Welcome new and returning students and families to North High for 2016

When you come to the school you will see our new electronic notice board which is towards the end of the campus by the hall. Please keep an eye on it for important events that we will advertise. Remember to check the school website for school updates and newsletters (fortnightly).
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome parents and students to 2016 at Mackay North State High School. Welcome to all our new families who have joined us this year. While all students returned to school on Wednesday, many of our staff have been back at school for some time preparing and planning for the arrival of students and the start of the school year.

Over the student free days last week, our staff spent some time going over our 2016 school priorities which include:
1. Whole school attendance
2. Writing and Reading (whole school literacy)
3. High quality teaching practices
4. Student outcomes and curriculum delivery
5. Numeracy (whole school)

Focusing on these priorities will ensure that your student has every opportunity to succeed at North High.

This week I spoke to all year levels and emphasized the importance of attending school every day. I also encouraged students to model our three school values, respect, resilience and confidence on a daily basis.

We have a fantastic team of staff at Mackay North who all play a part in supporting your student. If you have any concerns, please speak to your student’s teachers or one of our dedicated Year Level Coordinators.

I wish everyone a great start to 2016!

Jane Grieger
Principal

Respect  Resilience  Confidence

Please note the dates for the following Information Evenings:

Year 10 – Tuesday 9th February - 6:00pm
Year 11 – Tuesday 16th February - 7:00pm
Year 12 – Tuesday 23rd February - 7:00pm
From the Deputy Principals

Welcome to Term 1 to all parents and students.

We have been busy enrolling students, making timetable adjustments and balancing class numbers. This time of year is always a period where we need to adjust classes to suit enrolments.

As a result, we are making some changes to student timetables, particularly in Years 8 and 11. All students in Years 8 and 11 will receive a new timetable on Monday.

We are sure that students will adjust quickly to these changes and we thank you in advance for your patience while we settle into 2016.

Ms Lisa Veney (Deputy Principal)

If a student goes to the front of the school to speak to anyone in response to a mobile phone call, it will be treated as a breach of the school’s Mobile Phone policy and the subsequent consequences will be applied. All communication with students MUST be through the school office.

This reflects the Department’s Duty of Care policy.

Mr Tim Condren (Deputy Principal)

School photos – Monday 1 February and Tuesday 2 February.

Correct uniform rules must be strictly followed. Please pay online if possible. Photo money must be given directly to the photographer on the day. Correct change is required; the office will not be able to give change.

Mrs Bronwyn Nixon & Mr Ian Harrison (Deputy Principals)

Principal, Deputy Principal & Year Co-ordinators

Principal: Mrs Jane Grieger (Year 12)
Deputy Principals: Mr Condren (Years 10/11)
Mr Ian Harrison / Mrs Bronwyn Nixon (Years 8/9)
Ms Lisa Veney (Year 7)

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Karen Cridland (Yr 12) kcrid2@eq.edu.au
**ARTWORK OF THE MONTH**
**ON LOAN FROM PRIVATE COLLECTOR**

**“KREFFT’S CHAIR”**
2012
LINO PRINT
102 X 76CM

**NOW ON DISPLAY IN THE OFFICE OF MR CONDREN (DEPUTY PRINCIPAL)**

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**KREFFT’S CHAIR**

Gerard Krefft (1830–1881) was one of Australia's first and leading zoologists and palaeontologists. In addition to many scientific papers, he wrote *The Snakes of Australia* and *The Mammals of Australia*. Krefft formally described the Queensland lungfish, suggesting it could be the 'missing link' between fishes and amphibians.

While Krefft was director of the Australian Museum between 1864 and 1874, he built up the museum's collections and won international repute as a scientist. He corresponded in the 1860s with Charles Darwin and was one of the few Australian scientists to accept Darwin's theory of evolution and disseminate his ideas. Eccentrically, he secretly staged a fight between a snake and a mongoose in the museum's basement for the visiting Duke of Edinburgh.

Devoted to the museum’s interests, Krefft clashed with the trustees—notably Sir William Macleay who was building up his private collection at the expense of the museum's. The staunchly conservative religious views of the board of trustees strongly opposed Krefft’s radical theories on evolution. They strategically charged him with drunkenness, theft and disobeying the trustees’ orders.

