6 March 2014

Dear Parents, Care-givers, Friends and Supporters of Catholic Education

I am taking the opportunity of your School Newsletter to make a statement in response to the Royal Commission Public Hearings held in Brisbane a couple of weeks ago. The hearings concerned the sexual abuse of children at a Catholic School in Toowoomba in 2007 and I was shocked and distressed as I listened to or read the evidence given at the Royal Commission. My heart went out to the victims of this terrible abuse and to their families. They remain very much in my thoughts and prayers.

As the Director of Catholic Education in the Diocese of Rockhampton, I want to assure you that my highest priority is the safety of the children in our schools. To that end, Catholic Education in this Diocese has in place best practice Student Protection Processes that are very clear and very stringent. These Processes mandate that all personnel working in Catholic Education in this Diocese must participate in compulsory, regular student protection training to ensure they fully understand their responsibility to comply with the Student Protection Processes.

I would strongly encourage you to visit our website www.rok.catholic.edu.au where on the Home Page you can download a Student Protection Brochure and an Integrity in Relationships Brochure. Also on the Home Page, please click on the right hand tab Student Protection where you will be able to access a pdf document entitled Student Protection Processes that spells out comprehensively and definitively the Student Protection Processes that Catholic Education here in the Diocese of Rockhampton has in place and operating in our pre-prep/kindergartens, schools and colleges.

I hope by reading this very detailed document Student Protection Processes you will agree that Catholic Education in the Diocese of Rockhampton takes its stated commitment to student safety very seriously and makes it our highest priority. Furthermore, these Processes are in accord with Queensland State Government child protection legislative requirements and are supported by the Very Rev. Fr John Grace (Diocesan Administrator – Diocese of Rockhampton). In the effective implementation of these best practice Student Protection Processes, we work closely with parents. We are fortunate to have the services of a very dedicated, highly skilled and experienced Diocesan Student Protection Co-Ordinator, Ms Anne Czekanski.

If you have any concerns or would like more information regarding our absolute and uncompromising commitment to the protection of children in our schools, please contact your Principal or Ms Czekanski at the Diocesan Catholic Education Office here in Rockhampton on 49313600.

God bless you and your family and thank you for your ongoing support of Catholic Education.

Leesa M Jeffcoat AM  
Diocesan Director Catholic Education  
Diocese of Rockhampton
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

Diocesan Administrator

MEDIA RELEASE

NEW CATHOLIC BISHOP OF ROCKHAMPTON

I am delighted that Bishop Elect, Michael McCarthy, has been appointed as the Bishop of Rockhampton by Pope Francis. I am confident that we will all feel fortunate and blessed and that he will be welcomed by the clergy, religious and laity of the Diocese as their next Bishop.

Bishop McCarthy will bring to the role an impressive pastoral background forged from his various parish appointments in the Brisbane Archdiocese. He also served the Church as Rector of the Holy Spirit Seminary at Wavell Heights and at Banyo, which trains priests for Queensland and overseas. He presently fills the role of Vicar for Clergy in the Archdiocese and he is also Parish Priest of Hendra. Prior to becoming Vicar for Clergy, Bishop McCarthy was the Director of Continuing Education of Clergy in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Earlier he had been the Missions Director for the Archdiocese where he and I first made acquaintance. We continued that association through work in the Marriage Tribunal of which he was a Judge.

Bishop Michael has an engaging personality a dynamic spirit and appealing zeal. He will be a great asset to the Diocese of Rockhampton and surely build on the wonderful spirit created in the Diocese by Bishop Brian Heenan. I look forward to our working closely together in the times ahead.

The Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Michael will take place in St Joseph’s Cathedral at 11.00am on Thursday 29 May 2014.

Diocesan Administrator

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Eamon Hannan - Principal

As Father Grace has indicated, Pope Francis has announced the appointment of Father Michael McCarthy as the new Bishop of Rockhampton. Fr Michael is currently parish priest of Hendra and formerly Dean of the Brisbane Northern Rivers Deanery, Vicar for Clergy in the Brisbane Archdiocese and past rector of the seminary in Queensland.

