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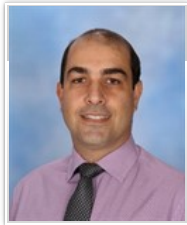
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**27 November 2024**

## From the Principal



Term 4 has been a very exciting time as we are busy ensuring that we finish this year off well, but at the same time, we are planning for 2025 and the outcomes we would like to achieve next year. As the year draws to an end, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for making 2024 another successful year for Smithfield State High School. It has been a year full of growth, learning, and achievement. From the first day of school to today, we've celebrated many successes together, both inside and outside the classroom. We've seen our students shine in academic excellence, sports, music, and the arts. Our school spirit has been strong, and we've worked as a team to ensure every student feels supported and valued.

Jubilation filled the air as our Year 12 students finished their final external exams and closed the book on their journey as the Seniors of '24 at Smithfield State High School. The celebrations at their Graduation Evening followed by their official Graduation Ceremony were very special and I am sure some lasting memories have been captured. Once again it was wonderful to be able to celebrate this very special milestone as a whole school event during the morning Graduation Ceremony. To our families who have finished their time with us as Smithfield State High School parents, I thank you for your support and contributions made over the past six years and I extend my very best wishes to you all.

Smithfield State High School's recent Presentation Night was a wonderful celebration of our students' many and varied achievements across the 2024 school year. Seeing the remarkable accomplishments and performances of our students compressed into a few hours provided a powerful summary of students' remarkable talents and successes.

None of this would have been possible without the unwavering support of our teachers, staff, parents and students. To our dedicated staff—thank you for your tireless commitment to providing an enriching, safe, and nurturing environment

for all students. Your hard work, creativity, and passion make a lasting impact every day.

To our parents and families: thank you for being our partners in education. Your involvement in your child's education, whether through attending events, or simply providing encouragement at home, has been instrumental in our success. Thanks, must also go to our Parents and Citizens' Association, who have again worked hard to support our school throughout 2024.

To our students: thank you for your hard work, curiosity, and positive attitude. You make our school a place of growth and possibility, and we are proud of everything you've accomplished this year.

I would like to thank our staff who move on at the end of this year for the dedication you have shown our Smithfield State High School community during your time with us and your contribution to our students will not be forgotten. A special farewell to our colleague, Mr Greg Howard, who will be retiring after 47 years of dedication to education. Greg started teaching at Smithfield State High School in 1984 and has taught many generations of families. I am sure that his wisdom and commitment to supporting the growth of our students will be missed and we wish him well on the next chapter of his life.

As we look forward to the end of year break and prepare for the year ahead, let's celebrate the milestones we've achieved together. We are excited about the future and the continued growth of our school community. We look forward to building upon the successes of this year and making next year even more memorable.

Once again, thank you for making this year such a great success. I wish all of you a restful, rejuvenating break and look forward to welcoming you back in 2025 for another year of growth, learning, and community.

Thank you for your support in 2024.

**Mr Frank Brunetto**  
**Principal**

## Deputy Principal School News

### Year 9 and Year 12

#### Year 9:

Congratulations to Year 9 students who are nearly finished for the year. There were some excellent results and students should be congratulated for their hard work, dedication, and resilience shown throughout the year. Year 9 is a pivotal moment in the school journey as students come to the end of Junior and are ready to move into Senior years. The coming year will bring new experiences, opportunities, and responsibilities, and I have no doubt that students will continue to rise to the occasion.

Take time to rest and recharge over the holidays. Wishing all students' a wonderful, well-deserved break and all the best for the year ahead!

#### Year 12:

We have recently celebrated two wonderful occasions as part of the Year 12 Graduation. The formal occasion on Thursday 14 November was a time for each Year 12 student to be presented with their Graduation certificate in front of family and friends. This was followed by the Whole School Farewell Ceremony on Friday 15 November, where students said their final goodbyes by walking through the school one last time, passing staff, students and family to say goodbye.

### Year 12 Graduation



Release of results:

From 9am on Wednesday 11 December, Year 12 students

can access their final subject results and Senior Education Profile (SEP) from their learning account in the Student Portal via the myQCE website at: <https://myqce.qcaa.qld.edu.au>

Depending on students' individual circumstances, their SEP will comprise one or more of the following documents:

- Senior Statement
- Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)
- Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA).

SEPs are issued as electronic official documents and stored in students' learning accounts. Students can save their SEP on a computer or mobile device and provide it to third parties electronically or download it as a secure PDF and print it.

### Accessing ATARs:

ATARs will be available via the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) at [www.qtac.edu.au/atar](http://www.qtac.edu.au/atar)

Students must sign up to QTAC's ATAR Portal to access their ATAR and need to use their name (as shown in their QCAA learning account), date of birth, LUI and non-school email address.

We look forward to celebrating the Year 12 results, including the announcement of the Year 12 Dux, when school resumes next year.

**Mrs Alison Kaggelis**  
**Deputy Principal**

## Deputy Principal School News

### Year 10 and Year 11

As 2024 draws to a close, I would like to take a moment to reflect upon 2024, which was a year filled with the usual struggles, triumphs, challenges, and achievements. Far too often we are in a hurry to move to the next thing without taking a moment to 'smell the roses' and soak up successes and accomplishments.

The reality of joining the Senior School began to weigh upon our Year 10s as they began preparations likely to set them on

a pathway through Year 11 and 12, and beyond. This is always an interesting time and transition period for students, and it is a highly rewarding time for our Senior Schooling team as they support students grappling with the uncertainty which is often present at this moment in their lives. It's no easy task getting across the finer details of the Queensland Certificate of Education, the various subject types and how various combinations can lead to particular destinations. Our students relished the challenge, taking on the task with focus and have finished the year strong. A wonderful preparation for the important two years ahead. Well done Year 10!

