



Toolooa State High School

Tune In Toolooa

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Respect



Principal's Piece — Justin Harrison

Toolooa State High School prides itself on providing every student with the best education in a safe and supportive environment. Every day, students are encouraged to perform to the best of their ability in accordance with our school's expectations of Respect, Achievement and Responsibility. Students who excel and strive to reach their full potential need to be recognised and celebrated. As such, Toolooa will be holding recognition parades throughout the year.

In my last Principal's Piece, I listed Toolooa's strategic focus areas for 2021.

Without targets and goals, one does not have the motivation to achieve them. Consequently, I believe it is important that the Toolooa community are fully aware of the school's targets for 2021 so we can all work together to achieve them. As you are fully aware, a positive relationship that exists between school, home and the student can only help every student succeed. Toolooa's clear targets for 2021 are:

- 100% of units clarify what teachers should teach and when
- Improvement for our Year 7, 8 and 9 students in reading, writing and numeracy are above the national improvement rates
- Students are maintaining or improving their academic results term after term, year after year
- 97% of graduating Year 12 students attaining their Queensland Certificate of Education or Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement
- Whole school attendance above 91%
- Staff consistently implement the new Student Code of Conduct with a specific focus on the explicit teaching of behaviours that are expected at Toolooa SHS.

Assessment Calendars:

Term 1 assessment calendars were handed out to all year levels during parades last week. If you have not yet seen one, please ask your student if they have a copy of it. If they don't, they need to speak with their form teacher to make sure they get one. These one page calendars have all assessment details (dates of exams, drafts, and assignment submission) recorded on them and are perfect to stick up on the fridge. We encourage parents and caregivers to refer to them so they can have conversations with their teen about what is coming up. You will see that the middle of term (weeks 5-7) and the end of term (weeks 8-9) are very busy. To avoid stress and unnecessary angst, students need to be aware of these dates and have a plan to manage their time. These calendars can also be found on our website.

Link and Launch Officer

I am delighted to announce the appointment of Michael Watkins to our recently advertised Link & Launch Officer position (See Senior Schooling section on page 6 for more information on the Link & Launch program). Michael joins our school community from the North West QLD region (Mt Isa/Cloncurry) where he has been working as a successful Transitions Pathways Officer (TPO) for the Department of Education. I look forward to working with Michael as he goes about his role to support previous school completers to find and successfully transition to further study, training or work.

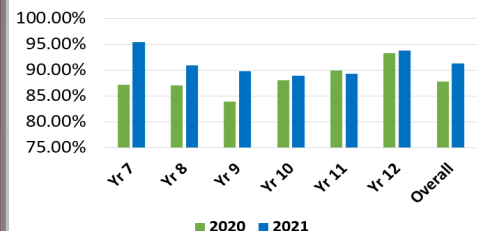
Achievement



Responsibility

Student Attendance Level.

Student Attendance Levels - 2020/2021
Term 1 - Week 4



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T Block - 5:45pm

Shaping the future



Equity and Excellence

Principal's Piece — Justin Harrison Continued.....

A5 Assessment Literacy Documents:

All teachers unpack assessment tasks with their students. We have found that a written summary of these deconstructions helps students who may not be aural learners. This A5 size sheet is filled in during class and then stuck into exercise books.

It provides a breakdown of the nature of assessment as well as due dates. Actually having students complete a document while being taken through an assessment task is a great way to ensure that active listening is happening. They also have a document that they can refer back to. Some classes may be completing these electronically as part of their Onenote package.

Your student should have completed these documents by now and we would expect that they can confidently discuss the ins and outs of all of their upcoming assessment with you.

Please take some time to look over the Term 1 planning calendar located on page three of the newsletter. This document will let you know all the important dates for this term, including our new parade cycle.

Evidence in Classrooms – Student Learning and Engagement

As you would all be aware, Toolooa SHS is heavily focussed on improving outcomes for all students. To do this, our school continually looks at ways to improve the quality of our teaching and learning practices.

In 2021, members of the school's Executive Team will continue to have discussions with students from every year level and ask them questions about their own learning, upcoming assessment and their level of engagement. This successful process that was adopted in 2019 not only allowed students to have a voice, but it provided the leadership team of Toolooa with invaluable feedback on the application of the school's strategic agenda and areas that require changes to improve everyday practices.

Starting week 5, staff will be visiting classrooms and asking students questions about assessment, reading, writing and cognitive verb practices. The conversations will be informal and we encourage our students to be honest. During these conversations and student responses received, data will be collected which will inform our continual improvement journey.

Uniform

It is fabulous to see the majority of our students looking fabulous in their full school uniform. Our uniform is designed to help build a sense of belonging to a group. Students have the choice of wearing the everyday or the formal uniform. The everyday uniform consists of the polo shirt, school shorts, with logo and joggers. The formal uniform comprises of the formal shirt, shorts or skirt with black or white socks and black shoes or joggers. Students are able to mix and match the formal with the everyday uniform. If your child is going to be out of uniform for any reason they need to bring a note from home to explain this. If it is for an extended time period then please contact the office to discuss this with the year level Deputy Principal. Students who are out of uniform without permission will be required to attend a uniform detention at first break.

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is essential for students to achieve the best possible outcome. When students are absent it can have a significant impact on their educational outcome. If your child is absent from school, please notify the school. This can occur via leaving a message on the absence line (4971 4360), respond to the text message or send a note with your child to hand to the form teacher. If you are experiencing any difficulties in getting your child to attend school, please contact the school office, 4971 4333. At the end of week 3 our current school attendance is 91.9%. This is a fantastic start to the year. Year 7 currently has the highest attendance at 95.6%. Well done to our newest students for having the highest percentage. Remember, everyday counts!

Does Your Child Have A Current Health Plan?

Students with health support needs should have a current health plan to enable their school to help them safely participate in all aspects of school life, including camps and excursions. Health plans should be reviewed annually. If you have not already done so, I urge all parents/carers to contact the school and discuss their child's health plan, including equipment, medication or consumables required to manage your child's health conditions while at school. Learn more about support for [student health](#) needs in schools.