We congratulate Fr Michael on his appointment and we look forward to welcoming him to our Diocese. We also acknowledge the significant contribution of Fr John Grace as our Diocesan Administrator and thank him for his great support for St Patrick’s during the period of his appointment.

St Patrick’s Celebrations
This Monday 17 March is St Patrick’s Day and we will celebrate with mass at 9:00 am. Fr Stephen Hanly will be celebrating mass with us. This is his twenty-fifth year as an ordained priest and we will be celebrating with him as a past student of St Patrick’s - CBC and past chaplain of St Patrick’s College.

St Patrick is credited with the conversion of Ireland. The church in Ireland though struggling at the present time has had a huge impact on the church worldwide but particularly in Australia through the work of various missionary orders from Ireland. At St Patrick’s we celebrate the heritage of the Christian Brothers and the Mercy Sisters which were both founded in Ireland in the nineteenth century. The Mercy Sisters and the Christian Brothers have both conducted schools on our site. All parents are invited to attend the college’s St Patrick’s Day mass on Monday at 9:00 am.

Academic Awards for Year 11 in 2013
Next Monday 17/3/2014 we will present Academic Awards for Year 12 students based on their work in 2013. The awards will commence at 7:30 pm. This will be a short and simple ceremony acknowledging the fine efforts of our students. We time these awards with St Patrick’s Day wherever possible. The students’ work has been moderated at QSA panels in mid-February.

Swimming Carnival
Our swimming carnival is Thursday 20/3/14 at Pioneer Pool. All students are expected to attend to support their house and take part in this community event.

Mocktails
This Friday night our Year 12 students along with those from other schools and colleges in the region will celebrate Mocktails at the MECC. We thank Mrs Agius and other staff of the college who will assist with supervision on the night. Mocktails is run by a community organisation for the benefit of all Year 12 students in the region. It has become part of the rite of passage for Senior students in the greater Mackay region. All schools in the region appreciate the efforts of these community minded people. The Mocktail commences at 7:30 pm and finishes at 11:30 pm. Parents are reminded that they are responsible for the safe collection of their student. St Patrick’s College does not condone after parties as it contradicts the spirit of the Mocktail. The college actively discourages students from being involved in any post parties. In recent weeks there has been legislation that gives the police extra powers, and the power to charge families if they have to attend an out of control event. The costs and legal ramifications of these parties can be great.

Industry Placement
We have a large number of vocational students in Year 12 attending work placement in the last two weeks of term. This is a vital component of their studies and is their first priority. Students should not be missing any days of work over this period. Students do not interrupt their work placement unless they are ill. We thank Mr Cassells and Mrs Browne for all their efforts with the students in organising the placements. We also thank MRAEL who act as the brokers for St Patrick’s students and in fact for most work placements in the Mackay region.

Exams, Assignments and Study
In this period leading up to exams it is important that students begin to study at home more intensely than they may have done previously. Some students will struggle with this but they should be studying about 2.5 hours per week for each OP subject and 1 to 1.5 hours per week for VET subjects. If students are having difficulty studying at home they could make use of the library before and after school or on Saturday. Many of our teachers are also holding tutorial sessions after school at present.

Some students will need to do short intense bursts of study of around 20 to 30 minutes at a time. The problem with this can be the potential for long gaps in between bursts. They will...
most likely need encouragement to get back to their work. Doing this they can achieve quite a bit of study and over time increase the bursts and reduce the gaps. The exam timetable is available on the college website. Students need to pay close attention to the times of their exams and attend in full school uniform with appropriate equipment. Those students who are attending industry placement are required to attend their exams on the evening indicated in the exam timetable.

Use of Google Cloud Services by Catholic Education (Diocese of Rockhampton)

There has been some media focus in recent times on the use of Google Apps for Education. Catholic Education (Diocese of Rockhampton) has provided the following information to reassure parents that data mining is not able to occur when students are using Google Apps for Education (GAFE).

Catholic Education (Diocese of Rockhampton) is one of 16 Dioceses in QLD and NSW who are part of the Catholic Education Network CENet which provides managed ICT Services to support the educational needs of over 350,000 teachers and students. All students and staff have access to Google Apps for Education (GAFE). This is a cloud based service from Google providing independently customizable versions of many Google applications under custom domain names which are managed by CENet.