For our Year 11s, the reality of Senior came home to roost as the academic demands increased and they found themselves confronted by the age-old problem of juggling increased school demands with social commitments and part-time jobs. It was wonderful to see them rise to the challenge and show commendable results across both Units 1 and 2. As this cohort of Year 12 students went through their final moments in Week 7, it became obvious that the significance of this milestone was not lost on our Year 11s, and it will be their turn in less than a year's time. I would like to wish them all the very best for the year ahead.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate all students who answered the leadership call and nominated to become one of our school's student leaders in 2025. It takes considerable courage to put yourself forward and commit to serving others. The school is fortunate to have this calibre of student amongst our ranks.

Finally, if 2024 is going to be the last year for your child and they plan on moving to another school, post schooling pathway or region, please take the time to let us know by contacting the office and completing an exit form. Thank you for the considerable support and positivity you have provided me in my role this year and I look forward to connecting with you again in the new year.

**Mr Paul Charles**  
**Deputy Principal**

## Deputy Principal School News

### Year 7 and Year 8

As we approach the end of another busy and exciting year, it's a great time to reflect on all that we've achieved, and to think ahead about what's to come.

Year 7s, congratulations on completing your first year of high school, think about how much you have grown this year and the goals you have achieved.

Year 8s, you will be in your end phase of Junior Secondary and looking forward to making more decisions which will lead you to your future pathway. Take a moment to look back and be proud of your efforts and how you navigated the challenges. Keep that positive energy as we head into the holidays and remain focussed in these last few weeks!

At the moment we are going through the process of choosing electives subjects which students pick based on interests. This is an exciting moment, because it gives you the chance to explore subjects that you're passionate about, whether that's art, music, technology, languages, or something else entirely.

But here's a tip: while it's awesome to choose electives that you enjoy, it's also worth considering trying something new. Maybe you've never thought about studying drama or Entrepreneur Of Tomorrow, but taking a subject outside your comfort zone can open up new interests and talents. You never know what you might discover about yourself! So, when selecting electives, aim for a balance—follow your interests, but don't be afraid to step into something new and adventurous.

Use the holidays to recharge, spend time with family and friends, and maybe try some new hobbies or activities that you didn't have time for during the school year. Whether it's reading, playing sports, or just relaxing, remember that the break, is your time to enjoy. But while you're having fun, don't forget to stay safe. If you're heading out on a holiday adventure or just hanging out at home, remember to make good decisions, look out for each other, and stay safe. Your well-being is the most important thing!

The new year will bring new opportunities and challenges. When we return next year, you'll be one year older, wiser, and ready to take on whatever comes your way. Take some time during the holidays to reflect on what you've learned, set goals for the upcoming year, and come back ready to give your best.

Whether you're looking forward to new subjects, meeting new people, or just continuing to grow in the subjects you love, we hope you return feeling excited and ready to take on Year 8 or 9!

The best way to finish the year is with a positive attitude. Enjoy the break, and be ready for the new challenges ahead when school starts again!

***Mrs Rowena Cooper***

***Deputy Principal***

## Deputy Principal School News

### Inclusion Education

As we approach the end of the school year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the journey we've had together. It has truly been a pleasure working with all of you—students, families, and staff—throughout this year.

While we're nearing the finish line, I encourage all students to maintain their hard work and focus right up until the very last day. Your efforts and dedication make all the difference, and finishing strong will set you up for success in the year ahead.

I would also like to extend my warmest wishes for a restful and enjoyable break. You've earned it! I look forward to seeing all of you again in 2025, ready to tackle the new challenges and opportunities that the coming year will bring.

From the whole Inclusion team, we wish you all a wonderful holiday season and a fantastic start to the new year.

***Ms Michelle Messina***

***Deputy Principal Inclusion***

## Retiring Staff Member

### Farewell to a Legend

As we approach the end of 2024, we say a heartfelt farewell to our dear colleague, Mr Greg Howard, who will be retiring after 47 years of dedication to education.

Mr Howard's journey began in 1977, teaching at a small school in North Rockhampton. In 1984, he became one of the founding staff members at the newly established Smithfield State High School, and since then, he has served under every principal at our school.

Throughout his career, Greg has worn many hats – from science and math teacher to taking on countless roles around the school. His impact has been felt across generations, with past students always asking fondly about him during Alumni Tours. He has taught not only children but sometimes their parents and even grandparents.

We want to express our deepest gratitude to Mr Howard for his many years of service and commitment to the school community. You will be greatly missed, but your legacy will live on in the countless lives you've touched.

Thank you, Mr Howard!



## Year 7 2025 – Transition Day

The Transition Day at Smithfield State High School for Year 7 students attending the school in 2025 will be held on Wednesday 4 December. Students must be enrolled to attend.

Please see the attached flyer for details.

[Click here to download the 2025 Transition Day Flyer](#)

## Junior School Captain Election

Fourteen students in Year 8 met the challenge of standing on the big stage in CADPA for the Junior School Captain elections for 2025. As each student took their place at the podium - before an audience of Year 7 and Year 8 students, their teachers, Deputy Principal Ms Cooper, and our Principal Mr Brunetto - nerves were raw, excitement was high and the resulting speeches were phenomenal. On the day, every one of the students who faced this awesome challenge were winners!

