

Toolooa State High School Tune In Toolooa

20th of June, 2024 **ISSUE 10** Term 2 — Week 10

Achievement Responsibility Respect



Principal's Piece — Justin Harrison

As we reach the end of semester one, I would like to congratulate the Toolooa SHS teaching and non-teaching team

for their dedication, flexibility, responsiveness to innovation, and unwavering support for student learning. We are fortunate to be a committed community of educators who keep student outcomes at the heart of all endeavours. In addition, a special mention must go out to our parents and carers for your support of our school and the vested interest you have displayed in your child's education. A positive connection between school and home has never been more important.

Term 2 has again been a busy time in our school with a significant number of students involved in sporting, cultural and academic opportunities outside of their standard classroom routines. I would like to congratulate those who have excelled in their chosen field and have represented Toolooa SHS admirably. Keep up the great work.

Term 3 Staffing Update

To keep our community abreast of all staffing changes, I have included below some changes to our staffing team that will begin next semester.

The most notable staffing change that is occurring is the loss of Mr Dave Roby (HOSES). Dave has accepted another position at Thursday Island and will be leaving us at the end of this term. On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank Dave for everything that he has done and the support, guidance, & wisdom that he has provided Toolooa, especially in the Inclusion space. Dave, I wish you all the very best.

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that Mrs Tracey Davis has recently been successful in gaining the permanent position of Head of Special Education Services at Toolooa SHS. Tracy will start in the role on the first day of Term 3.

Departing Staff

As the term draws to a close, Toolooa SHS farewell 3 staff. We wish them all the best of luck in their new endeavours

Mr Dave Roby - HOSES Miss Rochele Gibson - English Ms Angela West – English

Probationary Teachers
Toolooa SHS would like to congratulate the following beginning teachers who successfully completed their probation period in semester 1 and are now permanent members of staff

Miss Skye Clutterbuck **Mr James Cody**

Toolooa SHS will be welcoming the following staff in semester 2:

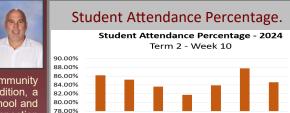
Mrs Karynne Peters - English Miss Whitney Dew – English Miss Nikita Korableff – English/ Humanities

Ms Larissa Rohdman - HPE

2025 Senior Subject Selection & SET Plans

All Year 10 students have now selected their Semester 2 subjects which should align to their Senior Pathway and Senior subject aspirations. This Semester 2 "Foundation to Senior" approach will enable students to trial particular subjects and get a "feel" for the academic rigour and assessment/study demands required of Senior students to be successful in their chosen pathway. Our 2025 Senior Subject Selection and SET Plan processes will commence next term. More information will follow.

We are starting our 2025 Year 7 transition very shortly. Enrolment packages are available for collection from the office. We will then be hosting a transition information session on Tuesday 6th August 2024 at 4.30pm. Please follow our school's Facebook page to keep up-to-date on all the latest transition info!



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For the Fridge

21/06/2024 Last Day of Term 2 8/07/2024 **Term 3 Commences** 22/07/2024 P & C Meeting-Shelter -

6:00pm

21-23/08/2024 26/08/2024

Carnarvon Gorge Excursion P & C Meeting-Shelter -

6:00pm

13/09/2024 30/09/2024 17/10/2024 Last day of Term 3 **Term 4 Commences** 2024 Award's Night



Principal's Piece Continued - Justin Harrison



Term 2 Reporting

With Term 2 assessment now finalised, teachers will be compiling reports to advise parents and families about their students' progress in the areas of achievement, behaviour and homework. Senior reports will be sent home just before the holidays, with junior reports going out in the first week of next term. As a key partner in your child's education, this is a perfect opportunity to have a discussion with them about how they are travelling and what their goals are for Semester 2. Whilst there are no parent teacher interviews this term, our staff are always happy to discuss student progress with parents collaboratively map out the next steps to achieve the best possible outcome for every

Support Staff Recognition Week

Last week, Toolooa SHS celebrated the valued contribution our Support Staff play in our school. It was all about recognising, respecting and celebrating what they do to make Toolooa SHS an accessible, safe, supportive and engaging place for all students to learn. They have done and will continue to do an amazing job to keep our school running, learning continuing and keeping us safe. To our Administrator Officers, Business Managers, School Officers, IT Officers, Science Technicians, Community Education Counsellor, Youth Support Coordinator, School Nurse, Youth Workers, we thank you.

