



# Robina

## State High School

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## Weekly Newsletter

### WEEKLY FOCUS:

**'Be Part of a Valuable Team'**

### Key dates, Term 4:

Mon, 9 Nov - Awards Night

Mon, 16 Nov - Year 12 Graduation

Fri, 20 Nov - Year 12 Formal

Fri, 27 Nov - last day Years 10, 11

Fri, 11 Dec - last day Years 8, 9

The date for the next P & C Meeting is Tuesday, 10 November at 6pm. The meeting will take place in the Common Room.

All are welcome – please enter through the front door of the Parent Centre.

### Reminder -

The third and final round of vaccinations for this year are on Thursday, 29 October, for Year 8 & Year 10 students.

Any student wishing to attend TAFE next year as part of the 'Schools Program' (i.e. 1 day each week), should be aware that enrolment takes place on **Wednesday, 28 October, 2009.**

**This year, for the first time, TAFE are accepting telephone enrolments for these courses.**

Please be advised that the enrolment process for the High School Programs will be as follows:

- Parents will be able to enrol and pay over the phone with a **credit card (Visa or Master debit card only)**. Enrolments at the Customer Service counters will still be available at Southport, Ashmore and Coolangatta campuses, where all methods of payment will be accepted
- The only method to confirm a place in a course is payment of the full fees upon enrolment and therefore, the normal "first in, best dressed" scenario will still apply

If applying in person at one of the campuses, the Student **MUST** take the authorisation letter (issued to them by Student Pathways), with them on the day. **IF THEY DO NOT HAVE A COPY OF THIS LETTER, THE STUDENT WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ENROL.**

If you have any further enquiries, please contact Andrew Lee, Schools Liaison at **Gold Coast Institute of TAFE** to discuss further:

P: 07 5581 8690

M: 0466 207 101

Email: [andrew.lee@deta.qld.gov.au](mailto:andrew.lee@deta.qld.gov.au)

### PAYMENTS OFFICE:

**SALLY BULLPITT**

Please be advised that from week beginning Monday, 9 November 2009, the Student Payment Office will be open Monday to Thursday each week (closed Fridays). Payments can be made by students before school, morning tea and lunchtimes only.

Payment by students will not be possible at any other location within the school on Fridays. All student payments must be made between Mondays to Thursdays.

Parents will still be able to make payments at the Parent Centre between 8:00am and 4:00pm, Monday to Friday.

### STUDENT PATHWAYS DIRECTOR:

**JEANETTE MCDONALD**

### 2010 STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Last Wednesday, nine excellent candidates spoke to the student body in their quest to be a student leader in 2010. Each was polished, confident and well rehearsed. Voting took place on Thursday during PROMOTE class. The vote tally is taken in conjunction with interviews and school records to offer 5 of our students male and female School Captain, Vice Captains and Student Council President. With the excellent group of candidates we have this year we can rest assured that 2010 will be an outstanding year for student leaders.

### YEAR 8 & 9 ~

### ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM FOR LAST WEEK

If you have a student new to the school you may be unaware of the last week arrangements for Years 8 & 9. From Monday 7 - Thursday 10 December, we offer an alternative program to students. We offer costed and non-costed activities each day. The costed activities are a day at Wet 'n' Wild, a Burleigh Indoor Sports morning, pre-release

movie at Robina Town Centre and a Beach Carnival. Each day we offer interesting and varied activities at school such as mini-Olympics, latest release movie, construction challenge, karaoke and a treasure hunt. Full information with permission/payment forms will be issued to students in 3 weeks.

### **SCHOOL BASED HEALTH NURSE: HELEN DREDGE**

#### **Free Swine Flu vaccinations available now from your GP. HUMAN SWINE INFLUENZA UPDATE – Friday 9 October 2009 (from Qld Health)**

The total number of deaths related to Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 (Human Swine Influenza) notified in Queensland remains unchanged at 41. The number hospitalised is 25 (down one) confirmed, including five (down two) in intensive care units (ICUs), plus two (unchanged) probable, but unconfirmed in ICUs. Cumulatively around 1200 people have been hospitalised in Queensland

Pandemic (H1N1 ) 2009 (Human Swine flu) vaccine is available FREE now. This virus has caused illness, hospitalization and death within Australia. The vaccine has passed the rigorous testing requirements for registration by Australia's Therapeutic Goods Administration.

A single dose of the vaccine is recommended for all people 10 years and older. Families who have children younger than ten years of age are encouraged to be vaccinated to help protect their young families. (clinical trials for those under ten years have not as yet been completed) The government has purchased twenty-one million doses of this vaccine. A shortage of those who want to be vaccinated is not expected.