CENet obtained legal advice prior to migrating to Google Apps for Education from the legal firm Minter Ellison. The Agreement with Google ensures that Google does not track students’ school email and/or web browsing to target advertising within GAFE. Advertising is disabled for all education users.

Google is not used as a gateway for Internet access by CENet members. Regardless of which search engine is used, every time a search is performed the search engine logs an IP address from the CENet public IP range. There is no cross-reference from an IP address to a student’s identity. This happens irrespective of Internet provider. Student email is scanned to perform spam filtering, virus detection and to block inappropriate content. Inappropriate content scanning is automated and does not require manual intervention.

It should be noted that:
- No private details other than name and email address are used to set up Gmail accounts;
- All personal student details are held in the CENet secure data centre in Sydney;
- Google electronically scan messages for spam and similar purposes;
- No student attendance records are stored in the Google cloud service.

Readings for Sunday 16 March 2014

First reading, Genesis 12:1-4 ...'I will bless those who bless you;...

Psalm, Psalm 32:4-5,18-20,22 ... May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Second reading, 2 Timothy 1:8-10 ... With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, ...

Gospel, Matthew 17:1-9 ... Then Peter spoke to Jesus. ‘Lord,’ he said ‘it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ ...

Lesley Fraser – Assistant to the Principal: Religious Education

This coming Monday the 17th March is the feast of St Patrick, Patron of Ireland. We pray this day for all Irish people and for our St Patrick’s College community. Patrick was born towards the close of the fourth century, in a village called Bonaven Taberniae, which seems to be the town of Kilpatrick, on the mouth of the river Clyde, in Scotland. In his sixteenth year he was carried into captivity by barbarians, who took him into Ireland, where he was forced to shepherd cattle in the mountains.

During his captivity, he turned to God in prayer. He wrote: "The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was rosed, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night,
nearly the same." "I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain, where he reunited with his family.

He had another dream in which the people of Ireland were calling out to him "We beg you, holy youth, to come and walk among us once more." He began his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years.

Later, Patrick was ordained a bishop, and was sent to take the Gospel to Ireland. He arrived in Ireland March 25, 433, at Slane. One legend says that he met a chieftain of one of the tribes, who tried to kill Patrick. Patrick converted Dichu (the chieftain) after he was unable to move his arm until he became friendly to Patrick.

Patrick began preaching the Gospel throughout Ireland, converting many. He and his disciples preached and converted thousands and began building churches all over the country. Kings, their families, and entire kingdoms converted to Christianity when hearing Patrick’s message.

Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461 at Saul, where he had built the first church.

Let us pray:
Christ be with me and within me.
Christ be behind me and before me.
Christ be beside me

to comfort and restore me.
Christ be below and above me in peace and in danger.
Christ be within the hearts of all who love me.
Christ be in the words of friend and stranger.

Amen

St Patrick’s Day Mass
On Monday 17 March we are having a College Mass in St Patrick’s Church which will start at 9.00 am and finish by 10.15 am. This is a significant Mass as our former College Chaplain the Reverend Fr Stephen Hanly will be presiding. This year Fr Stephen celebrates his 25 year anniversary of being ordained a priest. All of you are welcome to attend. Mass will be followed by a morning tea in the meeting room. Students are required to be in full academic uniform which includes long grey trousers for males and stockings for females.

A.C.T.S Camp 2014 – Matty Morrison
What do I want to do with my life? Where do I want to go in life? What do I want to give my life to? These were the three simple but effective questions each year 11 student was asked when arriving at A.C.T.S. camp in Yeppoon. The gathering of 68 students in one room for the first time was a slight shock, not to worry as it did not take long for the silence to be broken with the enthusiastic attitude of Christian Noblenza, the facilitator of the camp. Friendships were quickly formed during ice breaker activities and we were also given an opportunity to share parts of our life story. On Wednesday night Christian popped the next two questions. Before coming to A.C.T.S camp I … ? And something I need to let go of is …. ? It was our job to have the strength to stand up in front of everyone and answer these questions. Emotions ran high as we heard about some of the difficulties that students faced in their everyday life. On Thursday morning we were straight back into activities with more games and sessions and it was lovely to see that people were accepting of others. The ritual on Thursday night was extraordinary; our setting was a completely blacked out room with just the small touch of several candles. We had the opportunity to engage in an activity of taking someone by the hand and thanking or asking for forgiveness in some way, by washing the hands of the other person. Sitting by candle light and seeing the emotions of people in the room, made this such a memorable part of the camp. Saying goodbye on Friday morning was most definitely the hardest part, it was difficult to leave these amazing people and go back to our everyday lives. However, the memories that were made at A.C.T.S. camp make our everyday life so much
World Day of Prayer 2014 Reflection – Rhiannon Zahra

