

## From the Principal

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### YEAR 7 EVENING &ndash; ROUND 2, 11TH SEPTEMBER

Many thanks to all of the staff and students who made last Thursday's Year 7 to 8 evening such a success. The number of parents and students attending was very high which was a little surprising since Gladstone State High and ourselves had managed to put our year 7 to 8 evening on the same afternoon. As a result, we will be running an additional evening in a shortened format....

- a Year 7 Lite &ndash; from 5.00 to 6.00 pm on Tuesday, 11 September for those parents who missed the first evening, but would still like to see what Toolooa has to offer.

### SCOOTERS AND SKATEBOARDS &ndash; SECURED TO BIKE RACKS

When reviewing our register of injury to students, it has become increasingly obvious that scooters and skateboards were featuring too highly as the source of accidents for our current policy to continue. While we recognise that many students use them to get to and from school, carrying them and using them around the school poses an unnecessary risk of injury. As a result, from Monday (10th September) all scooters and skateboards will have to be secured to the bike racks. Please work with your son or daughter on the best way to secure their gear (probably some arrangement of a short length of chain or looped wire rope and a padlock).

### RESOURCE FEES

The school is currently owed more than \$80 000 in Resource fees from parents. While we wish that state education could be completely cost free, it isn't &ndash; resource fees contribute to books, our school bus, photocopying, the bus, computers, printers and much, much more. Without this money our capacity to offer the breadth of curriculum and range of activities that we currently do, will be severely curtailed. If you have forgotten to pay your child's school fees, please do so as soon as possible or approach the school to organise a part-payment plan.

### AUSTRALIAN TECHNICALCOLLEGE &ndash; SCHOOL-BASED APPRENTICESHIPS

The Australian Technical College &ndash; Gladstone Region (ATC-GR) has applied to the state government to become an independent school in 2008 and as a result, the Memorandum of Understanding which had been in place with the Gladstone state and independent schools has lapsed, though all of our schools will continue the commitment we have made this year. This means that, as at the end of this year, those students in school-based traineeships or apprenticeships (SATs) with the ATC will be required to decide whether to:

- continue with the ATC-GR for their SATs and transfer their academic studies to the ATC (which will mean leaving their current school),
- or
- transfer their SAT back to their school of origin and continue their academic studies at that school.

If you are unsure of what to do or need clarification, please contact the school and speak either to myself or to

our Careers and Transition Officer, Nathan Wyer on 49714306.  
Atkins, Principal

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