In 1874 Krefft was fired. Refusing to vacate his office he was physically carried from the museum by two prize fighters, while still in his chair, and thrown onto the street. After several appeals to the Supreme Court, Krefft was demoralized. Without his livelihood he was left destitute and died of congestion of the lungs.

Krefft’s Chair now resides outside the boardroom at the Australian Museum as if patiently waiting for the next dismissal.

Rew Hanks
Welcome back to the school year. 2016 will see the continuation of the BYOx programme into the senior years of schooling. The years 7-8 will continue with the iPad BYOx programme and this year the years 9s will also participate in the iPad BYOx programme.

The years 10-12s will be able to bring an iPad and/or a Windows or Mac laptop to school. To see more details on the types of devices please visit the school website.

https://macknortshs.eq.edu.au/Facilities/Computersandtechnology/Pages/Computersandtechnology.aspx

Click on Facilities link and then Computers and technology link. You will be able to access the relevant information such as the Dell, Acer and OfficeMax portals where you can purchase devices online, as well as download free Office 365 suite and AutoCAD software. If you have any questions please send an e-mail to me (jdool22@eq.edu.au) or use the QR to the right. My phone number is 4963-1719.

Assistance in the BYOx

If you need assistance with your child’s iPad or laptop please visit the tech team in the Library between 3pm and 5pm from Monday 1st February to Friday 5th February (Week 2). We will be available to help you with your child’s device.

Purchasing old school laptops

If you wish to purchase an old Dell Latitude E5140 for $40 please pay at the office and bring your receipt to the technician in the Library. The technician will have it ready in a day or two. Please note that these laptops are old and may not be suitable for school use.
Welcome to our new Year 7s. Here are the newbies enjoying themselves in a classroom and on the deck with their Year 12 mentors.
Welcome to another hectic and exciting year in the Performing Arts faculty – and a very special welcome to our new Year 7 cultural students. We are thrilled to have so many talented Performing Arts students joining our faculty. There are many important events happening this year, including Fanfare, the KMEIA Choral Festival plus our twenty-second appearance at the State Anzac Parade in Brisbane in April. Please refer to the Cultural Calendar for 2016 which is included in this newsletter.

MARCHING BAND – AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD NOMINATION

This year our marching band was honoured with a nomination for the Mackay Australia Day Awards. This is a great honour for the ensemble and is testimony to the high esteem in which the band is held in the Mackay community. Congratulations to all marching band members and staff!

INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM ORGANISATION

All lessons resume in Week 3 and all instrumental ensembles and the vocal group resume in Week 4. Timetables will be available next week. The lessons are 50 minutes long and students will return to class for the last section of the lesson. ALL Year 11 and 12 lessons will be held in first breaks. Reminder that all students in the instrumental program need to pay the $60.00 instrumental levy to the office.

INSTRUMENTAL ORIENTATION – YEAR 7 STUDENTS AND PARENTS – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Next Tuesday evening there is a very important meeting in the senior auditorium at 7.00pm for all continuing Year 7 instrumental students and their parents. Please attend if at all possible.

During the meeting I will explain how the program works at the school and discuss issues related to the school’s cultural programs. The topics to be covered will include: program requirements, annual levy, expectations and level of commitment required; timetables; ensemble groups and rehearsal times; cultural uniform; cultural calendar; the Marching Band trip and cultural awards. Representatives from the instrumental teachers will be in attendance to outline the requirements for the year and to answer any questions you may have. As well, a number of important handouts will be provided.

The meeting should finish about 8.30pm. I look forward to meeting and working with you in the coming year.

STRING QUICKSTART PROGRAM

As advised last year, the string program this year is starting with a special “immersion” program for all string students from Years 7 – 12. This will take the form of a day of workshops with string specialist, Ms Susan Mora, in our hall from 10.00am – 3.00pm on Sunday, February 14th. This is an invaluable opportunity for the students to “revisit and revitalise” their string technique for the year and have a lot of fun developing their ensemble skills while trying out the repertoire planned for this year. The school will provide a pizza lunch for the students. If there is any reason why your student cannot attend this workshop, please contact me on 49631686.

CULTURAL UNIFORMS

New cultural uniforms are available from PSW Quality Apparel on Evans Avenue (formerly Marvic). Second hand cultural uniforms can be purchased from the Music Department after the start of Week 5 (February 22nd).