Student Drop Off and Pick Up



To optimise the health and safety of staff and students, NO students are to be dropped off or picked up inside the school gates without permission from a member of our administration team. Likewise, to help reduce the traffic congestion down the front of the school in the afternoons, I am asking all drivers not to sit in the queue waiting for a space which blocks the entrance to the stop drop and go. Not only is this stopping our buses from entering the bus lane and transporting students home on time, it is dangerously backing up the traffic onto Philip Street and the roundabout on Benaraby Road. I urge all parents/family members to adhere to the road safety rules, especially around schools. To help ease congestion, I encourage parents/carers to wait ten to fifteen minutes before collecting their child, encourage your child to ride or walk to school or make an alternate pick up spot close to the school.

Tools To Help Organise Your Teen

Knowing what important events are coming up and being able to mentally prepare yourself and organise your time accordingly is such an important life skill. For us as adults, it something we have most probably become good at simply because of the very busy nature of our lives. We may never have been taught how to be organised...we've learned the hard way when we missed that important birthday or found ourselves running late for that meeting.

We now know that organisational skills, like every skill, need to be explicitly taught if we want our young people to master them. To this end, we provide our students with a number of tools to help them plan out their term.

Principal's Piece — Justin Harrison Continued.....

The Student Success Journal:

This is such an important piece of a Toolooa student's kit! Students are issued a copy of the Success Journal at the start of the year and these are expected to be on their desk in class every day. Form teachers will use the Success Journal in various wellbeing activities and students will be expected to record homework tasks as well as important upcoming assessment dates in these journals. Details about our new Student Code of Conduct can also be found in the front of these books. We have also included a plastic slip in the journal for the safekeeping of timetables and reward cards.

TERM 1, 2021							
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Meetings	Exec	Staff					
Mornings		Admin	Year Level		Admin		
January	18	19	20 SFD Monday 25 January 8:00 am – 3:30 pm	21 SFD 8:00 am – 3:30 pm	22 SFD 8:00 am – 2:30 pm	23	24
1 January	25 SFD Holiday	26 Australia Day Holiday	27 Years 7, 8, 11 & 12 return Full school Parade	28 All year levels return Year 9 & 10 Parade	29	30	31
2 February	1 Year 7 Parade Year 10 Parade	2 Year 8 Parade Year 11 Parade	3 Year 9 Parade Year 12 Parade	4	5	6	7
3 February	8 Junior Parade (Year 7, 8 & 9)	9 Year 7 Parade Year 11 Parade	10 Senior Parade (Year 10, 11 & 12)	11	12	13	14
4 February	15 Year 7 Parade Year 10 Parade	16 Year 8 Parade Year 11 Parade	17 Year 9 Parade Year 12 Parade	18	19	20	21
5 February	22 Full school Parade	23 Year 7 Parade Year 12 Parade Year 7 meet-and-greet (time TBC)	24 Extended from (until 9.20am) Indigenous Team meet-and-greet (time TBC)	25	26	27	28
6 March	1 Care-port Parades	2 Year 8 Parade Year 10 Parade	3 Swimming Carnival	4 School photos Twilight (3.30-4.30pm)	5 School Photos	6	7
7 March	8 Junior Parade (Year 7, 8 & 9)	9 Year 12 Parade	10 Senior Parade (Year 10, 11 & 12)	11	12	13	14
8 March	15 Year 7 Parade Year 10 Parade	16 Year 8 Parade Year 11 Parade	17 Year 9 Parade Year 7 immunisations	18	19	20	21
9 March	22 Full school Parade	23 Year 11 Parade	24 Year 12 Parade	25	26	27	28
10 March/April	29 Extended form (to 9.20am)	30 Year 8 Parade	31 Year 9 Parade	1 X-Country (2 nd break/P4)	2 Good Friday	3	4



Stymie News



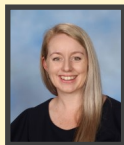
Week 3



Week 4



From The Deputy With Jess Batey



We're coming into the middle of the term, which means some exciting upcoming events!

In the next couple of weeks, we've got our swimming carnival, which is being held on Wed of week 6 at the town pool. Students are required to wear sun-safe clothing (preferably in their Careport colours) and attend for the full day. Careport parades will run on the Monday prior to the carnival, so students will know what to do on the day. In addition to the swimming carnival, we also have our first 'extended form' of the year coming up in week 5. During this session, students will work with their form class and teacher on important elements of their wellbeing. We also have our 'Meet the Teachers' session scheduled in for all families of our new Year 7 cohort. We've had to get a little creative with the structure of this year's session so that we can make it safe and COVID-friendly for all in attendance.

Students and parents of Year 7 are welcome to join us from 5pm on Tuesday 23rd February 2021 (sign on from 4.45pm).

As we near closer to the middle of the term, please take the time to sit down with your child/ren and discuss what's coming up. It is always helpful for students when they take the time to reflect on how things are going, and start preparing for the upcoming busy assessment period. A reminder that assessment calendars are available on our website (also linked via our Facebook page), and students all received a hard copy last week on parade.

Jess Batey
Deputy Principal



School Photos 2021

Our school photo day will be Thursday, 4th March and catch-up day will be Friday, 5th March.

Your child will bring home a personalised order envelope from MSP Photography. You have the option to order on line or pay in cash on the day.

Please take care to read and follow all the instructions carefully.

Additional envelopes are available from the school office.

As school staff are unable to help with photography enquiries or payments, please direct your questions and comments directly to MAP Photography by phoning 4921 3355.



We welcome you to attend our annual

Year 7 Meet the Teachers Evening

from 5pm until 6.30pm on Tuesday 23rd Feb 2021.

Families of all Year 7 students are encouraged to come along, get further acquainted with the school, and have a chance to informally meet the core Year 7 teachers. Registrations are not necessary. All attendees will be required to follow COVID-safe procedures, including signing-in and social distancing.

Sign in from 4.45pm

5pm - 5.15pm: Orientation in the shelter

5.15pm - 5.45pm: Rotation One
(7A, B, D, G in N block; 7H, K, L in shelter)

5.50pm - 6.20pm: Rotation Two
(7H, K, L in N block; 7A, B, D, G in shelter)

6.20pm - 6.30pm: Conclusion in Shelter



Senior Schooling News With Darren Boase



2021 WORK EXPERIENCE

Available to Years 9 - 12

To apply please see the Work Experience Co-ordinator in the Library to collect an application form.
Each application incurs a \$40 fee payable at the office.