As the sky opened up on Friday 7 March, so did the hearts of six St Patrick’s students. This was through the World Day of Prayer liturgy, held at St Charles Anglican Church, which, ironically, was centred around the theme of ‘streams in the desert’ and women in Egypt. Although the Mackay landscape lacked desert characteristics, we all felt as though we were able to connect to this issue on a deeper level. As the liturgy progressed, there were many stories told about women in Egypt, and the St Patrick’s students were given the opportunity to participate through a role play which looked at the story of Jesus declaring he was the Messiah. The overall theme of ‘Streams in the Desert’ brought upon the analogy that water in the desert is a rarity and sign of hope for all those who thirst. This gave us the opportunity to reflect and decide that we wanted to be like water, there to help those in need and be the beacon of light that will carry them through their journey. If we all were to live our lives in this way, we can help others as well as organisations such as CARITAS Project Compassion, which the school is fundraising for in this time of lent. All the St Patrick’s students felt enlightened from this experience, and left with full hearts and open minds to be the desert stream in others’ lives.
Edna Galvin – Assistant to the Principal: Curriculum

Awards

Congratulations to the many Year 12 students who will be receiving awards next week based on their final Year 11 results. This Awards Night is held every year around St Patrick’s Day as part of the celebrations of this important College feast day. The night is only short as the major celebration of senior study is Valedictory Night. The Awards evening next week is to acknowledge the work completed in their Year 11 study and to encourage them in their final year of schooling. Congratulations to all students listed below:

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Special Provision for the QCS Test

The brochure from the Queensland Studies Authority regarding special provision for the QCS Test is on pages 13 and 14. Please see Ms Galvin if you think you qualify for Special Provision.

QCS Book – Year 12 students

By now all Year 12 students intending to do the Queensland Core Skills Test should have purchased the ‘Pathways to Success’ book which is available from Reception at a cost of $30. As we will be using this book extensively during our QCS preparation lessons, it is a matter of urgency of that all OP eligible students have their own copy of this excellence resource.

Dean Andric – English Coordinator

Last week more than sixty St Patrick’s College students and staff attended ‘Shake n Stir’s’ Matilda award winning production, *1984*. The play proved to be a big hit with the Mackay audience and students really appreciated the opportunity to experience live theatre.

Six St Patrick’s College Drama students, Isabella Ross, Erin Van Iersel, Bree Keioskie, Megan Langer, Alexis DiBenedetto and Sophie Tulloch were also fortunate enough to attend a workshop with the theatre company which was designed to foster greater links between the Arts Industry and Education and to also explore a number of the themes and issues conveyed in the performance. All of the students involved benefited greatly from this learning experience.
experience and there is no doubt that we have a number of talented, budding young actors amongst our student cohort.

Isabella Ross, Erin Van Iersel, Bree Keicoskie, Megan Langer, Alexis DiBenedetto and Sophie Tulloch with Ross Balbuziente from 'Shake n Stir'.

Brendon Brauer – Sports Coordinator

St Pat’s Aquatics Carnival
House Nominations for the St Pat’s Aquatics carnival were held last week with many students nominating for various events, in particular the triathlon and age championship 50m races. Students are still eligible to nominate up until the end of this week for the college triathlon. All students are encouraged to consider competing in the event either as an individual or as a member of a team. This is an excellent opportunity to be introduced to the sport of triathlon.

The college Aquatics carnival is a compulsory school day and attendance on this day will be reflected on student references which are issued at the end of the year. The theme for the college Aquatics carnival is Fantasea.