Kathy GEORGE
HOD – Performing Arts

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From the Business Services Manager

We are putting out a desperate plea to parents of students who have outgrown their junior school shirts to donate them to the office or to other parents. Due to circumstances beyond our control, we will not have a full range of sizes available until Term 2.

All students continuing from 2015 must return completed and signed Student Resource Scheme Parent Participation forms on Monday.
Author Visit

Late last year we welcomed back former student, Katrina Ilich, to share her first published book with our Year 8 Stellar students. Kat has written a children’s story, ‘The Cat With No Tail’ which she read to our budding writers and avid readers.

Coinciding with their own assessment task, Year 8 students were able to ask Kat about her motivations and processes involved in writing and publishing a story. The visit was thoroughly enjoyed by our students.

Kat generously donated a copy of her book to our school library.

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Centenary of Anzac 2016 Tour

Preparations are well underway for the school’s 9th overseas Anzac tour, the Centenary of Anzac 2016 Commemorative Tour, which will take place in September this year. The 26 senior students involved will visit the battlefields of Gallipoli and the old Western Front in France and Belgium as well as a special visit to Changi Prison in Singapore to honour WW2 POWs. Of course, this tour marks a very significant anniversary as the students walk in the footsteps of our countrymen 100 years after Australia’s first battles on the infamous Western Front.

The main focus of the tour is to honour fallen Australian soldiers who are buried or commemorated in the areas to be visited. The students are researching the lives and war services of these soldiers and will visit each grave or memorial and conduct a personal service. Photographs will be taken and brought back to the soldiers’ families in Mackay.

The students would love to hear from anyone who may have a fallen WW1 or WW2 relative and who would like the group to research the soldier and visit the grave overseas. It would be a great honour for the students to undertake this task. Please contact Project Co-ordinator, Mike Goodwin at the school on 49631729 if you would like to discuss this offer.

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The Australian National Memorial at Villers Bretonneux in France. This memorial records the names of nearly 11 000 soldiers who died in France during WW1 who have no known grave. Many of these men died in the infamous Battle of Pozieres in 1916.
Let me introduce myself…

How quickly did those holidays disappear? I hope everyone is refreshed and ready for a brand new school year. For new parents, my name is Rachel Archer and I have been the School-Based Youth Health Nurse here at Mackay North SHS since 2014. As part of the Student Support team, it is my job to promote health and wellbeing within the school, rather than administering first aid or medication, and help create a healthy, supportive environment.

I usually work one-to-one with students, discussing a broad range factors affecting their overall health. These include things like relationships, feeling unhappy or stressed, puberty, nutrition, healthy skin, smoking, alcohol and other drugs. Please feel free to contact me, however, if you are worried about your child’s health for any reason. If I don’t have suitable resources I can help you access one of the many agencies in Mackay that can help to see your family through a difficult time.

My office is located on the car park corner of the administration building and I am at the school on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. The best way to contact me is by email as I am often away from my desk or with a student. My email address is rarch48@eq.edu.au and direct phone number is 4963 1606.

Immunisation program comes to school

In 2016 the school is providing free vaccinations for all Year 7 and Year 8 students 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).

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.

A consent form for each vaccination offered was given to your child to bring home on Wednesday, January 27. Please read the information carefully, sign the consent form and return consent form to the school by Monday, February 8.

Parents are encouraged to mark the following vaccination dates on their calendar to ensure students do not miss out on the school immunisation program – it can be very costly to go to your GP for catch-up vaccinations down the track. We encourage all students to have a substantial breakfast on the morning of vaccination.


Child and Adolescent Oral Health Services Mackay
(School Dental Service)

Dear Parents,

The School Dental Service is now offering services to students enrolled in Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 at Mackay North High School.

Parents can contact the Mackay North Primary School Dental Clinic Phone 4951 4241 to arrange an appointment by 26th February, 2016

Please note: A parent/guardian will need to attend all appointments with their student.

If the phone is unattended please leave details including your student’s name, D.O.B and contact number.

For further information on this service, please visit our website: http://www.health.qld.gov.au/oralhealth/services/school.asp
INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2016

The Mackay North SHS Interhouse Swimming Carnival will be held over 2 days this year. Friday 19\textsuperscript{th} February will see the junior school (years 7 – 9) participate first, followed by the seniors (years 10 – 12) competing on Friday 26\textsuperscript{th} February. These are NORMAL SCHOOL DAYS and all students are expected to attend.