External Assessment Invigilators: Applications Are Open

Applications are now open for community members to become an external assessment invigilator. Invigilators are paid to observe Year 12 exams at secondary schools throughout Queensland from late October to mid-November.

We encourage any potential applicants, including past invigilators, to apply.

Visit the QCAA website for more information.

Feedback Survey

Over the last couple of weeks, some of our junior school students (Years 7 - 10) have participated in pulse surveys during form class. We value our surveys and feedback as they are an excellent platform for our students to share their voices and opinions. The feedback we get from these surveys allow us to make improvements and put plans into place to continue to better our school. We would also like to share some of the feedback with the broader school community, as we have a lot to celebrate from our student voices. Here are some of the results.

80% of our students believe our school is a good school.

75% of our students responded favourably when asked if they felt comfortable to talk to their teachers about their concerns.

87% of our students believe our school has clear rules and expectations.

During Term 3 parents, staff and students will be provided an opportunity to share their feedback through the official school opinion surveys. We encourage all parents to participate, as the more feedback we receive the more we can improve our school for our students and the wider community.

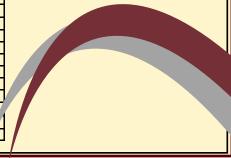
Representative School Sport

Congratulations to the outstanding athletes that have represented Toolooa SHS for either Port Curtis or Capricornia school sports. We applaud your dedication, hard work and sportsmanship as well as your outstanding achievements. We wish you continued success as you continue to inspire others with your passion and commitment. Well done to our Port Curtis and Capricornia representatives!

Port Curtis Representative	Sport
12 Years	
Dakota Dennis	Basketball
Nayt Crawford	Basketball
Hanna Sorrensen	Basketball
Scarlett Burgess	Netball
Layla Ervine	Netball
Jack Kenward	Rugby League
Charlie Martin	Rugby Union
Ella Glossop	Soccer
Madison Davies	Soccer
Elly	Tennis
,	
13-19 Years	
Jon Dickenson	AFL
Seth Sporne	AFL
Zach Charalambous	AFL
Bryce Schellebeck	AFL
Jack Cooper	AFL
Parker Bowman	AFL
Matilda Oldaker	AFL
Lilly Bradley	AFL
Yukie Sorrensen	Basketball
Melia Sorrensen	Basketball
Kirra Barnes	Basketball
Bella Oliver	Basketball
Aleena Quadri	Basketball
Liam Keeping	Basketball
Declan Jones	Basketball
Zoe McDonald	Basketball
Ryan Goltz	Cricket
Kai	Cricket
Mia Hetherington	Cross Country
Keanu	Cross Country
Reef Large	Cross Country
Cody Peachy	Cross Country
Ryan Goltz	Cross Country
Kai Urane	Hockey
Noah Glindon	Hockey
Jaylyn Crosby	Netball
Finn Robinson	Netball
Sadie Robinson	Netball
Jasmine Ervine	Netball
James Benjamin	Rugby League
Cooper	Rugby League
Corbyn Ghee	Rugby League
Riley Smith	Rugby League
Charlie Martin	Rugby League
Hayden Thomas	Rugby League
Cooper Young	Rugby Union
James Benjamin	Rugby Union
Kodi James	Soccer
Sophie Slack	Soccer
Ryan Goltz	Soccer
Isaac Slack	Soccer
Cohen Beach	Soccer
Ayden Bye	Soccer
Ella Glossop	Soccer
Madison Davies	Soccer
Max Ferguson	Softball
Logan Peachey	Softball
Cody Peachey	Softball
Bailey Peachey	Softball
Daney i caomey	Comban

Port Curtis Representative	Sport
Blake Whalan	Squash
Cooper Price	Tennis
Elly	Tennis
Rhyda Docherty	Touch Football
Xavier Hite-Ngamotu	Touch Football
Matthew	Touch Football
William Dendrinos	Touch Football
Claire	Touch Football
Koebi Tattam	Volleyball
Zoe McDonald	Volleyball
Alice Chaiyo	Volleyball
Cara Corke	Volleyball
Ayden Bye	Volleyball
Charlie Martin	Volleyball
Aarron Davies	Volleyball
Lebron Arquiza	Volleyball
Blake Whalan	Volleyball
Riley Cooper	Volleyball
Mark	Volleyball
Hayden Poole	Volleyball
Juztis McGrath	Volleyball
Lui Egtapen	Volleyball