Mackay District 19 years Squash, Rugby Union and Netball Selections
Congratulations to the following students who were selected in the Mackay 18 years Rugby Union, 19 years Netball and Squash teams following last week’s trials:

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Mackay Schoolgirls Netball Competition
The Mackay Schoolgirl’s netball competition commences today with seven St Pat’s teams involved in competition. All girls are reminded to let their coach know if they are unable to attend today’s fixtures. All players should now have returned their permission forms and competition levy and have seen Mr Brauer for a team uniform. Mrs Tracey McLeod has been very busy organising our netball teams and the college is grateful for her assistance with the St Pat’s netball program. Good luck to all of our netball teams. The team names and team coaches/managers are listed below:

St Pat’s Gold (First VII): Mel Prior - coach
St Pat’s Blue (Second VII): Lynette Morris - coach
St Pat’s Red (Third VII): Paula Fordyce - coach, Cathie Williams - manager
St Pat’s White: Jodi Campion - coach
St Pat’s Black: Bernadette Guthrie - coach
St Pat’s Green: Sarah Neivandt - coach
St Pat’s Navy: Cathie Williams - coach

Important Dates
13 March Capricornia Rugby Union, Squash and netball trials
20 March St Patrick’s College Aquatics Carnival
21 March Capricornia Surfing Trials (Agnes Waters)
IMPORTANT NOTICE:
There is no membership fee for Ukulele Club. My sincere apologies for any confusion or inconvenience. Ukulele Club is free for anyone to join, so please disregard the membership form that was given out on Monday.

There are two excellent opportunities coming up for Music students this month at the MECC:

**JANE RUTTER PERFORMANCE & MASTERCLASS > THURSDAY 13 MARCH 2014**

*(It is this week, but it is not too late to take advantage of both the performance and masterclass opportunities!!)*

Performance – 11:00 am @ MECC Auditorium – Student tickets only $13.50 each
Masterclass – 3.30pm @ MECC Auditorium - $5 entry per person
The masterclass is open to any type of instrumentalist … Jane focusses on helping you find the ‘bel canto’ voice of your chosen instrument.

**ANTONIO SERRANO > SUNDAY 23 MARCH 2014**

Antonio is a truly virtuosic harmonica player and accompanies himself on keyboards and looping pedal whilst he plays. This is a unique opportunity – to see a virtuosic performer and composer on such an interesting instrument. Antonio will be providing a Question and Answer session at the conclusion of his concert, so you can watch, listen and then question the performer … a fantastic learning opportunity!

For enquiries about either of these special opportunities, please contact the MECC on 4961 9700.

Another amazing opportunity is available for those who can book fast:

**JAI LAGAIA PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP!**

Jay Lagaia is a New Zealand-born actor and singer. He is best known internationally for his role as Captain Typho in the films *Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones* and *Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith*. Lagaia was a regular in Australian television shows *Water Rats, Play School, Surprise Surprise*, and a contestant on *Celebrity Big Brother* in 2002. He is set to return to the stage to play the lead role of The Wonderful Wizard of Oz in the 2013-14 New Zealand and Australia national tour of the acclaimed Broadway musical, *Wicked*.

If you would like a FREE PERFORMER’S WORKSHOP with Jay, book now!
**Friday, March 14, Gordon White Library 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm.**
The workshop is free however numbers are strictly limited.

For further information
Mackay City Library 4961 9387
Gordon White Library 4961 9300
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Debating report – Mr Mark Gibbs

Last night St Patrick’s College hosted the opening round of the Apex Secondary Interschool Debating carnival. The first topic, *That Australian parents should be able to choose the gender of their children* was challenging to argue, particularly for a Catholic School. Nonetheless, St Pat’s Gold managed to defeat Whitsunday White. Unfortunately St Pat’s Red and St Pat’s White were defeated by Whitsunday Grey and North Mackay White respectively.

Debating is an excellent extension English activity as debaters are required to research, write argumentatively and speak convincingly. Not only do they develop their language skills, but they also significantly expand their general knowledge.

The students who have undertaken this rewarding but time-consuming activity deserve congratulations.