YEAR 9 (age minimum 14 years)	
<i>(Discuss with Senior School prior to submitting application)</i> <i>(Please note that vocation options are limited)</i>	
TERM DATES:	Application Due Dates
TERM 4 Week 10 – 6th to 10th December	Due 15 th October

YEAR 10	
TERM DATES:	Application Due Dates
TERM 2 Week 3 – 4 th May to 7 th May *4 day block	Due 10 th March
TERM 3 Week 7 – 23 rd August to 27 th August	Due 16 th June
SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES: Any block throughout the year (see below for closing date)	

YEAR 11	
TERM DATES:	Application Due Dates
TERM 1 Week 10 – 29 th March to 1 st April *4 day block	Due 12 th February
TERM 3 Week 7 – 23 rd August to 27 th August	Due 16 th June
SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES: Any block throughout the year (see below for closing date)	

YEAR 12	
TERM DATES:	Application Due Dates
TERM 1 Week 10 – 29 th March to 1 st April *4 day block	Due 12 th February
TERM 3 Week 7 – 23 rd August to 27 th August	Due 16 th June
SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES: Blocks 1 to 6 Only	

School Holiday Work Experience Dates			
	Forms & Payment Due		Forms & Payment Due
Block 1: 6 th April to 9 th April	19-Feb-2021	Block 5: 20 th Sep to 24 th Sep	02-Aug-2021
Block 2: 12 th April to 16 th April	19-Feb-2021	Block 6: 27 th Sep to 1 st Oct	02-Aug-2021
Block 3: 28 th June to 2 nd July	10-May-2021	Block 7: 29 th Nov to 3 rd Dec	15-Oct-2021
Block 4: 5 th July to 9 th July	10-May-2021	Block 8: 6 th Dec to 10 th Dec	15-Oct-2021

If you have any questions relating to work experience please contact the Senior Schooling Team on 4971 4333.

PLEASE NOTE: Self-Placements are NOT accepted for Ergon, GPC, NRG and Rio Tinto Yarrow. These organisations provide set placement schedules which are filled by EQIP, ensuring these opportunities are shared in a fair and equitable manner.

Boyne Smelter, QAL and the LNG facilities do not currently take work experience placements.

Any vocations that have an * next to them require a white card for placement. Please ensure you have a white card or have organised to have a white card before placement.

Senior students have first preference in all vocations; all other work experience placements will be given preference based on the date the application was received.

Some vocations may require PPE (personal protective gear) or have particular dress requirements for the student. If you select a vocation that requires PPE or similar to be purchased, in the majority of placements this is at student's expense and will not be provided by host employer or EQIP. If the hosts do provide PPE, this will be specified to the student for that placement.



Senior Schooling News With Darren Boase



LINK AND LAUNCH

Link and Launch

Each year, we take great pride in recognising the efforts of our students who complete Year 12. From school, many of our students go on to further study, training and employment and ultimately, make positive contributions to our community.

Among each group of Year 12 students, there are some who need additional support to successfully transition to further study, training or work.

To support these students, the Queensland Government is funding the Link and Launch program. Link and Launch is a school based program, designed to help these young people decide what further study, training or employment might be best for them and to assist them in pursuing their chosen pathway.

How the program works

Participating schools receive funding to recruit Link and Launch officers to connect with young people who have completed Year 12 but not yet transitioned to further study, training or work. These officers can assist young people to navigate a range of post-school study, training and work options in line with their individual goals, aspirations, skills and strengths and support them to make independent choices that will equip them to make a successful transition. Some of the options students may consider through the program include:

- apprenticeships and traineeships
- free TAFE for Year 12 leavers
- Skilling Queenslanders for Work
- Back to Work subsidies
- alternative entry to university
- employment
- JobActive and other federal workforce participation programs

Our school to host the program

We are delighted to announce that our school is one of the sites in Queensland selected to run the Link and Launch program. The program commences Term 1 2021 and will continue through to 2022.

Who can join the program

Young people **who are not** in education, employment or training and **who completed Year 12** in the previous two years are eligible to join the program. Older Year 12 graduates who may benefit from the program are also welcome to join. All eligible young people who have completed their senior studies can



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join the program irrespective of where they went to school. Students currently enrolled at our school are not eligible to join the program as we already provide them with career guidance and planning support.

Please get in touch

If you know a young person who might benefit from this kind of support, please encourage them to contact Michael Watkins by:

Phone: 07 4971 4337

Mobile: TBC

Email: mwat40@eq.edu.au

Or in person at: Toolooa SHS

GRIP Leadership Conference

All eighteen senior leaders (Years 10 to 12) travelled to Rockhampton with Ms Jounquay and Mr Boase on Friday 12th February to attend the GRIP Leadership Conference.

The GRIP Leadership Conference is designed to train student leaders for their role as school leaders, with the conference focusing on what students can do right now in their schools. The students had time to work together on activities about their own school, as well as attending workshops on creative ideas for your school, involving more students in school events, keeping your team motivated and time management as a leader. The feedback from our students was very positive, with students feeling that they learnt many things that they can apply as student leaders this year.

Our students were exemplary representatives of Toolooa SHS, engaging with the workshops and activities enthusiastically and responsibly. We look forward to seeing what our wonderful senior leaders achieve in 2021 and beyond!





Good Guidance with Jenny Morris, Tim Lowe & Silke Hetherington. *FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE*



Social Media – Do You Get It? *(adapted from an article by Linda Stade)*



Generations X and Y have taken to Facebook and Instagram like ducks to water. Unfortunately, this gives us a false sense of security about our expertise with social media. You may have made a couple of TikToks with your kids, but do you really know what's possible on the platform? What's Tellonym? Are you aware of the number of young teens on Tinder? And how do we go about keeping kids safe on social media?

Even though it has lots of positives, social media is a minefield for kids. Regardless, a lot of parents are saying that managing it is just too hard and so they're zoning out. It's an odd attitude when in the real world we are more protective of our kids than ever.

At the moment tweens and teens are getting most of their information and help with social media from their peers. When really, this subject requires the input of an appropriate adult perspective – even though they won't want it!

What Are Kids Using?