The following is a sample of some of the comments from the speeches of our candidates:

*'Leadership isn't about the badge we wear. Leadership is about what we have to offer our community – participation, engagement, insight and what we have to offer our peers – support, connection, authenticity and, most importantly, what we have to offer our school.'*

*'I have thought about listing my achievements, things I've done so far that might impress you but I believe that being a leader is about more than just a list of past accomplishments; it's about looking forward, listening to what you want, and focusing on what we can achieve together to make things better.'*

*'As a leader it is important to care about our peers, our friends and our school. A leader should mean what they say and say what they mean. A leader chooses their words and actions wisely. A leader's actions should reflect their words and uphold their promises.'*

*'Leadership has many meanings, and it's different to everybody. But to me leadership is a set of skills and a set of qualities. Skills like: adaptability, problem solving and collaboration, and qualities involving: integrity, empathy, and courage.'*

*'Each of you play a crucial role in our success and your contributions matter. I'm excited about the opportunity to serve and represent you. If you believe in my vision and what I can bring to the school, I would appreciate your support and votes.'*

Congratulations to Alley, Ava, Artemis, Bikramjeet, Byron, Callum, Faithe, Isaac, Kallum, Miko, Miya, Navierda, Rob and Ruby on your great accomplishment as candidates in this year's election process.



## Student Services

### Head of Department: Student Services - A Celebration of Impactful Fundraising

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that the house fundraisers at Clifton House, Ellis House, Kewarra House, and Trinity House have been a massive success! Through the collective efforts of students, staff, and families, these remarkable teams have raised a total of \$982.05, which will be donated to four incredible causes:

- Clifton House supporting the FNQ Wildlife Rescue Foundation
- Ellis House supporting the Cancer Council
- Kewarra House supporting Beyond Blue
- Trinity House supporting the Daniel Morcombe Foundation

This generous amount will be divided equally among these charities, ensuring that each organization receives vital funding to continue their essential work in the community.

### School Actions Supporting Charity and Social Impact

Our school is committed to fostering an environment where students have the opportunity to take action and create positive change. These fundraising efforts are just one example of how we encourage student agency and involvement in charitable causes. By supporting initiatives like the FNQ Wildlife Rescue Foundation, the Cancer Council, Beyond Blue, and the Daniel Morcombe Foundation, our students are not only raising funds, but they are also raising awareness about important issues that affect people worldwide.

As a school, we are dedicated to providing our students with the tools they need to become informed, compassionate, and active global citizens. From raising funds for charity to engaging in discussions about global challenges, we are nurturing a generation of young people who understand that their actions can have a far-reaching impact.

## A Big Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed, participated, and showed such amazing community spirit! Your generosity is truly inspiring. Together, we are demonstrating that even small actions can lead to big changes.

Let's keep the momentum going, continue fostering student agency, and work together to make a positive difference in our world.



## Senior School

### Certificate 1 in Construction

Our CPC10120 Certificate I in Construction students completed their course with Major Training earlier in the term. The students had the opportunity to create different construction projects including wooden picnic tables that they generously donated to local organisations. A big thank you to the Trainer and Assessor, Luke from Major Training for all of the hard work he has put in with our cohort. Well done to the students that completed this course. We are excited to be offering this to students again in 2025!



## OnTrek

This term the Year 10 OnTrek students hosted the Seniors from Yorkeys Knob Primary School for a morning filled of Activity Based Learning (ABL). The Year 10 students had spent the first few weeks of the term planning and organising their activities to run. This was the third time this year the Smithfield students had the pleasure of working with the Seniors of Yorkeys Knob State School. These activities align with their Cert II in Active Volunteering and also their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. Activities like this enable our students to strengthen their connection with their local community and the next generation of students coming through.



## End of School Year 2024

### Attention Years 7, 8 and 9 students/parents/carers

The end of the 2024 school year for Years 7, 8 and 9 officially finishes at 2:30 pm on Friday 13 December 2024. Timetabled classes will finish on Friday 6 December 2024. For the week beginning Monday 9 December 2024 until 2:30 pm on Friday 13 December 2024, Years 7, 8 and 9 students will participate in alternate programs focusing on student engagement, cultural and wellbeing activities.

## Presentation Night

In Week 7, we had the honour of hosting our 2024 Presentation Evening, and what a remarkable celebration it was!

It was an evening dedicated to recognizing and celebrating

the outstanding academic, cultural, and service achievements of our incredible students. From remarkable academic excellence to contributions that made a difference in our community, we are so proud of all that our students have accomplished this year.

A special thank you to our talented Concert Band and Jazz Academy for their stunning performances. Your dedication and passion for the arts are truly inspiring.

All photos from the event can be viewed on our Facebook page or on our website

[Click here to view more information](https://smithfieldshs.eq.edu.au/PhotoGalleryPictures)  
<https://smithfieldshs.eq.edu.au/PhotoGalleryPictures>

## Positive Culture for Learning (PCL)

### Nurturing a Growth Mindset: Building Stamina for Success

In our diverse classrooms, fostering a growth mindset—the belief that abilities and intelligence can develop through effort and perseverance—is key to helping students overcome challenges and achieve their full potential. Unlike a fixed mindset, where students may believe their intelligence is static and avoid challenges, a growth mindset empowers them to embrace difficulties, persist through setbacks, and learn from mistakes. By focusing on engagement, effort, and strategies, we can help students understand that learning is a process, not an outcome, and that setbacks are simply opportunities to improve.

To nurture this mindset, educators can teach students about the science of the brain and neuroplasticity—showing how intelligence grows through effort and deliberate practice. By framing mistakes as learning opportunities and encouraging students to enjoy challenges as a means of personal growth, we help them develop resilience and problem-solving skills. Praise should focus on effort and perseverance, not just innate ability, reinforcing that improvement comes from continuous practice and reflection.

This growth mindset doesn't only thrive in the classroom—it extends to every environment. By modelling growth mindset

behaviours, encouraging effort in everyday activities, and celebrating progress over perfection, we can help students develop the stamina they need to succeed in school and beyond. As we support our students in embracing challenges, we're preparing them to tackle life's obstacles with confidence, resilience, and a belief in their ability to grow.

## 2025 Elected Leaders

The 2025 Student Elected Leaders were announced at Presentation Evening and the Year 12 Farewell Ceremony.