Sport
Basketball
Basketball
Tennis
AFL
Basketball
Cross Country
Golf
Golf
Hockey
Soccer
Soccer
Soccer
Soccer
Softball
Swimming
Tennis
Volleyball



Principal's Piece Continued - Justin Harrison



The Robys' are moving to Thursday Island

I have accepted a position at Thursday Island Secondary Campus as a Guidance Officer to commence at the beginning of Term 3. It is with mixed emotions that I say farewell to the Toolooa community. I feel sad to leave families, students and work colleagues behind. I feel proud for the way we have created an inclusive and supportive environment over many years. I feel privileged to have been able to walk along side and provide support to many students transitioning to Toolooa and work with staff here. I feel excited for the next steps in my professional and personal journey. There is no doubt that I have stood on the shoulders of giants and pioneers in the Students with a Disability space including Lynda Ehrke-Malone and Maree Dwyer. Lynda, Maree, alongside strong school leadership, made positive steps to advance and advocate for outcomes for Students with a Disability. I am proud of our current team of Diverse Learning Year Level Support and Program coordinators and have every faith that they will continue to support students, teachers and families with their educational journey.

Toolooa State High School welcomes Tracey Davis, an experienced special educator, to take the helm as the Head of Special Education Services in a permanent full-time position. Her experience, professional attributes and interpersonal skills will advance outcomes for all students including those with a disability. I wish her the very best of luck as I say farewell to the Toolooa SHS school community.

For the last time,



David Roby

School Cleaners Day

Monday 17 June was School Cleaner's Day. It's our opportunity to recognise and celebrate our school cleaners and their efforts to keep our schools clean. They promote health and hygiene by ensuring everything from the classroom to the corridors and shared spaces are clean, so we can focus on teaching and learning.

Below are some of our cleaners with a small gift of appreciation from the Toolooa State High School community.





Good News Stories

Congratulations Milly Sharpe





A Huge Congratulations to Milly Sharpe, who won a silver medal in the women's U18 5,000m race walk at the Oceania Athletics Championships last week in Fiji!

What an absolute champion!





Congratulations To The Following Students Who Have Been Selected To Represent Capricornia





Mia Hetherington Cross Country



Ella Glossop Football



Nayt Crawford Basketball

Senior Maths Competition

Congratulations to our Year 11 and 12 teams, who competed incredibly well at last week's Gladstone Area Senior Mathematics Competition! Our Year 12 Team took out the overall competition, and our Year 11 Team took out their division.

Thanks to the other local schools for the strong competition on the day!





2025 Year 7 Enrolments

Enrolments for 2025 will open on the first day of Term 3 - Monday, 8th July, 2024.

Please visit our office to collect an enrolment package

Completed packages are due back to the office by the end of Term 3 - Friday 13th September.

Like us on Facebook for other information

Please contact the office if you have any questions. 49714333

2025 Year 7 Info Night

Toolooa State High School 2025 Year 7 Info Night

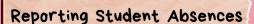
Families of 2025 Year 7 students are invited to join us for our first of two information sessions of the year.

Tuesday 6th August 2024 4:30pm - 5:30pm Toolooa SHS Shelter

Please book online via SOBS (link below)

SOBs Booking:

https://eq.sobs.com.au/pt3/parent.php?schoolid=70345



Student Absences

To streamline the process at Toolooa SHS, I encourage all parents/carers to contact the school on the below e-mail, SMS or phone numbers to explain your child's absence:

- E-Mail: studentabsentee@toolooashs.eq.edu.au
- SMS: 0426 305 132
- · Phone: 49 714 360
- Absentee phone during Office Hours: 49 714 304









Stymie News







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Week 9

Week 10

WINTER

A reminder, as the mercury has dropped a little, that students are welcome to wear a plain black jumper/jacket to school, or a TSHS jacket. Students must wear the Toolooa SHS shorts, or plain black tracksuit pants/slacks. TSHS jackets and tracksuits are available to purchase (at cost price) from the cashier in the office, not the uniform shop

Students out-of-uniform will be required to attend a uniform detention, unless they bring a note from home, explaining the reason for temporarily being out of uniform.

School Jackets

As the weather cools down, a reminder that students can wear a <u>plain black</u> jumper or jacket to school, or the TSHS jacket.

TSHS Jackets can be purchased for \$40 from the school cashier (office - not the uniform shop), which opens at 8am daily.

Senior Schooling News With Darren Boase









Starting Term 3 ENROL NOW...