Vaccination is especially important for people who are more at risk of severe outcomes if they catch this flu because of some underlying chronic conditions such as asthma and other lung diseases, heart disease, cancer, obesity, diabetes, weakened immune system, others who are strongly recommended for vaccination include pregnant women, parents or guardians of infants aged 0 – 6 months & health care workers.

#### **of the virus.**

The vaccine will take approximately two weeks to work, which is much the same as for other vaccines. Protection is expected to last one year. To find out how to access the vaccine in Queensland:

- People can contact their local GP and enquire if they have the vaccinations available. The vaccine is free but the GP may charge a fee so best to check if you will be bulk billed or not.
- Contact a local Queensland Health facility to find out about local arrangements (where local health facilities are that are providing vaccinations) visit [www.health.qld.gov.au/healthservices/byFacility.asp](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/healthservices/byFacility.asp)

### **GUIDANCE OFFICER: NANCY GRAND**

#### **Early Intervention**

'Early Intervention' is a term that is commonly used by educators, professionals, and now politicians. The words are clear – 'early intervention' means 'intervening early'. When a person shows signs of risk, whether it be mental, physical, learning or other disorders then the earlier that actions are put in place to treat the problem the more successful the outcome is likely to be. Actions may take the form of

medical intervention, family support, school involvement, and/or involvement of community agencies.

For children who are exhibiting learning or social issues, parents can access support through their GP, who can refer them to medical specialists or speech pathologist/physios, occupational therapists. Early education facilities exist for pre-school children (from 0 to 5 years) with more severe difficulties to access services.

For children who exhibit behavioural or mental health issues, your GP is your first stop. An estimated 14 -20% of children and adolescents are affected by a mental health problem every year, but only one in four receives any professional help. Schools now have in place support through early intervention for children and young people who are at highest risk of developing mental health problems, or who are showing early behavioural signs or symptoms of mental health problems. It forms part of the Commonwealth's component of the Council of Australian Governments' (COAG)

*National Action Plan on Mental Health 2006 - 2011.*

While the first 5 years of life (including from conception) are crucial and early detection of problems can help rectify or put in place services to manage the problem, early intervention at any age is crucial for a better outcome. If you wish to discuss your concerns or are unsure of what direction you should be taking, talk to the Guidance Officer at your local school.

### **INDUSTRY LIAISON OFFICER: ROBYN ALLEN**

**\*\*\* Details for all positions listed can be provided by Mrs Allen at Student Pathways\*\*\***

#### **School based Apprenticeships/Traineeships (SATs) Head start to careers through school-based training**

SATs allow students to do paid work for an employer and train towards a recognised qualification while they are still at school. They are a great way for young people to explore their career options and develop skills and confidence in their areas of interest.

Students wishing to undertake a SAT need to demonstrate the responsibility and commitment to balance work and training while completing Years 10, 11 or 12. SATs can contribute 4, 6 or even 8 points towards a Queensland Certificate of Education.



#### **Education Queensland School Based Traineeship Program**

Positions are available for

various traineeships within schools on the Gold Coast. Some of these include:

**Business** at Clover Hill State School

**Information Technology** at Merrimac State School

**Information Technology and Library & Information Services** at Robina State School and Gaven State School.

See Mrs Allen TODAY for the application package as this closes on **Friday, 30 October.**

**Cabinetmaking Apprenticeship  
(Year 12's)**

To start **now** as a School Based Apprenticeship and will convert to a full time apprenticeship at the end of Year 12.



**Certificate III Hospitality**  
Join the Radisson Resort 2010 School Based Trainee Program.

- Structured ten month paid program
- Extensive exposure to daily resort operations
- Experience in restaurant, banquet, concierge, housekeeping and administration departments
- Employee benefits
- International hotel group
- Possibility of ongoing employment

**Applications Close Friday, 30 October.**

**Certificate II Bicycle Repairs**

Do you have a passion for BMX, MB or Road Cycling? If so here is an opportunity to have a career linked to that passion. Duties will include servicing and repairing all types and makes of bikes. You must be reliable and keen to learn all aspects of the business. The position is based in Miami and public transport is available. (OnQ)



Hogs Breath Cafe have hospitality traineeships (front of house) available in their Main Beach, Mermaid Waters stores. They also have (back of house) traineeships available at Surfers Paradise and Mermaid Waters stores.



**Certificate III Business Administration**  
Surf Lifesaving Australia – Currumbin (B)

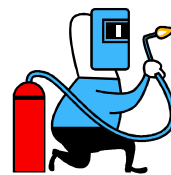
**Certificate in Business** available at a finance company located in Arundel. (B)

**Certificate III Business Administration** at Designer Nails on Chevron Island. To work Tuesdays. (B)



**Certificate II Transport & Logistics Warehouse & Storage**

Positions are available at Reece Plumbing stores located on the Gold Coast. Please apply online at [www.reece.com.au/careers/asba](http://www.reece.com.au/careers/asba)



**Certificate III Engineering Fabrication. Year 12 student interested in the sheet metal industry.** The business is located in Ormeau.