We look forward to presenting these leaders with their badges at the Student Leadership Induction Ceremony early next year.

# Smithfield State High School

## 2025 Elected Leaders

Senior School Captains		
Ruby Burridge	Abraham Tarutia	
Senior School Vice Captains		
Hannah Simpson	Mathys Moolman	
Junior School Captains		
Alley Coetzee	Miko Ibis	
Junior School Vice Captains		
Ava Frances	Byron Charles	
Senior Indigenous Leaders		
Ebony Sheppard	Malachi Woodbury	Malvin White
International Student Program Leaders		
Savannah Ellery	Keirah Wang	
Hannah Ingram (11)	Taizu Cheng (11)	
Band Captains		
Zoe Charles (11)	Tianwynn Harris-Gallichan (10)	
Sports Captains		
Holly Milton	Dylan Targett	
House Captains		
Clifton	Sara Sharma	Kye Fish
Ellis	Andrianna Francis	Cody Robson
Kewarra	Miya Nock	Kain Bowers
Trinity	Charlotte Ingram	Shayn Hoffensetz

## Mathematics

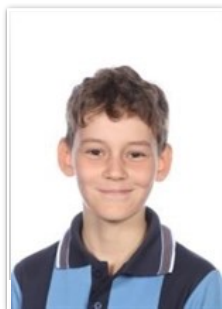
### Australian Mathematics Competition

We proudly celebrated our Years 7, 8, and 9 Academy class students who competed in the junior and intermediate

divisions of Australia's longest running and well-known Mathematics Competition – The Australian Mathematics Competition.

Some outstanding results were achieved with 44 students receiving a Certificate of Credit and 5 students receiving a Certificate of Distinction.

A huge round of applause to the following students who received a Certificate of Distinction.



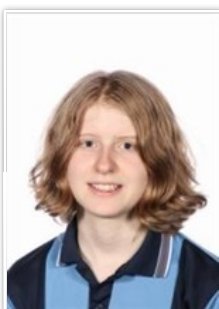
*Alexandre – Year 7*



*Rhys – Year 7*



*Levi – Year 7*



*Leah – Year 9*

Special congratulations to Leah, who not only achieved this honour but also earned the Best in School certificate!

## 2024 School Magazine

**2024 School Magazine – Now available for purchase!**

**\$26.50**



## Student Absence, Sick Bay, Medication



### Absence Notices

If your student is absent or needs to leave school early - please contact the office by

1. QParents
2. SMS: 0429 557 947
3. Email: [office@smithfieldshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:office@smithfieldshs.eq.edu.au)
4. Phone: 4058 4330

When leaving school early students must collect a "leave request" from the office before school or during break time to present to the classroom teacher to confirm they have permission to leave class. Students must then

go to office to sign out and be issued with a leave pass to exit the school grounds.

## Sick Bay

If your student is sick during the day, they will be sent to the office by teaching staff with a note.

The administration team will call the parent/emergency contact to advise of the illness or injury.



## Medications

If your child requires medication at school:

You will be asked to complete and sign the Consent to Administer Medication form.

1. Medication needs to be in original packaging
2. Written medical authorisation, completed pharmacy label, medical order, or action plan completed and signed by prescribing health practitioner.

## Year 12 Next Step Survey

Department of Education **Queensland** and other education and training

### Have your say ...

take part in the **Next Step** survey!

**Who?** All students completing Year 12 in 2024


**What?** The *Next Step* survey will ask you about your activities since finishing school, like study and work.

**How?** Expect to be contacted by phone, mail or email. To help us reach you, please check your contact details are correct in your learning account by logging into the student portal at <https://myqce.qcaa.qld.edu.au>

**When?** March to June 2025

**Why?** Your answers to the *Next Step* survey help schools and further education providers improve their services for future students. Plus, go in the draw to win a laptop!

More info at [www.qld.gov.au/nextstep](http://www.qld.gov.au/nextstep)

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## Inclusion

This term the students in Functional English have been learning how to write and follow a procedure. We have had so much fun making sandwiches and slices. Here the students were making chocolate coconut balls. They had to measure ingredients and follow the steps to make these delicious treats. Eating the mixture off their hands at the end seemed to be their favourite part.



## Humanities

As we near the end of the school year, the Humanities Department would like to thank all students for their hard work and dedication in their study of Humanities. There have been a number of highlights this year with the most significant being our overseas study tour to Singapore. We have been planning this study tour for several years now and it was great to finally make it happen. These types of learning experiences are invaluable to our students.

Looking forward to next year we have some new and exciting units of work and learning experiences for our new and continuing students. This includes incorporating more choice for students in terms of what they would like to learn about and how they learn in the classroom. We are also planning on incorporating more field work to support learning in the classroom. Much of this will be done in collaboration with James Cook University and the Cairns Regional Council as well as other private organisations.

We are also introducing new and innovative ways

for students to present their work through mediums such as podcasting and media and visual presentations. We recognise that every student is different and we need to provide every opportunity for student success when it comes to assessment.

From all the Humanities teachers we would like to wish you a safe and happy holidays.

If you have any questions about the Humanities faculty, please do not hesitate to contact Head of Department Dan Kaggelis on [dkagg1@eq.edu.au](mailto:dkagg1@eq.edu.au) or 4058 4339.



## Parenting in the Middle Years

Parenting often can be confusing when you're faced with differing opinions and advice. Join author of *So You Want to Know What's Good For Your Kids*, Dr Norman Swan, as he offers insight into research-based evidence on preparing children for adolescence. Listen to the latest Department of Education podcast [here](#), on Spotify or on your favourite podcast app.

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## Technologies

### Celebrating Outstanding Achievements in Technology and Design – 2024

This year, our school has been a shining beacon of talent and innovation, achieving remarkable success across numerous prestigious platforms. Here are some highlights of our students' and staff' incredible accomplishments throughout 2024.