Certificate II in Health Support Services HLT23221

Infection Control and Workplace Health & Safety training included.

These skills can be used in many industries like Health, Retail and Hospitality.

One day a week, on site training at 70 Lord Street, Gladstone.

See Toolooa Senior Schooling Team in the library for an application pack.



Apply Now: Year 12 Exam Invigilators

The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) is now hiring community members to work casually as invigilators to observe and report on the administration of Year 12 exams at Queensland schools from 21 October to 12 November.

Paid training is provided, so no prior experience is necessary.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old, eligible to work in Australia and hold a current paid Blue card, exemption card, or a Queensland College of Teachers registration.

Find out more and apply via the QCAA website.



Work as an invigilator observing Year 12 exams around Queensland

in October & November







Senior Schooling News With Darren Boase







Please access the following links for the application package and more information for the following certificates:

2025 BITS Application package

2025 Cert II Tourism

2025 Cert III Business





BITS is located on-site at Boyne Smelters Limited (BSL) where students study certificate qualifications in Business, Tourism and Active Volunteering. Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 are provided with opportunities to gain practical work ready experiences in a real work environment while completing their Vocational Education Training (VET) qualifications.

BITS Core Values: Fun, Freedom, Belonging, Recognition

We are very fortunate to have a strong partnership with Boyne Smelters Limited (BSL) since inception of our program in 2006. To continue this partnership well into the future we must continue to understand and follow all BSL policies and procedures.

In 2025 there is lots of community involvement, leadership activities, BSL enterprise tasks and networking available in a supportive learning environment.

Open 22nd July 2024 for 2025 enrolment. Applications available here ebits@tannumsandsshs.eq.edu.au

Students are selected based on Effort & Behaviour results and a Satisfactory in English.

BSB30120 Certificate III Business

Wednesday Up to 8 QCE points Binnacle Training (RTO 31319)

SIT20122 Certificate II Tourism and CHC24015 Certificate II in Active Volunteering

Thursday Up to 4 QCE points Binnacle Training (RTO 31319) and Tannum Sands State High School (RTO 30586)







Senior Schooling News With Darren Boase









At BITS, we pride ourselves in being able to create work ready students by encouraging the foundations of success: fun, freedom, belonging and recognition.





Wednesday and Thursday 8.30am - 2:50pm

Handley Drive BOYNE ISLAND

Phone: 0436 819 404

Email: ebits@tannumsandsshs.eq.edu.au



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Students who choose to study at the BITS Centre benefit from the opportunities that arise from these very unique partnerships.



Why study at BITS?

The students are exposed to real workplace practices, such as:

- Wearing site safe uniforms and personal protective equipment
- Site inductions & tool box meetings
- Site medicals (including random drug and alcohol testing)
- Complying with WH&S industry standards
- Being treated like adults onsite
- Exposure and access to BSL staff expertise and mentorship
- Access to the Smelter's Chillax Café and Employee tea rooms







What qualifications can be gained?

BITS offers the following courses:

Certificate III in Business (Wednesday, up to 8 QCE credits)

Certificate II in Active Volunteering (Thursday, up to 4 QCE

Employability skills gained?

- Safet
- Self Management
- Team work
- Communication
- Organisation
- Problem solving
- Confidence
- Business ethics
- Technology
- Initiation and Enterprise
- Community involvement
- Real life skill:

What else do we offer?

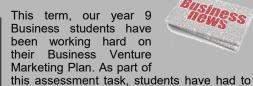
- Accelerated student learning through immersion and integration of your subject within a work place environment
- Involvement in the Boyne Smelter's Community relation activities



Yr 9 Business News







research businesses in the Gladstone region to investigate what businesses and services are currently offered in the area. Students have then had to develop a marketing plan for a business idea where there is a gap in the local market. This is once again a reallife task that gives ECB students valuable skills for the business world. They have come up with some very creative ideas. A big thank you has to go to their teacher, Mrs Lamberton who always works tirelessly to help with these engaging tasks for our





students. **Chris Hill HoD Business**

Humanities News

Year 11 Geography









Our Year 11 geography students spent the day collecting primary data for their upcoming FIA3 assignment, focused on revitalising the CBD. The students conducted their own traffic, parking, stakeholder and land use surveys and were also fortunate to hear from a number of guest speakers. A huge thanks goes out to Merrin Gardiner from My Little Potted Garden, Dennis Black from McGrath and Emily Malberg from Madloch Property. We are very appreciative of you all taking time out of your busy schedules to speak to our students!

