in round 1 of the CISSA competition. There is a strong rivalry between the Salties and the Bulldogs and the Smithfield students were certainly ready for the challenge thanks to a number of lunchtime training sessions run by our dedicated coaches. The afternoon was played in great spirits with the two schools sharing the points each winning 5 of the 10 sports. Special mention must go to our girls’ touch football team. This side has struggled to come away with the goods in the last few seasons however they were determined to change this. The girls certainly did this absolutely dominating their opposition with an astounding 9-1 victory. They were fittingly awarded “Salties Team of the Week”. However it was the boys’ volleyball who produced the first 2016 “Salties Player of the Round”. Coach Herbert highlighted Stephen Costello’s performance in the boys volleyball come from behind victory as the best on court. Congratulations to our girls’ touch team, Stephen and all our players for a great first round.

New super coach Mr. Grundy has taken on our year 8/9 Rugby League team. The boys had limited preparation time leading up to their first game against Cairns SHS however, Mr. Grundy comes from good stock and combined with a dedicated group of young athletes they knuckled down and got to work. The Smithfield Salty spirit is strong already in this young group and they played hard against their more fancied opposition. Rhegan Herd Year 8, did a great job in piloting his troops around the paddock playing a crucial role in the teams play making. Winstan‘Cement’ Daki Year 9 was back to his bruising best creating havoc with his refusal to be tackled. Grundy also highlighted newcomer Elliot Stacey Year 8 as having a great game, looking to get his hands on the footy as much as possible and also enjoying the physicality of the defence. The boys ended up convincing winners 4 tries to 2, a great way to start their season. Their next opposition Bentley Park will be a tough game and the side is hoping that a home ground advantage will help them across the line.

New Super Coach Mr Grundy

It is fantastic to see already the number of students taking advantage of the multiple sporting opportunities offered at Smithfield SHS and a trend which we are committed to helping grow in the future.

Our next issue will introduce the 2016 sports leadership group, as well a full wrap of everything sporty.

Alastair Yeabsley
Director of Sport

QATSIF scholarship

Last year 4 of our students applied for the QATSIF scholarship. QATSIF is the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation. To be eligible for the scholarship, students had to be nominated for the scholarship based on attendance, behaviour and academic achievement.

Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation (QATSIF) is an independent public foundation established by
the Queensland State Government in November 2008 to provide a secure funding source in the form of Years 11 and 12 QCE Scholarships for improved educational outcomes for Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people. The Public Trustee of Queensland is the Trustee of the Foundation.

QATSIF celebrates the fact that QATSIF Scholarships are contributing to “Closing the Gap” of retention to Year 12 in Queensland.

Congratulations to Bailey McIntosh (Yr 12), Ky-Lou Sagigi (Yr 11), Sharon Brim (Yr 11) and Louise De Marillac (Yr 11).

**Jenny Wilson**  
**Senior School Guidance Officer**

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**James Cook University Scholarship winners**

*Caleb Bond, Austin Meilke, Jess Swan and Ashley Barkes*

Each year, Smithfield State High School offers academic scholarships to students from our feeder primary schools. I would like to introduce you to our 2016 winners. The Trinity Beach State School winners are Caleb Bond and Ashley Barkes. Our winner from Caravonica is Jess Swan and Austin Meilke is our winner from Yorkeys Knob. All four of them are excited to be at high school and are looking forward to a great future with all of them planning to study at James Cook University once they have completed Year 12.

Congratulations to all the scholarship winners and we wish you all the success as you embark on the next stage of your schooling.

These scholarships are worth $500 and are put towards the students’ school fees for the school. I would like to acknowledge the support of James Cook University and Smithfield P & C Association in making these scholarships available.

In addition to this, two of our current Year 11 students have received $250 scholarships from James Cook University to help offset their schooling costs. They are Amma Seedsman and Khi MacMillan.