#### DATTA Awards Excellence

Our students and staff have excelled in the Design and Technology Teachers Association (DATTA) Awards, claiming prizes across nine categories and securing four key awards:

Industrial Graphics: Katie

Most Innovative Senior Award: Jedd

Engineering Skills: Cameron

Teacher's Award: Mr Sam Finlay

In the Queensland State DATTA Awards, we added five more trophies to our cabinet:

Engineering Category: Brody – State Winner

Year 10 Design and Technology Regional Winner: Holly

Design Regional Winner: Joos

Engineering Skills Regional Winner: Cameron  
Furnishing Skills Regional Winner: Brody  
3D Printing Regional Winner: Chris

These accolades reflect the incredible dedication of both our students and staff.

QUT Faculty of Engineering Dean's Indigenous Australian Award

We are immensely proud of Joel (Year 12) and Kain (Year 11) for receiving the prestigious QUT Faculty of Engineering Dean's Indigenous Australian Award. This recognition, which comes with a \$3,000 enrolment bursary, is a testament to their hard work and passion for engineering. A special thanks to their mentor, Mr Luke Fuller, whose guidance and nomination were instrumental in this achievement.

## Schools Culinary Challenge Success

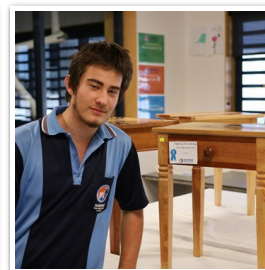
Congratulations to Sophie, who represented our school at the Schools Culinary Challenge in Innisfail. Competing against nine schools, Sophie secured a spot in the top three. We eagerly await her final placement announcement at the BLA Awards. Her journey is a true testament to her skill and dedication, with support from Ms Martin.

## Technologies Internal Awards

Our Technologies Internal Awards celebrated the creativity, innovation, and commitment of our students. These awards were made even more special by the incredible prizes provided by our community supporters.

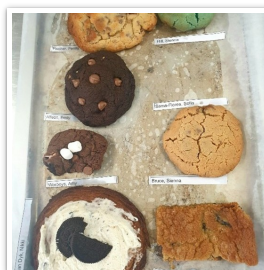
None of these achievements would be possible without our exceptional teachers and staff. A special thanks to Mrs Canny, Mr Wilson, Mr Finlay, Mr Johnson, Ms Martin, Mr Grundy, Miss Sparks, and our amazing teaching aides, Mel Trommestad and Keith Seaton, for their unwavering dedication and support.

Congratulations to all our students and staff for making 2024 a year of remarkable accomplishments. We look forward to continuing this tradition of excellence in the future!



## Year 9 Great Cookie Challenge

This term, Year 9 Food Studies and Design students are participating in "The Great Cookie Challenge" as part of their assessment. Students are just completing their second prototype from their design challenge involving the creation of an innovative new cookie flavour for a product range. Students were encouraged to incorporate consumer considerations including savoury flavours, exotic flavours and high protein options.



## Year 11 Simple Dishes

This term, Year 11 Hospitality students have completed their Certificate II in Hospitality, culminating with the unit of competency 'Prepare and Present Simple Dishes'. Students were required to demonstrate skills to meet all elemental criteria, including the preparation of food items using specific methods of cookery, applications, and following procedures for portion control and food safety practices. Very well done to all students.



## Q Parents



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Your child's educational journey in your hands

**Would you like to:**

- check your child's timetable on your phone, tablet or computer?
- access your child's report cards online?
- pay school invoices online with a credit card?
- notify the school of your child's absences and monitor attendance?
- engage more closely with your child's school?

Visit [qparents.qld.edu.au](http://qparents.qld.edu.au) to find out more.

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### QPARENTS - Register Now!

Have you signed up for QParents yet? Smithfield State High School has now commenced using digital consents for excursions and events, providing a quick and efficient way to provide consent for your child to attend these activities.

You can also read and download report cards, notify the school of your child's absences, pay invoices and see your child's timetable and school events.

If you aren't yet registered, your unique school invitation code has been emailed to you today (please check your junk/spam inbox if you can't find it). If you didn't receive your invitation code or need assistance at all, please contact [enrolments@smithfieldshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@smithfieldshs.eq.edu.au)

## School Invoices



The annual Student Resource Scheme (SRS) fee is now overdue for payment.

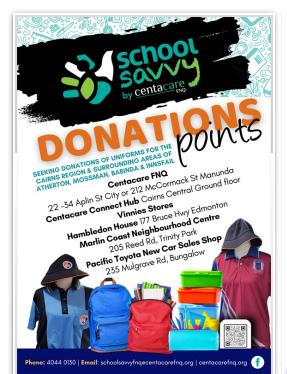
Did you know that you can pay all school invoices using QParents?

Once you are registered for QParents, you will open the app, select the child you're wishing to make a payment for, click on payments and you will be able to select the invoice you would like to pay. It's as simple as that!

If you haven't yet registered for QParents and need any assistance, please don't hesitate to contact our Enrolments Officer on 4058 4304 or email [enrolments@smithfieldshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@smithfieldshs.eq.edu.au)

If you have any questions regarding the Student Resource Scheme (SRS), or would like to arrange a payment plan, please contact Accounts on 4058 4307 or email [Accounts\\_Receivable@smithfieldshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:Accounts_Receivable@smithfieldshs.eq.edu.au)

## Cairns School Savvy Program





## Vegetable Garden Annual Report

This year we began a gardening competition with a \$50 reward to the student growing the best vegetable. Students were able to secure a small plot of land in the garden plot to plant and tend whatever seedlings they wished and growing the produce as organically as possible.