Earlier this week our Year 10 History students undertook a bushtucker scavenger hunt around the school with our CEC Tracy Connolly. The students then had the opportunity to sample some bushtucker and taste some damper made with lemon myrtle. A huge thanks goes out to Tracy and our First Nations Support Team who made this opportunity possible for our students.



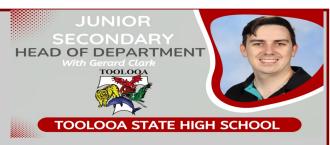






From The Junior Secondary Head of Department

With Gerard Clark



World Science Festival

Get ready, Gladstone! The free World Science Festival Queensland Community Day is returning to Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre on Saturday 22 June. The Community Day is an interactive, family-friendly roadshow, offering a jam-packed program of explosive live demonstrations, hands-on activities and loads of cool science. For more info please head to the website: https://www.worldsciencefestival.com.au/gladstone-program





Good Guidance

with Karyn Baxter, Jenny Morris, & Silke Hetherington.

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

Did you know that one in three teens has had their own explicit image used against them?

This startling statistic comes from a survey of 12,000 students across Australia at a Generation Next teen wellbeing event held in 2019.

It is an area of expertise and interest of cyber safety expert and founder of Internet Safe Education, former police officer and detective in the field of Child Exploitation, Brett Lee. Lee is a passionate educator of children and adults around the dangers of sexting and the impacts that it can have on a young person's life.

According to Lee, sexting is classified as "the distribution of a sexually explicit image of a user to another user via information and communication technology".

When a young person engages in sexting, their intention is that it's private. But the internet is not private and thus exposes many young people to predatory behaviour, embarrassment and even criminal charges if they are in the receipt of graphic images of someone under 16 (18 federally).



Almost all young people say they regret having sexted images of themselves.

Peer pressure is a major contributor to young people sending graphic images of themselves. In addition to this, pornography plays a role in influencing the way some young men treat women as sexual objects and pressure them into sending "nudes". While young people may send images intended for the receipt of one person, there may be more sinister forces at play.

According to Generation Next's recent survey on sexting, many teenagers do not actually engage in sexting. However, the fact that it is normalised as an everyday activity in our culture means parents can implicitly be endorsing it if they portray it as too "normal". And that can lead to all kinds of dangers.

What many don't realise is the criminality involved with sending and receiving graphic images of underage subjects. It falls under child exploitation – and in Queensland last year 150 teenagers were arrested under the criminal offence; this is likely to be a number that will continue to increase.

So how can parents and educators help protect children against the potential harms of sexting? Communication and education is the best way forward. Lee believes that young people have to be able to make those choices in the absence of parental controls.

"When a child walks out of the home with a data plan and a smart phone if they chose to sext, we can't stop that," Lee says. "But what we can do effectively is install mindsets, create an environment where a young person thinks, 'I could do that but I won't do it'. It's the only avenue we really have. There are filtering and monitoring programs that can make you aware, but nothing works better than education."

Open communication with parents is the way forward. And if a parent or carer does discover their young person has been sexting, it's important not to overreact.

"You need to get them to consider the risks. We shouldn't underestimate that young people can make these decisions themselves. It could be a simple conversation like, 'Imagine if your grandma saw this'," he adds.

Lee also suggests lowering risk by removing phones from bedrooms at night. Take the phone out from 8pm to 8am, he recommends.

Tell Someone
Emotional Abuse
Child Protection
Report it Protection
Sexual Abuse Sale Physical Abuse Sale
Abuse Physical Abuse Sale
Physical Abuse Sale
For Policies
Sarety Children Policies
Everyone's Business
Salety Anti-Bullying Training
Anti-Bullying Training
Together
Working

"By doing this you reduce the risk by 50 percent in one day. If they don't have technology then they can't sext. It's also always more likely to occur in a private space," Lee says.

The key factor in creating safety for young people is education, not just for young people, but for all, Lee maintains.

Parents and professionals who are informed provide better support than those who aren't, and can instigate and engage in non-judgemental communications that may help a young person make an important choice on their own.

At Toolooa SHS, we are constantly working to educate ourselves and our students and families about the ever-changing issues surrounding technology and social media use; we hope this article is one avenue to help you as parents travel this journey with us.