**Janette Courtney**  
**(Head of Department, Tertiary Aspirations)**

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**Empowerment and Support Team**

Smithfield State High School is fortunate to have the services of specialists who work with our students to support them when needed. The support staff include:

- **Jenny Wilson – Senior School Guidance Officer (yrs 10 -12)**  
e-mail: jwils312@eq.edu.au  
phone: 40 584 301. Please phone 40 584 357 (to make appointments)  
Office location: A Block  
Days at school: Monday to Friday  
Please visit my Guidance blog at this address

- **Brett Wilson – Junior School Guidance Officer (yrs 7-9)**  
e-mail: bwils100@eq.edu.au  
phone: 40 584 337  
Office location: M Block  
Days at school: Monday to Friday

- **Narelle Neil – School Based Police Officer**  
e-mail: neil.narellem@police.qld.gov.au  
Phone: 40 584 343  
Office location: M Block  
Days at school: Monday to Friday

- **Dave Kirkpatrick – Youth Engagement Teacher**  
e-mail: dkirk10@eq.edu.au  
Phone: 40 584 343  
Office location: M Block  
Days at school: Monday, Tuesday and alternate Wednesdays

- **Emily Kitchiner – School Chaplain**  
e-mail: ekitch1@eq.edu.au  
Phone: 40 584 343  
Office location: M Block  
Days at school: Monday, Tuesday and Friday
From The School Nurse

Immunisation program comes to school

In 2016 the school immunisation program is providing free vaccinations for all Year 7 and Year 8 students, on 1 March 2016, as part of Queensland Health’s annual School Immunisation Program. All Year 7 and Year 8 students are being offered free vaccinations as recommended on the National Immunisation Program to protect against human papillomavirus (HPV), varicella (chickenpox) and diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (whooping cough).

In 2016, Year 7 and Year 8 students are being offered free vaccinations as Queensland is transitioning the School Immunisation Program from Year 8 to Year 7. Transitioning the program to Year 7 will ensure adolescents continue to receive their vaccinations within the recommended age range (11-13 years) and align Queensland’s School Immunisation Program with other Australian adolescent programs which are delivered in the first year of secondary school.

The vaccinations will be conducted by a team of specially trained registered nurses and/or a medical practitioner.

A consent form for each vaccination offered will be given to your child to bring home. Please read the information carefully, sign the consent form and return consent form to the school by 19 February 2016.

Parents are encouraged to ensure their children have breakfast on the morning of vaccination.


From The School Based Police Officer

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Senior Constable Narelle NEIL and I am the new School Base Police Officer at Smithfield High. I am a Detective in Child Abuse and have been attached to the Child Protection Investigation Unit for the last 4 &1/2 years. My role at the school includes addressing identified needs within the school community, helping teachers develop and present curriculum material to meet the schools needs and to undertake initial response and investigate offences within the perimeters of the school.

My office is at M block where I work closely with the school Empowerment and Support Team. My phone number will be

What is my role at Smithfield State High School?

As your school chaplain, I help to provide social, emotional and spiritual support to school communities. I am in the prevention and support business: helping students find a better way to deal with a variety of life issues. Although not a counselling service, chaplains do provide a listening ear and a caring presence in the school, available for ALL students, staff and families, regardless of religious affiliation or background.

I work very closely with the Empowerment and Support Team, made up of the Guidance Officers, School Based Youth Health Nurse, School Based Police Officer, Student Engagement teacher and Community Educational Counsellor.

Availabilities

I can be found in M Block on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Students can walk in to see me on a voluntary basis in their own time. If students would like to see me during class time however, an appointment must be made with me first.

Plans for 2016

This year is already shaping up to be a great year full of exciting opportunities! The free breakfast program should be starting up in the coming few weeks on Tuesdays and Fridays- keep an eye out during student notices. A popular lunchtime program from last year should also be returning soon.

Once a term, students have the option of attending a Christian program provided by a local youth ministry. This program requires parental consent to attend and will be promoted closer to the event. If you would like your child to attend, please don’t hesitate to contact me on the details provided below.

That’s about all from me! If you have any questions or any specific needs or concerns for your child, please don’t hesitate to call me at the M Block staffroom on 4058 4343 or email ekltc1@eq.edu.au.

Warmest regards,

Emily.

