Year 8: Mrs Jenny Tobin

Years 9 & 11: Mr David Hoskins

Years 10 & 12: Mrs Megan Tyne

After an extremely successful 2013, our school year is now drawing to a close. Final report cards for the year have been emailed (for the first time) to families. In addition, they will be mailed out in coming days. For the vast majority of our students, it has been an extremely productive term and we congratulate them on their ongoing achievement. We encourage you to reflect on your child’s progress with them so they can start thinking about setting new goals for 2014.

2014 promises to be an exciting one for Robina State High School. Our new Strategic Plan has been endorsed and can be accessed through our school website. Our focus is on excellence in educational delivery, high standards and personalizing our support for students.

Return dates for 2014 are as follows:

**Tuesday 28th January:**
- Year 11s are to report to the Student Activity Centre for 8.00am start
- Year 12s are to report to the Performing Arts Centre for 8.00am start
- Year 8s are to report to the Student Activity Centre for 9:10am start

Staff and student leaders will be at the main entrance ready to greet and direct new students.

**Wednesday 29th January:**
- All students are required at school as per their timetable.
  - Year 9s are to report to the Student Activity Centre for an 9:10am start
  - Year 10s are to report to the Library Undercover area for an 9:10am start

Please note that, in the event of the school being closed due to storms or flooding, families will be notified via Twitter on the school website.
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Student Organizer 2014:

A new student resource has been developed with relevant information your child needs to support their learning at Robina State High School. This can be accessed from next week on our school website or a print copy can be sent to you upon request. The organizer contains information about school hours, rules and expectations, key staff in the school and a host of other pertinent information to support students engagement with school and their learning.

To further support their learning in 2014, all students will be required to have some form of diary whether it be print or electronic. Likewise it is highly recommended that students have a USB or other digital device, to store electronic work and resources.

Contact details:

Have you changed your contact details? It is very important that the school has up-to-date information for correspondence purposes. In 2014, we will be continuing with emailing caregivers their students’ reports as well as a print copy. Likewise, in the event of an emergency, we need to be able to make contact with you or a designated emergency contact. To update your details, please email info@robinashs.eq.edu.au and please include your child’s name.

Fees/Finance:

Payment for school fees can be made at the Parent Reception between 8:00am and 4:00pm, Monday to Friday. Payments for 2013 have now closed with the payments office reopening on Monday 20 January 2014. Credit card payments can be made over the telephone: 5562 3449, by fax: 5562 3400 or by email: payments@robinashs.eq.edu.au. If unable to pay the full amount by the start of school, a payment plan may be arranged. Please call our Accounts Receivable Officer on 5562 3449 to discuss the options. It is an Education Queensland policy that fees must be paid or a payment plan is in place before participation is invited on extra curricula activities e.g. year camps, excursions, school formal, etc.

Bring Your Own Device:

Some lucky students may be receiving technology devices over Christmas or may already have their own. This term, many students have been following school processes to enable them to use their device both at home and at school and we certainly encourage this. This has been supported by the school recently increasing Internet bandwidth to cope with additional devices as well as wireless access in all teaching areas. Students that have a device they would like to integrate into their learning at school will be required to register their device. Before the device can be connected our ICT department will need to check it meets the minimum device and security specification to run on the network. For further information please contact Nick Wood (nwood32@eq.edu.au) Head of Information and Communication Technology. Students are asked not to bring any new devices on their first day of school. Mr Wood will provide information about times and processes at Year level assemblies.

Virtual classrooms:

To support our students learning 24/7, virtual classrooms will be available in all subjects from 2014. These will contain information that students and families might wish to access from home such as course information and assessment.

Our qualified support staff work hard to support the individual needs of our students.
Uniform:

Uniform shop hours for the 2014 new year are as follows:

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Uniform Code:

It is important all students are in correct school uniform from day one. We thank you in advance for supporting us by ensuring your daughter and/or son wears their uniform with pride every day. It is not permitted to mix and match the day shirt and sports shorts uniform, or day shirt and sports shirt. The unisex day shorts may be worn with the day /or sport shirt.

Hair:

Hair needs to be cut and styled in a fashion that is suitable for the workplace. Hair colour is to be of natural tones.

Jewellery:

• A watch and a ring are optional.
• Necklaces, if worn, must be long enough to be concealed below the neckline.
• If ears are pierced, they may be fitted with up to two pair of simple small studs or sleepers.
• Other piercing and/or tattoos, if present, must not be visible.

Make Up:

• Make-up and coloured nail polish are not permitted
• Nails should be no longer than finger tips
• Sunscreen is encouraged in our climate at all times.