Science creativity

Science News

Year 11 Aquatics Pollution Unit

Pollution is a big talking point in today's world and for the oceans it's a major

talking point of governments and scientists. This term the year 11 aquatics students got to do some exploring and researching into what is the major pollutants that Gladstone faces. The students attended a field study to 5 locations including Barney Point, Duck Pond, Spinnaker Park, NRG hot water outlet and the Calliope River. The students used skills they had gained in class to check water temperature and pH as well as collect data from the pollutants that were found like metal, plastics and paper. The students then collated their data in an investigative report and research techniques that could be used to remove the main pollutants from our waterways. The students enjoyed learning about the health of our local aquatic environment and have gained knowledge on how to help their own environment.





Science News



UQ Science

Ambassadors

Experiments Completed

Slime Making





Flying Ghost Teabags



THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND AUSTRALIA

CREATE CHANGE

About the Experiments

Slime Making

Who knew slime making could bring out the science in everyone. This was our first experiment and it brought people from every grade together, experimenting with different colours and textures. For this experiment we used simple materials like glue, cornstarch, laundry detergent, micellar water, shaving foam glitter and food dye. Everyone had an amazing time, and it was a huge success!

Flying Ghost Teabags

The flying ghost teabags, whilst not all flying high, were heaps of fun and saw students have competitions as well as teachers. Many rockets were made and decorated for each science to see which one would fly higher and claim to be the best! Students recognised that different teabags were more successful than others and that there were small tricks like cutting the teabags that improved their ability to fly.

Smartie Rockets







Volcanoes

Taste the rainbow







Smartie Rockets

For this experiment we decorated film canisters and smartle containers as if they were real rockets, we then put Alka-Seltzer tablets and water inside. Before we knew it, we had rockets flying high all over the place. At first, we struggled getting the rockets to fly high, but once we used science and experimented different techniques, we were flying rockets as high as trees!

Volcanoes

Despite the bad smell of vinegar, we successfully made countless volcano eruptions. We experimented with a range of colours and different amounts of bi-card soda, vinegar and soap to determine whether it influenced the reaction time. Students were surprised how light and fluffy the product made was, just before making the ultimate

cloud weighs approximately a million tonnes; they typically have a volume of around 1km³ and a density of around 1.003kg per m³. That's a density that's around 0.4 per cent lower than the air surrounding it- this is how clouds are able to float.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Science Week is coming up in Term 3, 10-18 of August (Week 6). To celebrate, your ambassadors are planning fun and engaging science activities for you to participate in. Make sure you

Nurse Natters



FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

THE FACTS ABOUT VAPING



Unfortunately, an increasing number of young people are trying Electronic Cigarettes and some are now Nicotine addicted. Today's article looks at how parents can support their young person to cut down and quit if their young person is nicotine addicted.

Nicotine Is Harmful For Young People

Nicotine is a drug that is often in vapes and is highly addictive for young brains.

It can cause long-lasting negative effects on brain development.

Nicotine changes the way brain synapses are formed in young people.

The impacts can include impaired attention, learning, memory, and changes in mood.

Risks To Mental and Physical Health

Vapes may expose young people to chemicals and toxins at levels that have the potential to cause negative health effects. Vapes can leave a young person at increased risk of depression and anxiety. Vaping has also been linked to serious lung disease. Importantly, many of the long-term harms of vaping are still unknown. The liquid in vapes and the vapour is not water. Vapes can expose young people to:

- the same harmful chemicals found in cleaning products, nail polish remover, weed killer and bug spray
- toxins such as formaldehyde and heavy metals
- ultrafine particles that can be inhaled deep into the lungs
- flavouring chemicals such as diacetyl (a chemical linked to serious lung disease)

Vapes have even been known to explode causing serious burns.

Selling Vapes To Young People Is Illegal

It is illegal to sell any vape to anyone under 18 years of age. Many young people purchase their vapes from friends and contacts using social media.

It is illegal to sell nicotine vapes to anyone, unless they are prescribed by a doctor to someone over 18 years for smoking cessation purposes, and obtained with a prescription from a pharmacy.

There are a number of retailers who sell vapes to young people. This is a crime.

Is Your Child Vaning?

You may not know your child is vaping as vapes are small and resemble common items like highlighters, pens and USB drives. They are also not easy to smell.

Tell-tale **signs that your child might be vaping include the symptoms of nicotine addiction** such as your child feeling irritable or anxious. If your child is vaping, encourage them to stop and let them know that help is available and you are there for them. Stopping vaping can sometimes be hard and your child may need advice from a GP.