From the Chaplain…

Welcome to another school year! If I haven’t met you yet, my name is Emily Kitchiner and I am the school chaplain. It has been great to see all the familiar faces back again and to see some new ones. I hope everybody has had a great Christmas and holiday season and that you are enjoying getting stuck into 2016.
I look forward to meeting your kids and hopefully playing a positive role in their time at Smithfield High this year. I've listed below a few housekeeping things to remember to ensure a successful event free 2016 for you all.

- Bring your own device program has commenced this year. Please label your devices and ensure any ‘find my device’ apps are activated. This also includes phones and all personal belongings.
- Please keep money you have with you at school on you at all times. Be aware that you bring money to school at your own risk.
- Parents and students are to ensure road rules are followed at all times to ensure no accidents occur and no infringements notices get issued. This includes on foot, push bike or driving a vehicle. If you ride a bike and don’t own a helmet I suggest you buy one ASAP. (FYI - a helmet is cheaper than the fine)
- Fighting and bullying will not be tolerated by the school.
- Smoking ANYTHING on or around school grounds will not be tolerated, consequences will follow if caught.

From The Guidance Officer

- Ever wondered ‘why does my child do that?’
- Find out how to get more of the behaviour you like and less of the behaviour you don’t like!
- Free Triple P – Power of Positive Parenting Seminar with Professor Matt Sanders.

Chinese New Year Celebration at Schools

Smithfield State High School started off Thursday the fourth of February by celebrating the Chinese New Year 2016, the year of the monkey. The University of Queensland Confucius Institute and the Cairns Chinese Association came to visit us and celebrated it with students.

To start off the celebration, a Tai Chi Master gave a relaxing and amazing performance. Tai Chi is often used to relax and calm the body. Next was the jaw-dropping, traditional music of the traditional instrument Gu-zheng. The music is often heard at the time of the spring festivals.

Then came the sword dance, a very loud and talent requiring performance. The second last performance was the lions and the monkey dance, which caused a few people to get sat on by the monkey, and eaten by the lion. Last, but not least, was the “Little Apple” dance (China’s Gangnam Style), which everyone was asked to participate in. Most students commented that it was the best part of the day.

Eloise Miles (Smithfield SHS Yr7)
Indigenous Constitutional Convention

On the February, 9 2016, Smithfield State High School’s Indigenous leaders Nikita Herd and Bailey McIntyre attended the Queensland schools FNQ Indigenous Constitutional Convention at the Cairns Regional Council, to address the important and contemporary issue of how to “How to include Indigenous people in the Australian Constitution and how can this best be done?”

The key note speaker was Kate Galloway, Senior Lecturer, College of Business, Law and Governance James Cook University. Kate speech focused on a ‘just settlement’. She discussed the challenges moving forward in relation to recognition of Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders in the Australian Constitution and included the issue of Treaty.

Fourteen schools were represented and Bailey spoke of the importance of bringing a united voice, as occurred in the 1967 Referendum, when putting forward a proposal on ‘How to include Indigenous people in the Australian Constitution’ without allowing this to be hijacked by other people’s agendas. “We must come together, Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people, as a united front, with a proposal that can be taken to the people of Australia with bipartisan support. White Australia has a black history and we should not be silenced again!”

“Recognition of my culture has been a significant achievement for not only myself, but all Indigenous Australians; it has become a substantial part of gaining community awareness of Indigenous rights within the Australian Constitution. The Far North Queensland Schools Indigenous Constitutional Convention has provided Bailey and I with the opportunity to address the important and contemporary issues of Indigenous rights and how our peoples can successfully be included in the Australian Constitution. Among the fourteen schools, I have not only been privileged enough to attend the convention, but I have also gained a better insight into my culture and the issues surrounding the recognition within the Australian Government” Nikita Herd, Smithfield SHS Indigenous leader.

Constitutional Convention Success

On the 4 February, Year 11 students Tal Pelach, Josh Pelach, Nathan Carpanzano and Jasmin McAlpine participated in the Far North’s Queensland School’s Regional Constitutional Convention. The aim of the Constitutional Convention is to educate senior secondary students about the Australian Constitution and how it guides democracy. It also includes opportunities for students to listen to speakers presenting perspectives on a constitutional issue and to participate in debates and plebiscites.