Most adolescents left Facebook as their most popular social media site a long ago. If they use it now it is for messaging and events. So what are they using? The cycle of site popularity is becoming shorter and shorter, so it is hard for researchers to be completely up to date. However, these are reported as among the currently most popular sites:

- ◆ TikTok (Obviously)
- ◆ SnapChat
- ◆ Instagram and Instagram Story
- ◆ Telegram (For secret messaging)
- ◆ YouTube
- ◆ Messenger
- ◆ WhatsApp
- ◆ Tinder (Yep...the same one as adults!) and Yellow (Same thing but aimed at teens)
- ◆ Tellonym (On this app people can give you 'honest' anonymous feedback...lots of bullying and mean behaviour here)



Tips To Keep In Mind When Navigating Social Media:

1. **Parents need to be social media gurus.** Don't panic, it's not hard. All of these sites are fairly self-explanatory, you just need to spend some time interacting with them. It doesn't take long. Pay close attention to security and privacy settings.
2. **Become shockproof.** You are going to see and hear things you don't like.
3. **Don't lecture kids about e-safety and don't try to make them frightened.** They will switch off. Education and honest discussion are the way forward.
4. **Talk to them about porn.** The average age of first exposure to porn is 11. Don't kid yourself that your child is different. Children are becoming desensitised to the violence and stereotypes of porn. You need to have the difficult conversations about the difference between porn and sex in a respectful relationship. They aren't going to get this vital information from their peers.
5. **Talk to them about what they can do to protect themselves online.** If you're struggling, go to this site <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>
6. **This one's awkward...Sometimes kids lie about social media.** Parents often find this hard to believe. For a start, if your child is under 13 and has an Instagram or Snapchat account, they've lied on the registration. You can't open an account if your birthdate says you're less than 13. It is also common to have one account that you let your parents see and one that is a secret.
7. **Everything you've taught your children about respect needs to be transferred into online activity.** Kids don't always make that connection. Make it for them.
8. **Help your kids manage their social media time** by introducing them to some of the apps available that block access to sites you choose for your choice of time. There are numerous of them available including one called [Self Control](#). Once set it will deny access to the social media you choose even if you delete the app or restart your device. It's great for homework time. It's pretty useful for adults trying to focus too! Also consider "Electronic Free Days" for the whole family J
9. **Be aware that even young tweens are engaging in the early stages of sexting.** [It has become that normalised](#) as a way of flirting and may start very innocently but can escalate quickly. Talk to kids opening about this behaviour. They have very little understanding of how those images may be used and shared.
10. **Don't assume that school will 'take care of it'.** They do the best they can with cybersafety programs and ongoing education. However, your child is at school 35 hours a week, the remaining 133 hours are on your watch. The messages are more powerful coming from you anyway. Kids really do understand your emotional investment in their wellbeing, even if that's not always obvious.

FINALLY...

It would be easy at this point to just say, "Simple... forbid it all and don't let them have social media or even a phone." However, that's naive. Kids will find a way. Australian organisation [Safe on Social](#) tells us, "The amount of kids who share accounts with friends because "they are not allowed to use it" would blow your mind. Please be open to continuous education in this space." Listen to the experts when they visit your child's school including Rachael from STYMIE and follow them online as well as utilising your free Parent TV subscription provided by the TSHS P and C – it has LOTS of great information about social media as well as many other useful topics.

From The Junior Secondary Head of Department With David Capill



This year, we are offering a new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) subject to our year 8 students called Engineering Principles and Systems. We are one of very few schools in Queensland to offer this exciting new opportunity to students.



In their first unit of work, they are looking into the use of drones as an emerging technology. Specifically they are investigating how drones are used in local industrial contexts. They will then develop a proposal for how drones can be used to enhance operations in the future. Their proposal will include a simulation of the operation using micro-drones here at school.

This week, the class meet with representatives of Rio Tinto as part of their research. Thank you to Desni, Gaven and Daniel for their time and expertise.



Health & Physical Education News!

Welcome to 2021, where the sports are back up and running! Term 1 is always a busy term for Port Curtis sporting trials and trials have already begun. Over the next couple of weeks, there are many Port Curtis trials occurring. Below is a brief overview of the upcoming trials;



Week 5	13-14 Years Boys and Girls AFL, 16-18 years Basketball, U15 and U18 Boys Rugby League
Week 6	U15 and U19 Volleyball, 13-19 Years Football, 17-18 Years Boys Rugby Union, 15-16 Years Girls Rugby Union, 12 Years Hockey and 12 Years Netball
Week 8	12 Years Rugby League
Week 9	12 years Football, 12 Years Rugby Union

Students are also able to view all upcoming trials on the noticeboard just inside the shelter. If your child is interested in trialling for any of these upcoming events, please encourage them to come and visit myself Miss McCall (13-19 years) or Mr DeAraugo (12 Years) in the HPE staffroom to collect the necessary forms.

Interschool Sports

Interschool Volleyball will be coming up during this term and expressions of interests have begun. If your child is interested in competing, please encourage them to put their name down on the list in the shelter and listen to upcoming notices about the dates!

Dates to Remember!

With a new school year, comes new important dates! Our carnivals this year are as follows;

Swimming Carnival – Term 1, Week 6 – Wednesday 3rd March
Cross Country – Term 1, Week 10 – Thursday 1st April
Athletics Carnival – Term 2, Week 10 – Tuesday 22nd June

Be sure to write these dates down so you don't forget.

Swimming Carnival

All students have now been given a medical permission form in their form class for the upcoming Swimming Carnival in Week 6 – Wednesday 3rd March. If your child is wishing to participate in any of the events, it is a requirement that this form is signed by a parent/carer/guardian and returned to the HPE staffroom. If your child requires another form, please encourage them to collect one from the HPE staffroom also. Please note that without the returned form, students will not be allowed to swim.

Finally, I am looking forward to a busy sporting year!

Yours in sport,
Megan McCall



Science News

Gladstone Students Experience Australia's Flagship STEM Youth Program

Clara Furness from Toolooa State High School, was amongst 560 students about to enter Year 12 who were selected to participate in the new-look program which included a digital component, combined with state-based in-person STEM visits. The 2021 NYSF Year 12 Program focussed on exploring study and career opportunities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

CEO of the National Youth Science Forum, Dr Melanie Bagg, said the program was transformational with a significant number of participants going on to study or work in STEM.

'At NYSF, students not only explore diverse areas of STEM, but build their first professional network with other young people Australia wide who share their passion.'