**YEAR 12 LEAVERS**



**Year 12 students** interested in a career in Engineering please come and see Mrs Allen. A local civil and electrical engineering consultancy company located at Robina have a position for a Cadet Draftsperson. The successful applicant will have the opportunity for further study. **Closes 19<sup>th</sup> October.**

**CASUAL POSITIONS:**

**BEST & LESS**

Casual positions available at Best and Less, Pacific Fair store. Must be 15 years old. Take your resume into the store and ask for Management.



City Beach has casual positions for the Xmas holidays at their Broadbeach, Surfers Paradise, Australia Fair and Robina stores. See the Senior Notice Board for the flyer on the application process.

**STUDENT PATHWAYS OFFICE: LYNNE BATESON**

**University of the Sunshine Coast Undergraduate Scholarships 2010:**

USC Undergraduate Scholarships for 2010 are now open for application. Scholarships range in value from \$3,500 over three years to \$12, 000 over three years.

USC's scholarships are awarded on more than academic merit - factors like commitment to extra-curricular activities, relocating to study or financial hardship are also considered. There is every chance that your students are eligible to apply for one (or more) scholarships.

Scholarships provide invaluable financial support and allow students to focus solely on their studies. Applications for USC's scholarships close on November 30, 2009. A pdf

**Certificate III Hospitality**  
(Food & Beverage and Retail)  
**Warner Village Theme Parks** (Warner Brothers, Movie World & Seaworld Resort & Waterpark) has school based traineeship positions for year 10, 11 and 12 students in 2010. An information evening is being held at Sea World, Paradise Room on Wednesday 4 November – 6pm start (to 7pm). Please see Mrs Allen for the information flyer.

**Certificate III in Outdoor Recreation**

Walkin' On Water Surf School at Coolangatta through the College of Surfing. Must be willing to work weekends. Closes 31 October. More information is available on [www.walkinwater.com](http://www.walkinwater.com) under the "Our Surf Crew" heading. (S)



**Do You Want To Become a Chef?  
Certificate II Hospitality (Kitchen Operations)**

A school based Traineeship in a popular resort in Surfers Paradise. You must be in Year 10 or Year 11 and have a real passion for cooking. (OnQ)

**Certificate II Hospitality**



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version of the brochure is attached and includes the application form. Hard copies of the brochure can be obtained by emailing [scholarships@usc.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@usc.edu.au) or telephoning the Scholarships Officer on 5459 4839.



**Currumbin RSL College is holding an Open Day on the 11 November from 7pm - 9pm, for the Diploma in Hospitality. Also on the day, students who attend can pick up an application for an amazing Scholarship, valued at \$9500.00 (students who do not attend can call and an application will be sent to them). Completed applications MUST be returned by December 18, then an interview process follows.**

If a student would like to book themselves in for the Diploma in Hospitality course they can do so by contacting Sami Fletcher (ILO the college on: 5559 5077. The course starts in February next year and \$9500.00 is definitely one of the best values around.

**Looking for work –  
Casual / temp / part time or contract?**

Register free online at: [www.skillsconnect.com.au](http://www.skillsconnect.com.au)  
Skills connect simplifies casual and contract Employment for businesses, recruiters and employees with one login, one system, and one solution for all. Skills connect brings employers, recruitment agencies and potential employees together in a simple, easy to use online marketplace environment.



**Danc'Ed in the Spotlight  
Friday, 23 October  
Gold Coast Arts Centre**

Our Year 12's have 2 pieces on this night as well as being involved in the opening numbers.  
Time: 7pm – 9.30pm

Tickets are available from the Gold Coast Arts

Centre - Adults (18+) \$15 Concession (-18) \$10  
Phone: 5588 4000 (for bookings)

**UNIFORM SHOP: ANGELA CORIC**

**Graphics Calculators**



Year 12 students wishing to sell their graphics calculators please come and see Mrs Coric in the Uniform Shop, as we will buy them back from you.  
(Conditions apply).



**Year 11's –  
Senior Jerseys**

Senior jerseys for 2010 can now be ordered!!!  
Sizing kits & order forms are available in the Uniform Shop.

Choose your name or nickname, up to 14 characters long.  
Any keyboard key symbols may be used.

Orders can be placed on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays only.  
Shirts cost \$85 each and *must be paid for in full at the time of ordering.*

**Closing date for orders:  
Thursday, 19 November.**

**YEAR 12 SENIOR FORMAL**

Table bookings are now being taken in the Uniform Shop. There are 10 people to a table (a minimum of 7 people can be booked). Please drop in your lists with first and last names of each student.

**Please note - no payment is required to book a table.**

There are also discount vouchers for certain items for the formal available.