The weather and various construction projects throughout the year meant that we had a late start to the growing season, however many vegetables were produced by students who either took them home, or donated them to the tuckshop or food technology department for use in their cooking classes. The most prolific vegetable species were cucumbers and zucchinis, but we also saw some green beans and pumpkins grown in decent quantities (not a good year for tomatoes apparently).

Thanks to the efforts of our ground staff and Outdoor Education Senior classes, we now have around 50 plots to utilize in the garden section for mid-April next year.

The winners of this year's competition were Leanne, Yuria and Noah, who produced large volumes of quality cucumbers and zucchinis. We look forward to more students being involved in developing a life skill and growing their own food in next year's competition.

**Roger Dienhoff**



## Year 8 French – 2025 Elective

We would strongly encourage all students who are interested in French to choose this as an elective for Semester 1 in 2025. We have the ability to offer this subject with excellent instruction and learning activities. This is an exciting time to choose a language as it can assist in a world of opportunity for your child.

Has your child studied French in Year 7 this year, or have they wondered about the beauty of studying another language? If so, then complete their elective form with choosing French in Semester One for 2025.

For more information, please contact HOD Languages, Tamara Buddle: [tbud0@eq.edu.au](mailto:tbud0@eq.edu.au)



*Crepe Day during French class*

[office@smithfieldshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:office@smithfieldshs.eq.edu.au) to confirm the date your child/ren will return to school and the reason why they will be absent.

## A.S.P.I.R.E Group Initiatives

### Northern Outlook Excursion

Recently, the A.S.P.I.R.E group embarked on an exhilarating adventure to The Northern Outlook Redlynch!

The challenges provided Year 9 students with valuable opportunities to develop persistence and resilience. Together, they tackled each task, demonstrating teamwork, determination, and the ability to overcome obstacles while growing stronger along the way.

## Back to School

### Not returning in 2025



If your student is not returning to Smithfield State High School next year, please contact the office as soon as possible via email [office@smithfieldshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:office@smithfieldshs.eq.edu.au) or phone 4058 4333 and an EXIT form will be emailed to you.

Alternatively, please find the link below to access an exit form.

[Click here to download an exit form](#)

### Returning students 2025

School returns on Tuesday 28 January ONLY for Years 7, 9 & 12. From Wednesday 29 January all year levels are expected to be in attendance.

If you are aware your child/ren will NOT be in attendance on their first day back in 2025, please advise us via email -

Year 8 students faced their own exciting challenges, including the formidable climbing wall. This activity tested their strength, courage, and collaboration. With encouragement from friends and mentors, they displayed bravery and supported one another, conquering their fears and reaching new heights—literally and figuratively!

Throughout the experience, all students exemplified pride, positivity, and a willingness to step out of their comfort zones. Their supportive spirit and enthusiasm for embracing challenges were truly inspiring, marking a proud moment for both the students and their teachers.



## HPE and Sport update

### TCN Swimming

Our students had an amazing day at the TCN Swimming

Carnival, relishing the opportunity to compete in the pool.

There were some outstanding performances, but what truly impressed team manager Mr Ralph was the exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship shown by both our competitive swimmers and student helpers.

Congratulations to all of our students for their fantastic efforts.



Congratulations to our swimmers, who backed up our school's TCN track and field win, showing our prowess in the water also with a dominant display in the pool. Well done to all of our competitors and our age champions on a great day;

Tully: Female 12 Years – 3rd	Zach: Male 13 Years – 3rd
Isaac: Male 14 Years – 2nd	Mitchell: Male 15 Years – 2nd
Jake: Male 15 Years – 3rd	Emily: Female 15 Years – 1st
Lilah: Female 15 Years – 3rd	Mathys: Male 16+ Years – 1st
Michael: 16+ Years - 3rd	Maggie: Female 16+ Years – 1st



## QLD Representatives

Congratulations to Rhys our bowls champion! Some of his recent achievements include:

- Gold overall boys at the 2024 nationals (for Queensland)
- Gold boys' fours at the 2024 nationals (for Queensland)
- Silver in the pairs at the school sport Australia event (for Queensland)

- Bronze overall at the school sport Australia event (Queensland)
- Participated in the junior tri series between QLD, NSW, and VIC



Congratulations to Year 9 student Chase, who was selected for the Queensland Cutters team competing in the Under 14s Hockey National Titles in Perth!

Despite the Cutters finishing 6th overall, Chase was named Best and Fairest for his team by the coaches and scored six goals during the event. Well done, Chase!



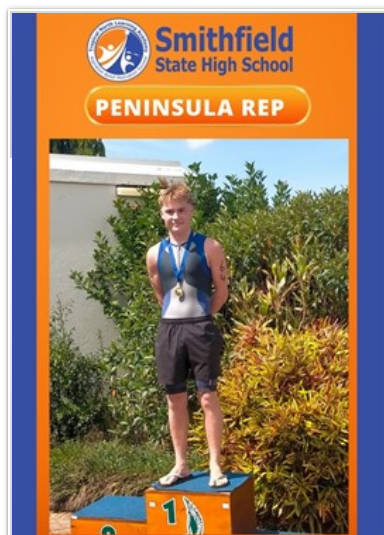
## Peninsula Representatives

Congratulations to Dustin, Rieko, Quinella and Malvin on their track and field selection and congratulations to Caitlyn on her Futsal selection.



Congratulations to Year 11 exchange student Emil! He has been selected for the Peninsula Triathlon

team to compete in Hervey Bay in 2025, after an impressive victory in the trials for his age group over the weekend. Your hard work and dedication have truly paid off, Emil!