This year’s Constitutional Convention was focused on the topic of whether to abolish the State Governments and govern the peoples of Australia through two levels of Government; the Federal Government and Local Council system.

Students had the opportunity to listen to guest Speakers the Honourable Mr Warren Pitt and Cairns Councillor Steven Brain about the role of Federal, State and local Government and the pros and cons of abolishing State Governments.

Tropical North Learning Academy Smithfield State High School student representative Josh Pelach delivered an informative and thought provoking speech on why State Governments need to be eliminated which resonated with his peers and earning him a podium finish out of the nine private and state schools from the region.

Tal Pelach was also awarded for most erudite (showing great knowledge or learning) and most challenging response during the student impromptu speaking soapbox around topics such as voting ages and constitutional change.

The students did an exceptional job in representing the school in regards to demonstrating the Literate Graduate qualities of character, collaboration, communication, critical thinking, creativity and most importantly citizenship.
Visit from Moura High School Teachers

Imagine a whole teaching staff going to another school.

That is what the Moura High School Teachers are going to do and we are very privileged to host them all over four visits.

Moura is a small country town 186km west of Gladstone in the middle of coal country.

Its high school boasts approximately 170 students with 15 teaching staff.

Just like Smithfield High, lessons are taught explicitly with consolidations, learning intentions and “I Do, We Do, You Do”.

Next Friday, 19 February, will see the first of our visitors arrive to experience “The Smithfield Way”.

They will be visiting a variety of classes over the course of the day as well as looking around our fantastic school.

Please make them feel very welcome and show them why we are proud to be from Tropical North Learning Academy.

SCHOOL PHOTO’S

NQ School Photography will be taking our school photographs this year on Tuesday 15 & Wednesday 16 March.

Order Now Online at www.nqsp.com.au using this shoot key Q8NHZ9WR or return the paper order form your child will receive to our photographers on photo day.

Siblings will be able to be photographed between 8.15am and 8.45am each morning. The Siblings paper order forms will be available in the school office.

Students are asked to wear their daily Senior or Junior school uniform (Seniors may elect to wear their formal uniform) and remove non-regulation jewellery for the photo. Student may also be required to have leadership photos taken. There will be no group sporting and cultural photos this year as these will be taken later in the year at a time convenient to the coordinators.

It is important students attend on photo day(s) to update their EQ identity and renew the expiry dates in OneSchool, ID Attend, Library, Text book Room etc. ID cards will be available collection in late March for both external concessions and internal photocopying and printing.

OUR INFORMATION PORTAL

Visit our Information Portal which searches our catalogue online AND local and subject databases, including a student-friendly educational version of Google. Useful links, study tips, and the link to your student Webmail account are prominent. A shortcut (magnifying glass) is located on all school desktops or follow the screen shots below to connect via our School Website.

Deborah Robins - Teacher Librarian
2016 Student Resource Fees (School Fees)

All families should now have received their 2016 Student Resource Fee invoice via email or post. Please contact Tina Stevens to request a copy of the invoice if you require one.

Family statements will be sent in week 8 as a reminder to finalise outstanding school fees by the end of Term 1 unless a payment plan has been negotiated with the office.

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.

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 necessary form below and return to the school office.

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.

UNIFORM SHOP & CANTEEN NEWS

Uniform shop opening hours are 8am – 1.30pm every day. Payment methods include cash and Eftpos. No Payment Plans are available for the purchase of uniforms. To purchase uniforms you must first sign in at the office as a visitor.

Helpers/Volunteers are always needed and very welcome at the Canteen. Please phone Keithe Long, Canteen Convenor for more information – PH: 4058 4321.

Important Information all parents and students should know…. If you are unable to make it to school...

If you are unable to make it to school due to illness or other reasons, we must receive a clear explanation by telephone, SMS or email from your Parents or Guardian.

(School Absence Line: 4058 4366)

If you are late to school...

If you miss roll making for any reason you must report to the Student Services window.