"The NYSF is proud to be engaging Australia's future STEM workforce with a range of universities and industry STEM facilities across Australia in 2021. There couldn't be a more important time for young people to learn what study and job opportunities await them' said Dr Bagg.

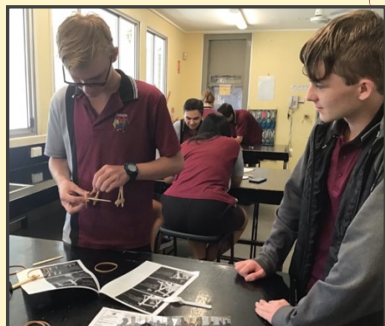
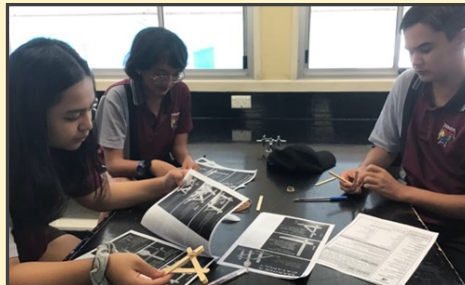
Close to 600 students were selected from 1,100 applicants to participate in the 2021 Program across the nation from 5-22 January and Clara Furness, a Toolooa student, participated in the 2021 NYSF Year 12 Program.

"Not only did the NYSF open my eyes to different paths I may want to take after school, but it made me realise what I do not wish to pursue, which I believe is equally valuable. I made very close friendships (many long distance) which we maintain with frequent group calls and scheduled movie virtual nights! The NYSF is definitely a great place to meet like-minded nerds and start networking with professionals in your interest areas." – Clara Furness.



Year 12 Science In Practice

Year 12 Science in Practice students have begun their new module by building and testing their own model catapults. Some students discovered that building a catapult using simple materials is not as easy as it appears but all were successful. They will discover the science behind catapults and use this to make modifications that will improve the efficiency of their individual machines.

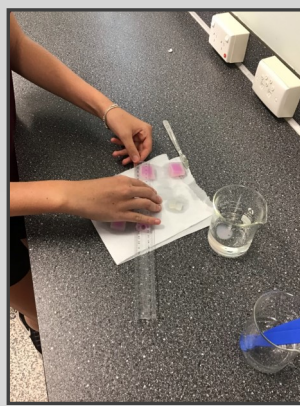
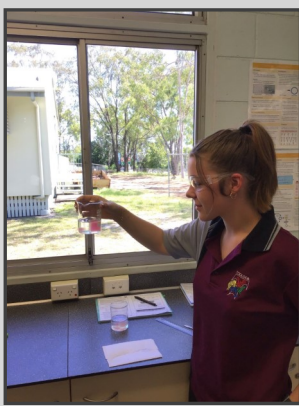
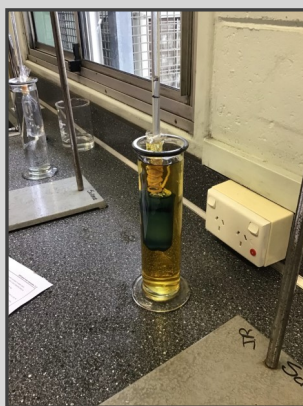
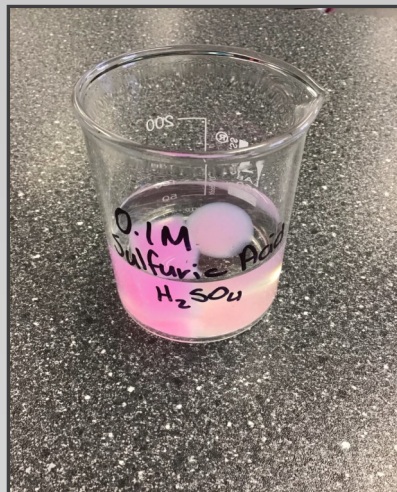
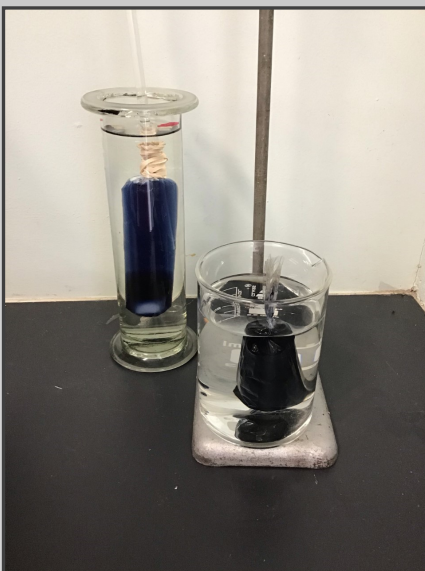
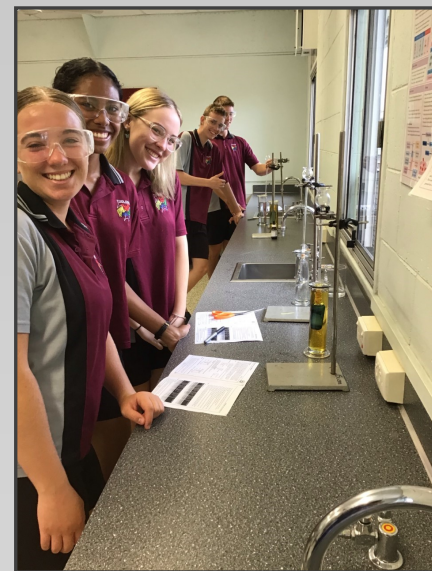
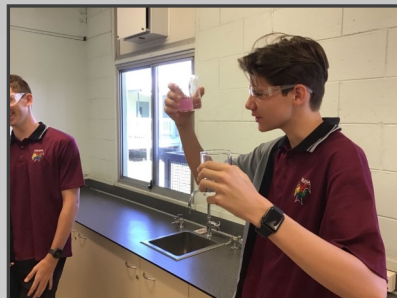
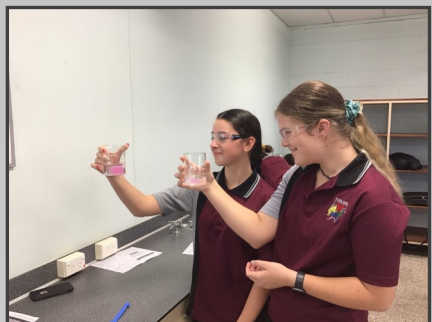
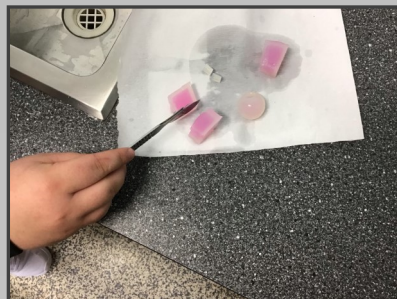
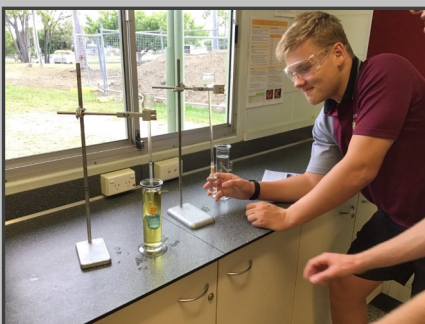