## Year 11 Outdoor Education

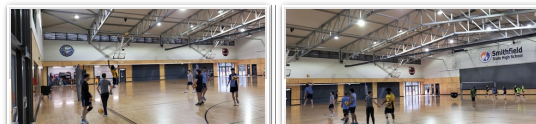
The first Year 11 Outdoor Education class hit the local trails in preparation for their mountain bike camp in Week 8. Thanks to Dan the Mountain bike man for the guided tour and lessons.



## Ongoing Volleyball Training

Our volleyball players are definitely taking advantage of all the training opportunities available! These students are still putting in the effort even though there are no more competitions this year.

The progress they've made since the start of the year is impressive—such a great reward for their dedication to training. Well done.



## Out of school AFL

It's fantastic to see our staff and students continuing to shine even after the regular seasons have wrapped up!

Tylah, Gabriella (players), Ruby (boundary umpire), and Ms Knight (coach) embraced the chance to participate in some representative football during the All Stars vs ISP curtain raiser for the AFLW Hawks vs Demons game.

Tylah had an outstanding night, scoring two goals late in the 4th quarter and earning recognition as one of the best on the field. Congratulations to all the ladies.



## Bentley 7s

We sent 6 teams to the Bentley Park College 7s Competition, two teams each from Netball, Football and Rugby League. Thanks to the coaches and student officials for their help!



## 2025 Football Academy and Netball Academy Trials

In Week 5 we held the trials for the 2025 Football Academy and Netball Academy, with over 150 students joining us.

A huge thank you to our outgoing coaches, Mr Morehead and Mrs Donovan, for their incredible dedication over the past 12 months and 5 years, respectively.

Selected students should have received a letter or email to confirm their spots.

We are also excited to welcome Mrs Thomas to the coaching team for the Netball Academy.



## New Academy Coach

Hola Bienvenido Cristian Couto.

Cristian is our newest Coach to join the Smithfield Football Academy Team.

Cristian is the director of C.C. Futbol and is a qualified UEFA Pro B Licence and has a degree in Sport Science. Cristian is knowledgeable, passionate, and dedicated and he brings his wealth of experience as a player into his coaching approach, emphasizing fundamentals, strategy, and mental toughness. We welcome his Spanish Methodology coaching techniques that allows the player to grow simultaneously at the technical, physical, tactical and personal level to Smithfield.

Cristian will coach alongside Hunter Browne.



## Wakeboard Champions

Another amazing win for our students.

Congratulations to wakeboarders Leo, Millicent and Lilly for their impressive victory at the Battle of the High Schools wakeboard competition held recently.



## AFL 9s Training

It was fantastic to see our Juniors making the most of every training opportunity.

Despite the heat, they worked hard during lunchtime training sessions with coaches Mr Lynam and Mr Williams in preparation for their AFL 9s competition.

Well done to these students for their incredible work ethic.



## AFL 9s Results

In Week 6, Junior Smithfield students competed in the inaugural Cairns Schools AFL 9s day at Watsons Oval. The girls were unstoppable, finishing the day undefeated with a perfect 5/5 record.

The boys also showed great determination, winning 3 out of their 5 matches.

The future is looking bright for the Salties in AFL!



## Senior PE Dux

Jack from Mr Yeabsley's class (pictured with Head of Department Mr Garske) was the recipient of the Thommo Cup at Presentation Night. Congratulations Jack!



## Sun Smart Cricketers

It's great to see that students are staying sun smart in HPE and wearing their hats whenever outside.

And a big thanks to Barron River Cricket Club for resurfacing the pitch and upgrading the practice nets.



## Year 7/8 FNQ Volleyball Schools Cup

The Year 8 girls had a great time in their first volleyball competition hosted here at school, thanks to Miss Maver for coaching

## Occupational Therapy

In Health class, students learned about occupational therapy before learning how to play seated volleyball.



audience about their experiences growing up as young women. The group were elated with the turn out and were grateful to have the opportunity to make some lasting connections with younger students. The girls' greatest hope is that their chat may be the catalyst for some of our students to set new lofty heights in life.

Amazing job, ladies! Well done and thank you.



## Mountain Bike Challenge

The Inter-school Series Enduro Round 3 Mountain Bike Challenge recently took place at the Smithfield Mountain Bike Park.

A huge congratulations to Braxton (Year 7) for placing third and Cooper (Year 9) for securing fourth. Also, well done to Anthony (Year 9), who finished in tenth place and Parker who placed eighteenth. Great effort everyone.



## Fitness Testing and School Fitness Records

Over the last couple of weeks, we conducted fitness tests at breaks. School records are published in CADPA. Great effort everybody!



## Saver Plus

## Women in Sport Forum

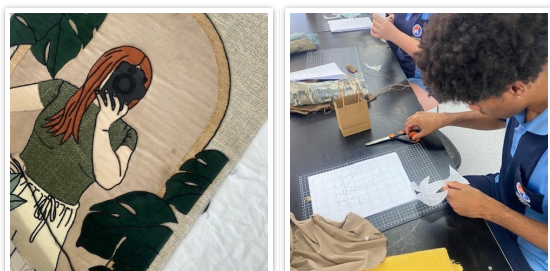
What a fantastic way for our Year 12 leaders to wrap up their high school journey - hosting the 'Women in Sport Forum'!

This year we were fortunate to be blessed with some passionate young leaders who had a thirst to give, a desire to work with others and help them to succeed in life. Lauren, Layla, Steph and Tara visited the school during their external exam block to host an all-female



## Year 11 Visual Arts

Year 11 Visual Art students learned the ancient art of appliqué with visiting artist Naomi Evans. Students created a simple image in order to experiment with the technique as part of their stimulus for their first internal assessment for Unit 3. The technique has been used across many cultures for centuries to create decorative imagery, share stories and historical events, and in ritual or cultural practices. The technique is still used by many cultures today in the form of quilting, tapestry, and decorative needlework.