The Importance Of Talking To Your Child

If you suspect your child is vaping, take the time to talk to them about it and help them understand all of the risks.

It is important to let your child know the risks of vaping. Try to start the conversation with your child in a relaxed easy-going way, perhaps taking the cue from around you, such as a news story about it, or seeing people vaping on the street. And have your facts ready.

Resources For Parents/Carers

Video

What Parents Need To Know About Vaping In 2024: P&C Federation and NSW Health - Webinar with information on health harms, recognising nicotine addiction, tips for quitting, practical advice on having conversations with children, and where to access support services.

Podcast

What To Do If Your Child Is Vaping: ABC Parental As Anything Podcast - Practical advice for parents to have discussions with young people about vaping and how to establish boundaries.

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How To Talk To Your Teen About Vaping: ReachOut - Practical advice on how parents can talk to their teen about vaping.

<u>Vaping Conversation Guide For Parents</u>: VicHealth -This guide can help you have a meaningful, non-threatening conversation with your teen about vaping.

https://www.quithq.initiatives.qld.gov.au/getting-ready/vaping-e-cigarettes

https://lungfoundation.com.au/resources/vaping-and-young-people-parents-and-carers/

https://adf.org.au/talking-about-drugs/vaping/helping-young-people-quit-vaping/

If you have concerns that your young person may be vaping and would like some advice, please contact your School Based Nurse for a chat.



MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

If your child is required to take medication whilst at school or on school activities such as camps, you need to contact the school office to discuss the correct process for your child's requirements.

All medication on site needs to be managed through the below process. The following steps are required depending on, if your medication needs to be given to your child daily or only on occasion as needed:

TYPE OF MEDICATION	WHAT NEEDS TO BE PROVIDED TO THE SCHOOL
'AS NEEDED' MEDICATION	The medication with a pharmacist label
Examples may include	attached that includes:
- Panadol	- Student's name
- Nutritional supplements	- Doctor's name
••	- Dosage to be administered
	2. Complete CONSENT TO ADMINISTER
	MEDICATION
ROUTINE MEDICATION	
- Daily Ritalin	The medication in its' original container with
	a pharmacist label attached that includes:
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	attached that includes:
	- Student's name
	- Doctor's name
	- Dosage to be administered
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PLEASE NOTE: The school can not administer any medication to a student unless the above process has been followed. Medication forms for camps or excursions are required to be handed in to the office a minimum of 5 days prior to event

PLEASE NOTE: 1. - The school will not administer any medication to a child unless the above process has been followed. The parent/caregiver will be contacted to attend the school for all medication circumstances where the above requirements have not been met. 2.- Medication that needs to be sent away with a child on camps or excursions is required to be handed to the office with all necessary forms completed a minimum of 5 days prior to the event.



STUDENT HEALTH PLANS

Any student who requires a health plan for a medical condition must contact the school office as soon as they are made aware of its requirement. The school will guide you through the process of how health plans are managed at our school.

Likewise, should there be any changes to an existing health plan that the school holds, the parent/caregiver must update the school as soon as known.

Further information around student health support can be found here:

https://ppr.qed.qld.gov.au/attachment/managing-students-health-support-needs-at-school-procedure.pdf



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School Dental Clinic

If you would like your student to see the school dental clinic, please arrange an appointment by contacting the number below:

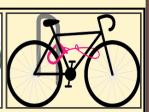
Phone (07) 4920 6372



Does your child ride a bike or scooter to school? As the bike racks are often left unattended, it is very important that your child locks his/her bike up throughout the day. Please talk to your child about how they secure their bike or scooter to ensure its safety.









A Reminder To Wear a Helmet When Riding Your Bicycle

We would like to remind everyone that the road rules require you, to wear an approved (Australian Standard 2063 or AS/NZS 2063) bicycle helmet. This helmet must be worn on your head, and properly fitted and fastened before use.



Calculators Available from the Office

Please be advised that Scientific Calculators and Graphics Calculators have now arrived at the school.

Scientific Calculators are \$25.25 each.

Graphics Calculators are \$222.20 each. (These calculators are only required by some maths students in Yrs. 11 and 12.

Students can purchase these from the office but only during their recess breaks.



P & C Meeting Dates

P & C Meetings are week 3 & 8 of every Term on a **Monday** @ 6pm in the Shelter Classroom which is entered via the door in the carpark turnaround.

Please see the below dates for future meetings.