Science News

Senior Science Experiments

Busy start to the year for senior students undertaking their mandatory experiments.



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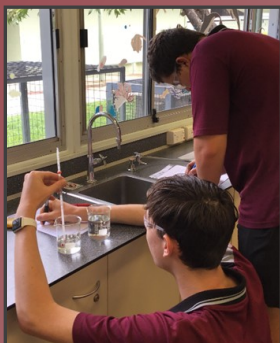
QMEA 2021 Girls Mentoring Program

Congratulations to Year 12 student Drishti who has been selected to take part in the QMEA Girls Mentoring Program. The QRC/WIMARQ (Queensland Resources Council / Women in Mining and Resources Queensland) girls mentoring program, launched in 2019 by the Minister for Women, Di Farmer, provides career mentoring for girls in QMEA high schools. This first of its kind program teams female mentors from the resources sector with high-potential girls attending some of the 75 Queensland Minerals and Energy Academy (QMEA) schools across Queensland. Drishti's first opportunity will be attending training in Brisbane in early March, 2021, where she will also attend the International Women's Day breakfast. Congratulations Drishti.

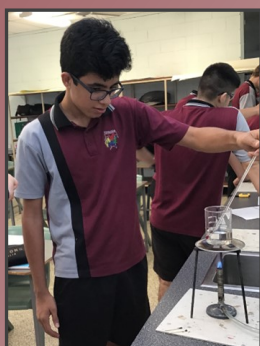


Year 11 Physics

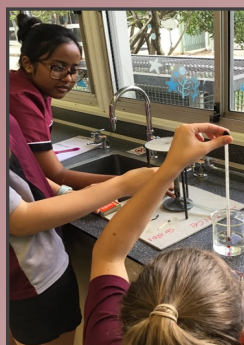
Year 11 Physics students completing their first mandatory practical. The experiment required students to heat water from 20°C - 80°C, collect data and graph it using a scatter graph in Excel.



Braith Underdown
and Matthew Willard



Raghav Chawla



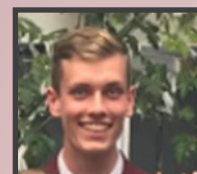
Ray Sneha and
Jacelyn Davidson



Taylah Cubis and
Jacinta Anger

2021 QMEA Student Ambassador

Congratulations to Year 12 student, Jack Small for being selected as Toolooa's 2021 QMEA Student Ambassador. Ambassadors are outstanding leaders selected from a highly competitive group of student applications with only 20 ambassadors selected from across the QMEA network. Jack's first duty as Toolooa's QMEA Ambassador was to attend the Ambassador Camp in Brisbane (Sunday 29th November – Wednesday 2nd December 2020) where he met the other Ambassadors, learnt professional networking skills, visited industry facilities and attended the QMEA Annual Breakfast. Over the next 12 months, Jack will increase his understanding of the resources sector; experience unparalleled opportunities for networking with like-minded students and industry representatives; begin building a professional network; and develop leadership skills. Congratulations Jack.



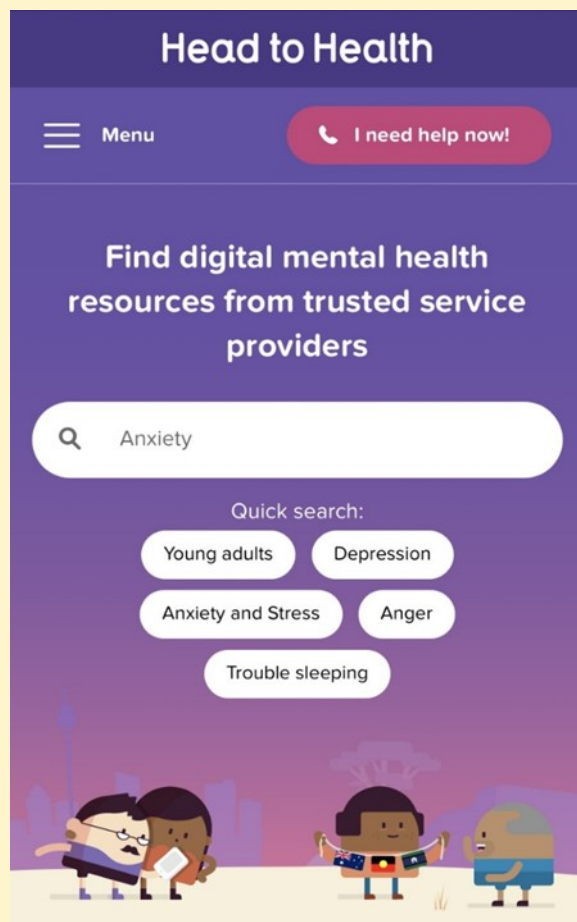
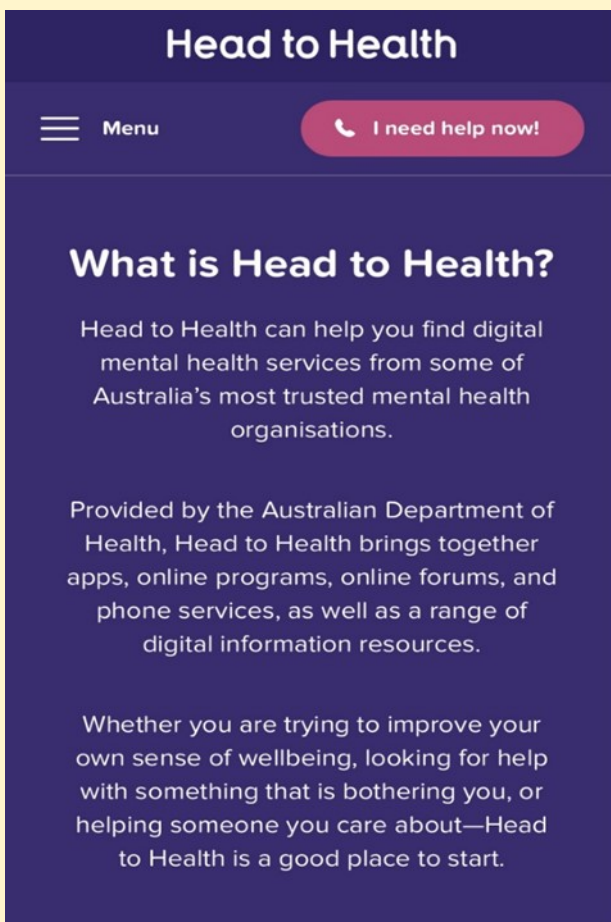