## Drama

Although the year is coming to an end, it's still a busy time for the Drama department. We said goodbye to our exceptional Year 12s, with both Lotti and Phoebe sharing the honours of subject Dux. We wish them all the best in life after school, and they have surely made a positive impact on the subject Drama in their time at school

At the beginning of the term, we welcomed local theatre company Box Jelly Theatre Co to our school when they performed their play 'Enough': a verbatim inspired piece about young people dealing with anxiety. Our Year 10-12 students were an enthusiastic and conscientious audience, taking in the play's messages and analysing the theatrical conventions of the play. The Year 11s in 2025 will evaluate this play in Term 2 next year as part of their second assessment piece.

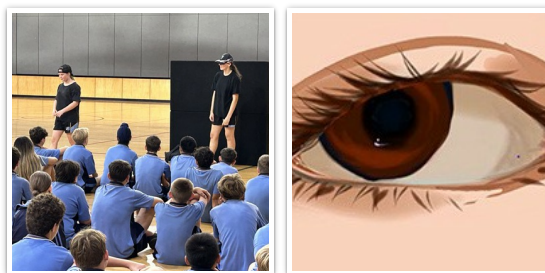
This semester, Year 8 students have performed their end of term assessments at their year level parade. In front of 150 odd peers, they've performed humorous

and polished performances of Figuring Out Girls and Musclemann. It's one thing to perform to a large audience, it is another thing altogether to perform to an audience of your peers. Well done to Paige, Lacey, Miko, Axl, Jake, Paper, Atticus and Jacob for the courage they have shown. Their performances were impressive.

Lastly, our performing arts students have been recognised for their contributions to the local film industry with some of their films being short-listed for the finals of the Understory Film Festival. Both Year 12 students Phoebe and Joos have films in which they wrote and directed, and Year 11 Drama students Jakobi and Abraham have starred in the Film Queensland short film, 'It's Time'. We wish all of them good luck in the finals at Munro Martin Park.

It's been a fantastic year and want to thank all the students for their creativity, risk-taking and hard work, and the parents for their support with learning lines, packing costumes and encouraging their students with the subject they are passionate about.

**Thomas Lever**



## 2025 School Calendar

Start planning for next year with the 2025 school calendar now available on the [Education Queensland website](https://www.education.qld.gov.au).

The calendar features school term dates, school holiday dates, public holidays and staff development/student free days.

If you're looking for more room to write, check out the 2025 school planner which is now bigger and better at A3 size per term and notes each term week.



## International Program

Smithfield State High School has been pleased to host four Japanese schools on Study Tours in 2024.

Our visiting students have had so much fun getting to know their local buddies, attending English classes and immersing themselves in Smithfield life. Our students have also learned a lot from their Japanese buddies and many pairs have stayed in touch, having formed lifelong friendships.

We look forward to welcoming more Japanese schools on Study Tours in 2025.



## 2025 Start of Year

### Administration/Uniform Shop Opening times

2025 Start of Year		
<b>School Closed</b> Friday 13 December 2024 2.30 pm to Tuesday 21 January 2025 8.00 am		
	<b>Administration</b>	<b>Uniform Shop</b>
<b>Monday, 20 January</b>	CLOSED	12 noon to 6.00 pm
<b>Tuesday, 21 January</b>	8.00 am – 3.30 pm	7.30 am – 5.30 pm
<b>Wednesday, 22 January</b>	8.00 am – 3.30 pm	7.30 am – 5.30 pm
<b>Thursday, 23 January</b>	11.30 am – 3.30 pm	7.30 am – 12.00 pm
<b>Friday, 24 January</b>	8.00 am – 3.30 pm	7.30 am – 12.00 pm
<b>Monday, 27 January</b>	School Closed - Australia Day Public Holiday	
<b>Tuesday, 28 January</b>	Return to regular hours 8.00 am - 3.30 pm	Return to regular hours 7.30 am - 1.35 pm
<b>Student return to school</b>		
<b>Tuesday, 28 January</b>	Years 7, 9 and year 12 students start school and attend Parade in CADPA at 8.20 am	
<b>Wednesday, 29 January</b>	All year levels attend school. Years 8, 10 and 11 attend Parade in CADPA at 8.20 am. Year 7, 9 12 to attend period 1 timetabled class.	
<b>Thursday, 30 January</b>	All students attend regular timetabled classes.	

<b>Administration</b>	Enrolment interviews are required for all <b>new</b> students commencing Years 7-12, if you did not enrol your student in 2024. Please phone 4058 4333 during opening hours to arrange an appointment.
<b>Payment of fees</b>	If you have paid by BPoint 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.
<b>Purchase of uniforms</b>	To be made at the school tuckshop during opening hours.

## The Dangers of Vaping



## Helplines and Webchats

As we enter the holiday season, we want to share a list of online and phone and online services that might be useful for young people and families should they require any further support over the holiday period.

### Confidential Helplines, Webchats, & other useful stuff

Child and Youth Mental Health Service : CYMHS

Cairns: 07 4226 5280

Atherton: 07 4091 0213

Mareeba: 07 4092 9171

Innisfail: 07 4016 1327

24 hour specialist mental health care and access to acute phone support  
Ph. 1300 642 255

Websites:

[www.lifeline.org.au](http://www.lifeline.org.au)

[www.kidshelpline.com.au](http://www.kidshelpline.com.au)

[www.beyondblue.org.au](http://www.beyondblue.org.au)

[www.kidshelpline.com.au](http://www.kidshelpline.com.au)

[www.butterfly.org.au](http://www.butterfly.org.au)

[www.parents.au.reachout.com](http://www.parents.au.reachout.com)

[www.wellways.org](http://www.wellways.org)

[Click here to view more information](https://www.thehopefullinstitute.com/the-dangers-of-vaping-for-teens/)

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## Thank you





For your continued support of staff at our school.