You must have a note from home or the school should have received a clear explanation by telephone, SMS or e-mail from your Parents or Guardian.

You will be given a late note to take to class. This late pass must be handed to your classroom teacher when you arrive at class.

When you arrive at class late make sure you enter quietly and follow classroom expectations.

If you need to leave early...

To leave the school grounds during the day for medical appointments or other reasons you must bring a permission note or the school should have received a clear explanation by telephone, SMS or e-mail from your parent/guardian/carer explaining why you are leaving and the time. (This can be written on the last page of your school diary and removed)

If you are leaving during class time collect a “leave request pass” from Student Services and this note must be shown to your class teacher to leave class. Before leaving the school come to Student Services window to sign out.

If you return to school later in the day you must sign back in at Student Services window.

Sick Bay – you may go to sick bay at any time necessary.

If you are in class and feeling ill you must inform the teacher and bring a note from them to the Student Services window. Please do not phone your parents. If you are not in class you do not need a note.

Speak to the staff at the window politely and explain your problem. Your parents will then be contacted for advice.

Follow the instructions of the Student Service staff.

Please make sure you all read the What To Do When… pages in your school diary (pages 6 & 7)

School Contact Details and Absences

For student absences you can notify school be phone, email or through QParents App. School must be notified for all student absences.

Main Switchboard 40584333
Student Absences 40584366
Email office@smithfieldshs.eq.edu.au
SMS ONLY 0429 557 947
Website www.smithfieldshs.eq.edu.au

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.

Principal 4058 4308  (Jayne) principal@smithfieldshs.eq.edu.au
Deputy Principal
Senior School (10 -11)
4058 4313
(Sabine)
dprincipal@smithfieldshs.eq.edu.au

Deputy Principal
Junior School (7 - 9)
4058 4314
(Cassandra)
dprincipal@smithfieldshs.eq.edu.au

School Terms 2016

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BELL TIMES 2016

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Communication tools for parents to the school.

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.

https://www.facebook.com/
Smithfield-State-High-School-Tropical-North-Learning-Academy-864518936415977/?fref=ts

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.

ASSEMBLY TIMES 2016- Term 1

Assemblies have changed for 2016. All assemblies are to be held in P Block starting at 10.25 am.

QPARENTS is here!!! – For all parents who haven’t taken up the offer....

Great news: Tropical North Learning Academy – Smithfield SHS is proud to be one the first schools in Queensland to offer QParents. The QParents web and mobile application provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardians of Queensland state school students to interact with their child’s
school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child’s student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer. QParents allows parents to connect instantly with their child’s school to access and manage their child’s student information, including:

- Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence
- Behaviour details
- Academic report cards
- Class timetables
- Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history, and making payments online
- Viewing and updating personal student details, including medical conditions and address
- Enrolment details

QParents will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way. Invitations for parents to register for QParents were sent in week 1; if you did not receive it please contact us.

QParents won’t replace the traditional ways you communicate with our school, but it will provide another way to communicate with us.

More information about QParents can be found at https://qparents.qld.edu.au/

QSchools smartphone app

The QSchools app is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information from and about Queensland state schools.

The app is designed to integrate with Websites for Schools websites and is automatically updated when a school updates their website with the latest news, newsletters, events and information.

App users can also access tuckshop and uniform shop information, class times and school social media pages that are available on the school’s website.

Emergency announcements, such as information about natural disasters and school closures, are published via the app.

The app is particularly useful to parents who have students in different schools, as the app manages updates from multiple schools in a single view.

All Queensland state schools are searchable via the app, however only schools who have upgraded their school website with Websites for Schools will benefit from all the features of the app.

Features of the app to benefit parents/caregivers:

- Access the latest school news and calendar events, tuckshop and uniform shop information
- Receive emergency announcements and information around school closures
- Search for the nearest school by current location, postcode, school name or suburb and view school contact details
- Follow multiple schools
- Free for schools and parents

QSchools Version 2.1 for iOS and Android are available for free download from the iTunes store and Google Play.

QSchools Version 2.0 for Windows 8, Windows 8.1 and Windows phone 8 are available from the Windows Store and Windows Phone Store.