Nurse Natters

Head to Health

Head to Health is a new government initiated website that brings together many mental health services and resources into the one place. It is Australian based and provides evidence based resources, apps, programs, forums and phone services. It is a great first place to start looking for any mental health and wellbeing support for yourself or your child.

Website: <https://headtohealth.gov.au/>



If you have any health related questions or concerns for a young person please don't hesitate to contact me at school on 49714336 Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Or alternatively via email at kocon144@eq.edu.au

Yours in Health,

Kerry O'Connell (School Based Youth Health Nurse)



Indigenous News

During Week 2, Ambrose and Bree were invited to run Yarning Circles with all the Year 7s HPE classes as an introduction to the Unit. This term, the year 7's will be learning about traditional Indigenous games such as Buroinjin and how the origins of this game affect the supports we play today. The Indigenous Team is very excited as this is the first time ever this particular unit has been delivered - massive shout out to the HPE Team!

In week 3 Ambrose held formal discussions with year 9 students as part of their English unit. It was an excellent platform for the students to learn about our local traditional owner groups in Gladstone and ask questions openly. The students also got to the change to learn a traditional dance. It was a very engaging session for all involved.

The Indigenous Team love being involved in all aspects of our students learning and look forward to a great year ahead!



Chaplain Report With Chappy Geoff

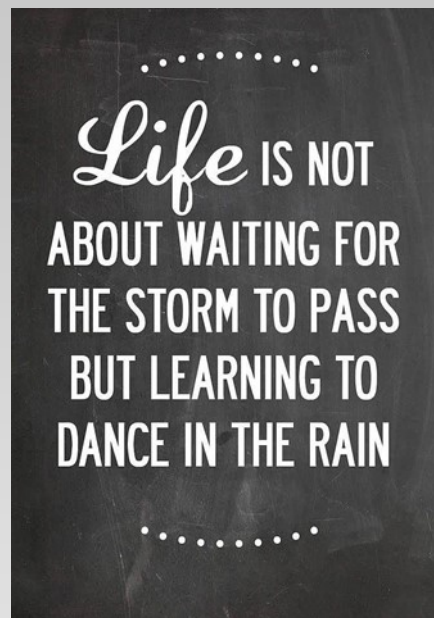


Circumstances can potentially overwhelm us, if we let them. To find your Mojo, & choose to be thankful for each & every blessing in your life can turn the tide.

I used to think success was reaching a certain place or destination, but I'm beginning to see its finding joy in every moment.

Sometimes it's a greater success to see what we are becoming, our transformation.

It's a bit more of a philosophical article this week, but I hope you get some inspiration, happy Term 1.



Chappy Geoff

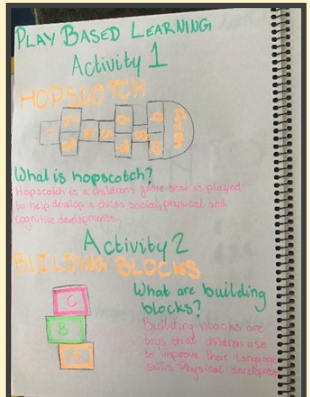
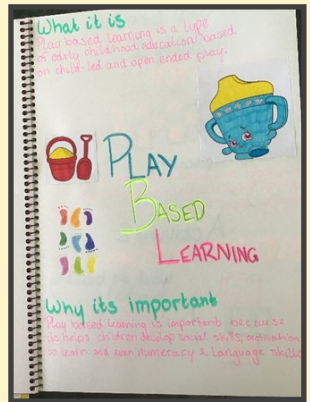
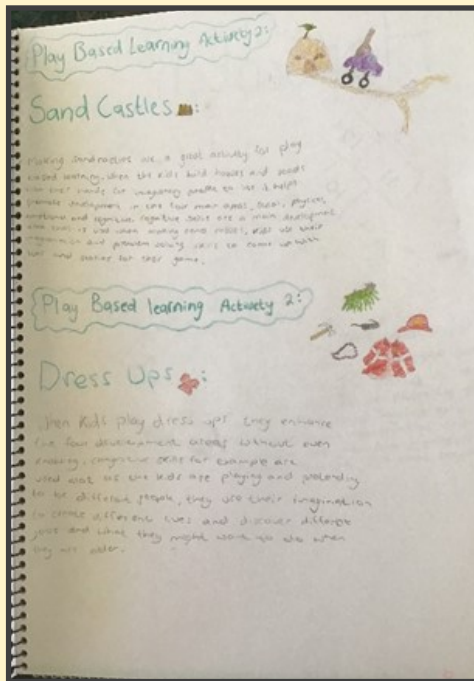


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Year 11 Early Childhood News!

The Year 11 students have been working hard over the last few weeks on their first Unit about Childhood Development. They have started to explore and investigate Play Based Learning activities that promote a child's development. Below are some pictures of students applying their knowledge of childhood development.