Those students wanting to participate in the day MUST NOMINATE in their WAVE lesson in Week 3. If students do not nominate, then they will not be attending the carnival and they will be attending normal classes. Students attending the carnival will need to bring their swimming clothes and a hat, as well as their lunch. Sunscreen and water will be provided. Whilst at the carnival, students may change in to their house colours (Bagley – red, Fitzgerald – blue, Norris – green, Spiller – yellow), however must be in full school uniform before leaving the pool at the end of the day.

All students attending the carnival are reminded that this is a normal school day and normal school rules apply. Any student who behaves in an inappropriate manner will be sent back to class and be dealt with in accordance to the school’s behaviour policy. Also, no electronic devices will be permitted at the carnival. Any devices seen will be dealt with in accordance to the school’s electronic devices policy.

I look forward to seeing many students in their house colours at the pool on Friday 19\textsuperscript{th} or 26\textsuperscript{th} February! Will Spiller keep the junior championship? Can Fitzgerald hold on to the senior championship? Who will get overall supremacy this year? Stay tuned to find out the answer to these questions…

SPORTING TRIALS

Sporting trials are advertised on daily notices at school. Students wanting to attend sporting trials – either Northern Suburbs (12yrs) or Mackay & District (13-19yrs) – must collect a form for their chosen sport from Mr Smith in the PE staffroom. These forms must then be taken home and filled out by parents/caregivers and returned to school. When they are returned to school, they are to be taken to the school office and paid for ($2 for Northern Suburbs and $5 for Mackay & District) where they will be stamped. Once the form is stamped, it must then be taken to Mr Smith in the PE staffroom before the due date. This is 1 week before the trial (where practicable) and is stated on the daily notices, as well as the note. Students who do not submit their forms will not be nominated, and will be expected to attend school on that day. Any student who attends the trial without being nominated by the school will be considered to be truanting as the school has not given permission for them to attend the trial. This will be dealt with upon return to school. Also, without the nomination, the student will be ineligible for selection in that particular sport.

Please do not hesitate in contacting me if you have any questions on this.

Yours in sport,

Daniel Smith
Sports Coordinator

Please return Student Resource Scheme forms on Monday

Easter Break March 25 to April 10 (inclusive)

Attendance, punctuality & attending all day, every day are vital.
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STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME PARENT PARTICIPATION FORMS

All continuing students were issued with this form on Day 1.

NEW ENROLMENTS (including Year 7) – This form was included in a set of enrolment forms was completed upon your student’s enrolment. On the first day at school your student will have received their student diary and some text books and resources will be issued as required.

CONTINUING YEARS 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 STUDENTS – This Student Resource Scheme Parent Participation form is to be completed and returned to the school on Monday. Only then will textbooks and resources be issued to the student in class.

FEES – The fees may be paid: (a) upon enrolment of a new student; (b) as soon as this form is returned for continuing students; (c) alternatively an account will be sent approximately one month after the school year commencing. FORMS MUST BE RETURNED IMMEDIATELY; WHETHER PAYMENT OF FEES HAS BEEN MADE OR NOT.

SOUTHS UNITED HOCKEY CLUB

If you are between 13 and 99 (Male and Female)

We would like to invite you to our SIGN ON DAY SUNDAY 14th February 2016

You can find us at the MECC Sports Expo Day Or at Souths Leagues Club 12-2pm

If you have any questions please contact Kellie Wilson: 0429 429 063 or Email secretary@southshockeymackay.com.au

Recruiting for 2016

“OPEN DAY”

AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADETS

Training Ship Pioneer

Are you between the age of 12½ and 19, interested in having a go at a few new challenges, like the water, like adventure, working together in a group? Then come along and let the Navy Cadets of Training Ship Pioneer show YOU, what YOU can get involved in. YOU will get to learn how to sail, navigate and gain skills in everything from information technology, communications, cooking, First Aid to drill, seamanship and many more exciting activities.

If you think this is for you please come along on Saturday 20 February from 9am – 12 noon to see what we have to offer. You can find us at the Defence Precinct, 400 Shakespeare Street, Mackay.

If you would like further information please contact us by email: Rebecca.scott1@navycadets.gov.au or the mobile phone number below.

For more information, Phone: 0475 596302