**St Pat’s teams for this year are:**

**St Pat’s Red:**
Eleanor Fordyce, Luke McCarthy, Jasmine Sandes, Lucy Hamilton, Krislyn McKeown. **Coach:** Ms Edna Galvin

**St Pat’s White:**
Tia Hogan, Natalie Mullins, Will Southwood, Jade Vaughan **Coach:** Ms Natalie Pyke

**St Pat’s Gold:**
Lachlan Carroll, Kate Richards, Issy Poots **Coach:** Mr Mark Gibbs
Sewers and crafty folk needed to create costumes for “Dazzle” the musical
If you are able to lend a hand, please come to our first working bee / information session on Sunday 23 March, 10:30 am – 1:00 pm, in the Home Ec sewing room (beside St Patrick’s Hall). If you can use a glue gun you can be of assistance! If you are able to help but can’t make it that day, please call Kerry Braby on 4944 7200.

SHAVE FOR A CURE

Mr Schulze will be participating in the Leukaemia Foundation World’s Greatest Shave on 22 March. He is aiming to raise $500 for this worthy cause. If you would like to support Mr Schulze in this worthy fundraising venture, click on the link below to his personal fundraising page.

Every 46 minutes, someone in Australia gets the news they have blood cancer.
The money you give funds emotional and practical services to help lessen the impact of diagnosis and treatment.

All Leukaemia Foundation’s services are provided free of charge.
Your donation helps to keep it that way.

Blood cancer research is urgent and vital.
Blood cancer is Australia’s second biggest cause of cancer death. The money you give will also help fund leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma research.

To donate to Mr Schulze online
Click on this link to his personal fundraising page.


Conveyance Allowance Assistance

Conveyance Allowance is an assistance provided by the Department of Transport and Main roads to eligible parents / guardians who drive their students to school or to the route of a school bus.

There are several types of Conveyance Allowance available. These are determined by the type of school attended, distance driven to school or bus route and the type of school bus service (if any) provided in your area.

Application forms with further details are available by calling into the Translink Division of the Department of Transport and Main Roads in Nelson Street, Mackay or by telephoning 4951 8673.
**School Bus Assistance for Lower Income Families**

The Safety Net Scheme was developed by the State Government to assist students who do not receive other forms of School Transport Assistance and are members of lower income families.

**Who may be eligible?**

To be eligible for assistance under the Safety Net Scheme, students must be in one of the following categories:

- Students of families eligible for a Health Care Card;
- Students eligible for a Health Care Card;
- Students of families eligible for a Pensioner Concession Card;
- Students of families receiving Veterans Affairs Pension; or
- Students placed under a Care and Protection Order.

Application forms with further details are available by calling into the Translink Division of the Department of Transport and Main Roads in Nelson Street, Mackay or by telephoning 4951 8673.

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**2014 Next Step Survey**

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2013. The Next Step survey is a brief, confidential survey that gains a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers in the year after they finish Year 12.

Between March and June, all our students who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate. Thank you for your support of the Next Step survey in 2014.

For more information visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.
# 2014 Term 1 Year 11 & 12 Exam Timetable

Students are asked to note the exam timetable below and see Mr Gibbs for alternative times if they have an exam clash. All students are required to be in attendance at least 15 minutes before the start of the exam with all materials.

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DO YOU NEED SPECIAL PROVISION FOR THE QCS TEST?

If you have a medical condition or an impairment, or if another factor could make it difficult for you to sit the test, you may be eligible for special provision.

There are four types of special provision that may be available to you:

**Before the test**
- **Special arrangements** are practical adjustments to the test conditions (e.g. rest breaks, A3-size test materials, computer).
- **Exemption** allows a student to be absent from the test and remain eligible for an Overall Position (OP).

**After the test**
- **Absentee exemption** allows a student who was unavoidably absent from the test to remain eligible for an OP.
- **Declaring a test grade null and void** allows a student who sat the test to choose not to receive a test grade.

**FAQs**

**How can I find out what might be approved in my situation?**
First, think about the factors that may make it difficult for you to sit the test. Then, talk to your guidance officer or teacher for some advice. You will find information about specific situations in the special provision handbook.