Uniform Shop News



Opening Hours are Tuesdays
8am-12pm

FYI The Uniform shop is experiencing some out of stocks of some lines Small Polos, Medium Polos, Large Polos and Small shorts Medium Shorts and Large Shorts. Some other lines are getting low as well, we are expecting a timeline of how long it will be before we can expect some, but expected times are around 12 weeks.

We have formal shirts and blouses as an alternative if that suits

We will keep you updated as soon as information becomes available, sorry for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

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



2021 School Immunisation Program (SIP) for ALL Year 7 Students



In 2021, Gladstone Regional Council (GRC) will offer the following vaccines as part of Queensland Health's annual School Immunisation Program.

- ◆ Gardasil 9 – Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – 2 doses, 6 months apart.
- ◆ Boostrix – Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis (dTpa) – 1 dose

Consent packs containing all relevant information regarding the vaccines, diseases, eligibility, privacy, missed vaccinations, reactions, **consent card** etc will come home in the coming week.

All Consent Cards are to be returned by Friday 19th February for collection on 22/2/2021.

All consent cards should be completed and returned whether or not your student is receiving the vaccines. Please also return it to us to indicate you will be taking your student to their doctor.

To improve uptake of this offer recent amendments to the *Public Health Act 2005* enables school immunisation providers to request information from school principals. This enables GRC to follow up with parents as necessary re missed clinics etc.

GRC has undertaken to ensure that student information disclosed by schools will be collected, stored and used in accordance with privacy laws. Information disclosed will include: Student name (including aliases), date of birth, gender, class, address, Parent / guardian name and contact details (telephone number, email address, postal address).

More information is available about what the immunisation program can be accessed from 13 HEALTH on 13 43 25 84 or GRC on (07) 4970 0700.



Calculators Available from the Office

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

Scientific Calculators are \$25.00 each.

Graphics Calculators are \$210.00 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.



Does Your Child Require Medication During School Hours?



If your child requires medication while at school, please ensure you complete and sign an Administration of medication record sheet available from the school's office.

You will also need to provide the school with the prescription-labelled medication in the original packaging with clear directions for its use. The school may request an accompanying doctor's letter for certain medications.

For more information visit the [Department of Education website](http://www.education.nsw.gov.au)



Lost Property Please Collect Now!



Our box is currently full of hats, jackets and jumpers. None of these have student names on them.

Smaller items lost at school such as glasses, keys, jewellery, etc. can be collected at the admin office also.

Unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of this school term.

P & C

P & C Meeting Dates



P & C Meetings are now every third **Monday** of every month.

Please see the below dates for future meetings.

- 15th of March 2021
- 19th of April 2021

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



What's Up in Toolooa House?



We have a variety of activities that happen in Toolooa House on a daily basis. Everyone is welcome.

Come and join in some of the fun:

Mornings:

Monday Morning only: Chappy Jeff and Josh Hicks organise and run breakfast club. They have juice, cereal and toast available.

Homework club: Every morning from 8am onwards you are able to access Toolooa House for support and completion of homework and assignments. You can work with someone or just use our facilities to complete your work.

On the deck: We have comfy seats and great conversation happening up here every morning before school.

During Breaks:

Work or study: Students are able to access our support staff to assist them with their assignments or homework.

Lego/Games: Students can choose to play board games, Lego or just read in an air-conditioned supervised, quiet room.

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

PRE
ORDER
NOW!

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



Homework Club

Homework Club



Do you need help with your homework or with assessments?

Every morning from 8.00am to 8.45am assistance is provided at Toolooa House in SB01 & it is also available in both lunch breaks if students require assistance.

Please feel free to come up and let one of our friendly Inclusion Assistants help you.

If you would like more information about Homework Club, please contact:

David Roby
on 49714379.

Bill Robertson Toyota's GLADSTONE SUNS SIGN ON DAY

SAT 20TH FEBRUARY
Clinton Park 9:30am-12pm

Corner of Dawson Highway & Aerodrome Road

Merchandise on sale & to order

All grades welcome

Sub-juniors, u13.5, u15.5, u17.5,
reserves, womens & A grade

Can't make it?

Register on Sportstg

Search for Gladstone Australian Football Club



44th Gladstone Harbour Festival

Fun Run

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 2nd, 2021

EAST SHORES GLADSTONE

Great Prizes to be won!

3k Race Junior: \$15 | Senior: \$20

10k Race Junior: \$30 | Senior: \$40

First 600 finishers receive a Race Medallion

On the day Race Kit Collection from 5:45am - 6:45am for a 7:00am start



For more info visit
Gladstone Road Runners
on Facebook



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Join Australian Army Cadets



About Army Cadets:

If you want to experience some things that you don't get to do in everyday life, then the Australian Army Cadets (AAC) is for you.

The AAC is a community-based youth development organisation focused on Defence customs, traditions and values.



As a cadet you'll learn leadership, team building and survival skills that will set you up for life.

How to Join the Australian Army Cadets:

- You must be at least 13 years of age, and in Year 8 of High School
- Go to the Army Cadets Unit at 11 Palm Drive, Gladstone Central Qld 4680, every Wednesday at 6:00pm

COMMUNITY

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Bike & Scooter Safety

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.



Gladstone Road Runners Club Inc.



Heard of Gladstone Road Runners but not sure what it's all about?

Well here's your chance.

Everyone is welcome, no matter what level of jogger/runner you are. Have a read below and if this sounds like something that may interest you and your family we would love to see some new faces.

We are a group of people of all ages and abilities who enjoy running. The club has been operating for more than 35 years and we have a membership of 150+ with around 80 people attending our weekly run. **Families and children are encouraged to attend and join in the fun and the friendship.**

We meet every Thursday at 5:15pm for a 5:30pm race start. Weekly timed courses vary with the short course over 2 km and the long course over 5 km. **You don't have to be a runner!** You can jog or briskly walk.

We meet at the following venues:

School Term 1 – Lions Park

School Term 2 - East Shores

School Term 3 – East Shores

School Term 4 – Duck Ponds

And we hold a number of Fun Runs throughout the year. Go to www.gladstoneroadrunners.com for more details or follow us on FaceBook.



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?

Having a Luncheon/ staff morning or afternoon tea, we can help with a variety of options

Sandwich and Wrap Platters

Fruit and Sweets Platters

Other options are available

Call our staff for a quote

Phone No. 49714353



Uniform Shop News



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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.



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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