- 22/07/202426/08/2024
- 14/10/2024

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• 02/12/2024



IMPORTANT!

Digital Consent Management is Here!

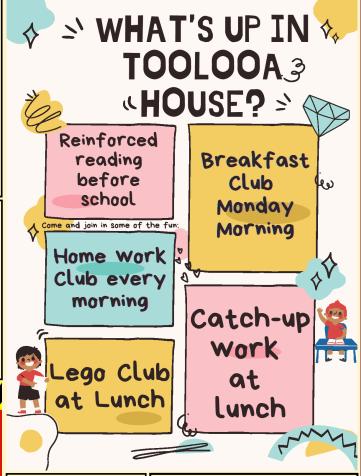
Are you currently registered with QParents for each of your children attending Toolooa? We are transitioning to online consent management which means if you need to provide consent for your student to participate in an activity or excursion you will need to be set up with QParents.

QParents enables you to engage with the school and view various information such as:

- Consent to participate in activities and excursions
- Provide information on absences
- See your student's report cards, timetable and student photo
- View invoices, make payments and see payment history

In the coming weeks, the school will forward all families who are not already on QParents with a registration link. Once you have completed the registration process you will be able to provide consent for your student to participate in excursions and camps with the click of a button.







School Uniform Donations Wanted

The school would like to ask families to consider donating to the school any used uniforms that they are not handing on or selling.

These uniforms are then used for emergent situations as required. (They are **NOT** sold).

If you wish to donate your uniforms (in good condition) please leave them at our front office.

Thankyou, any help is greatly appreciated.

Tuckshop News



We have eftpos machine in the tuckshop, with a no cash out policy. You can also pre-order

your lunch if you wish so that you don't have to wait in line or miss out on your favourite food.

Please use some etiquette and be considerate when using the EFTPOS facilities, & if you do



utilise this privilege, please wait for your transaction to be approved before walking off or do not start eating or drinking your order until the transaction has been approved.

PLEASE NOTE:

We can no longer accept payments over the phone or written on the uniform sheet as



the bank has removed the manual function on our eftpos machines.

Thankyou.

Kim—Tuckshop Convenor

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Register in the Port to Park Fun Run to raise funds for your school!

Sunday 18 August

Join with your family or a school friend and participate in this year's Port to Park Fun Run! Showcasing GPC's premier waterfront parklands as well as supporting local schools and community groups, the Port to Park Fun Run will see thousands of feet pound the pavement.

There will be three race events for participants to choose from including the 10 kilometre Koongo Dash, the **NEW** 5 kilometre Koommonka Sprint and the 3 kilometre Yallarm Family Run.



Visit gpcl.com.au or scan the QR code for more information or to register now!

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE TIAM SATURDAY 17 AUGUST 2024







Uniform Shop News

Uniform Shop

Opening Hours are Tuesdays 8am-12pm

Enquiries, online orders or emergencies please email uniformshop@toolooashs.eq.edu.au

You can download a uniform pre order form from the school website at www.toolooashs.eq.edu.au

Just a reminder that the everyday shorts with *Toolooa Logo* are **COMPULSORY**

Music shirts are now available to purchase at the uniform shop.



Tuckshop News



Check our daily special board for changing meals or why not order a healthy salad or wrap suited to your own requirements? Please see our staff to help you with this.

Students can preorder at tuckshop from 8.20am for their lunch to ensure they do not miss out on their favourite food or if they have a special request please have a chat with one of the tuckshop ladies.

Did you know we offer outside catering as well as internal catering?

If you are having a Luncheon/ staff morning or afternoon tea, we can help with a variety of options?

Sandwich and Wrap Platters,

Fruit and Sweets Platters, and other options are available.

Call our staff for a quote.

Phone #: 49714353.



Student Absences

To streamline the process at Toolooa SHS, I encourage all parents/ carers to contact the school on the below e-mail, SMS or phone numbers to explain your child's absence:

Report an Absence

- ⇒ E-mail:
- ⇒ SMS:
- ⇒ Phone:
- ⇒ Absentee Office Hours:

studentabsentee@toolooashs.eq.edu.au

0426 305 132

49 714 360

49 714 304

Toolooa State High School Office Hours

Monday to Friday 8:00am - 3:30 pm General Enquiries Ph. 07 4971 4333 Student Absentee Notification Ph. 07 4971 4360

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2 Philip Street PO Box 8109 South Gladstone Qld 4680