I receive special provision at school. **Will I automatically receive special provision for the QCS Test?**

No. You will need to apply for special provision for the QCS Test. The special arrangements we approve may not be the same as the arrangements you are allowed for your school tests. For example, being allowed extra time for a test at school doesn't necessarily mean you will be approved extra time to complete the QCS Test.

Remember, only the QSA can approve special provision for the QCS Test.

**How do I apply?**
Talk to your guidance officer or teacher. They will tell you which school staff member will help you complete an application form and gather the necessary documentation, e.g. a medical certificate/specialist report.

We will send you a letter (care of your school) to tell you the outcome of your application.

**What sort of documentation do I need?**
It will vary depending on the type of special provision you apply for and your reason for applying.

If you apply before the test, see the summary in the handbook. It provides detailed information on documentation requirements and time limits.

If you apply after the test, and you are applying for a medical reason, you will need to see a doctor on the days of the test or just after.

**When is the closing date?**
If you are applying before the test, the closing date is 21 May. However, if you develop an illness or another situation develops after this date, apply as soon as possible (but not before the documentation time limits shown in the handbook).

If you are applying for absentee exemption or to have your test grade declared null and void, the closing date is four weeks after the test.

**Where can I find out more?**
Go to www.qsa.qld.edu.au/1102.html to access the special provision handbook and additional information.

How will special provision affect my OP?
Special provision will not affect your OP and there will be no mention of special provision on your Senior Statement/Statement of Results.

If you are approved exemption or have your test grade declared null and void, you will not receive a QCS Test grade.

If you are eligible for an OP and do not sit all four test papers, you will become ineligible if you do not apply for, and receive, exemption.
EXAMPLES OF SPECIAL PROVISION APPLICATIONS

Before the test

**Lachlan** has dyslexia. For his class tests he is allowed extra time and uses a computer.

Lachlan was approved the use of a computer (without spellcheck and voice recognition facilities) and test session instructions in writing. We will approve extra time only for students who are severely affected.

**Ally** has retinitis pigmentosa (a vision impairment). She applied for, and was approved, A3-size test materials and extra time.

**Jiao** has cerebral palsy and uses a scribe and a computer with voice recognition technology at school.

We do not allow the use of a scribe or voice recognition technology. Jiao applied for, and was approved, exemption.

**Benjamin** has depression and takes medication that makes him drowsy.

He was approved a number of special arrangements including extra time to complete the test.

**Kirsten** plays soccer and has been selected to represent Queensland in Victoria during the week of the QCS Test.

Because students cannot sit the QCS Test outside Queensland, exemption was approved.

After the test

**Abdul** sat the Writing Task and Multiple Choice I testpapers but became ill with a virus and was unable to attend the second day of the test.

He applied for, and was approved, exemption.

**Emily** sat all four testpapers even though she was recovering from the flu. She realised afterwards that her illness significantly affected her performance.

She applied to have her test grade declared null and void. Her application was approved.
ATTENTION: ALL PARENTS OF TEENAGERS/THOSE WHO WORK WITH TEENAGERS

THIS IS CRUCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE PHYSICAL AND LEGAL SAFETY OF YOUR CHILD

An invitation for parents/workers to learn about safe partying, legal risks, safety risks and collaboration in the care and safety of young people

*headspace Mackay & Mackay Youth Support Services*

Personally invite you to a FREE evening with Paul Stanley from the Matthew Stanley Foundation (One Punch Can Kill).

Listen to Paul recount the personal and tragic story of what happened to his son Matthew, this story is a truly motivating, inspirational, powerful and moving story and should be heard by everyone. Come and see, hear why so many people are touched by Paul’s story and take this message with them into the real world.

The second half of the session will look at a DVD presented by Paul Stanley and a member of the QLD Police Service. We look at a clip of a 16 year old’s party and the issues that can arise for the young people and the parents (based on actual events very eye opening to any parent)

When- Wednesday 19th March
Where- Mackay Masonic Hall, Wood Street (across road from Coffee Club)
Time- 6:15pm-8:00pm

RSVP Essential: Phone Shane Sturdy on 48982200 or email SSturdy@tmml.com.au Tuesday 18th March 2014

Anyone working, caring, parenting of young people should see this free presentation.