Shoes:

Visible white socks and completely all black leather, enclosed (toe, sides, upper and heel with a tongue) shoes should be worn with the day and sport uniform. They may be of a formal or sports style. Laces are to be black.

Black leather, enclosed shoes should be worn at all times – this is in accordance with our school policy. Ballet-type shoes and canvas shoes do not provide sufficient protection when students are participating in learning experiences or in the playground. (Please note that last term, our P&C endorsed a new policy that suede shoes would be phased out by the end of this year. Families purchasing new shoes over the holidays are strongly encouraged to purchase leather which is far more appropriate from a health and safety perspective).

Black Leather sport shoes must be worn for HPE.
Hats:

This year, our P&C strongly supported a new policy around hats which will be implemented in 2014. Any student undertaking a sport, HPÉ or outdoor activity will be expected to wear a school hat. Similarly, students utilizing the basketball courts or ovals during the two breaks will also be required to wear a school hat. Based on student feedback, we will be offering two kinds of hats – a cap and a bucket style. Both are available for purchase from our Uniform shop.

School Bags & Equipment:

Please support your child by ensuring they have an appropriate school bag. Having an incorrect bag can lead to back pain and other problems. Handbags and shoulder bags are not appropriate for carriage of school resources. From Day 1, please also support your child in being ready to learn by making sure they have their appropriate writing material and books.

Travel to and from school:

It is recommended that students arrive at school at least 10 minutes before their official starting time. Once students depart from their residence or are dropped off by parents, our expectation is that they make their way immediately to school for safety reasons. Skateboards are not appropriate means of transport and are banned at this school. Likewise scooters are strongly discouraged for obvious safety reasons.

Student Successes:

Ryan Lim, Year 12, has received a 2014 RSL Youth Development Grant worth $2500. As a recipient, Ryan has been invited to attend a Leadership forum next year at Bond University. This is an outstanding achievement.

Ryan has also recently experienced extraordinary success in the Australian Martial Arts Championships; 1st in the Tri-National Teams event; 1st Kata; 2nd sparring. Hiwot Emerson, Yr 9, also competed in the same championships with great success; 1st Tri-nation cup; 1st state of origin sparring; 2nd points sparring.

The following students have all been accepted into the Griffith University Early Start to Tertiary Studies (GUESTS) program-

Tayla Marshall
Jaimee Watson
Hannah Boag
Bethany Curtis
Kana Miyazawa
Matthew Martin
Georgia Burkinshaw

Thank you for your support in 2013. I look forward to continuing our partnership in 2014. Best wishes over the holidays.
Year Leaders for 2014

Year 8: Michael Vine

It’s my great privilege to have been appointed the 2014 Year 8 Year Leader. I look forward to working with our youngest students and their caregivers to achieve their very best in all aspects of schooling. Robina SHS is working hard to continually develop new personal, civic, sports, community and academic opportunities. Roll on 2014!

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Year 9: Tait Conditsis

What a year 2013 was! This was the year of many firsts: The first time being in high school, the first time being an “Avenger”, and the first time having so many specialist teachers on hand. For many students it was a time of new beginnings, excitement and adventure. Next year is much more of the same: 2014 will be action packed. With the selection of our Junior Leaders many ideas have been floated. There will be more “Avenger” and rewards days. We will see the introduction of social clubs for juniors to access; a junior debate team, video gaming club, running/athletics club and may be a Glee club. There will even be a community service program for students to participate in. VERY EXCITING! BRING ON 2014!!!

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Year 10: Matt James

It is an exciting time for our 2014 Year 10 students as they become the first cohort from that Year group to be included in the Senior School. Students can now wear the blue senior uniform. Year 10 will have many challenges, particularly as students begin to seriously deliberate about their future academic needs. In a few short years they will be young adults, considering how to further their schooling and join the adult workforce. Entering the senior years of high school, will provide students with a plethora of opportunities, including future leadership roles.

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Year 11: Todd Campbell

Welcome to the blue uniform for 2014! There are great responsibilities and expectations associated with being a senior student at Robina SHS. We are up for the challenge! I know we are in for a big year with an academic focus and making the most of our opportunities. It has been a rewarding role working with the group for the past three years and our PROMOTE Teachers are looking forward to senior as well. Throughout the 2014 year as Year 11’s you will experience many new adventures: From new subjects, early starts, a new uniform, morning teas and lunches at the senior café to SAT’s, semesters at university just to a name a few of the challenges in front of you.

Are you ready?

I encourage all students to maintain their positive focus and arrive at school in January 2014 ready to learn!

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Year 12: Cath Harwood

I wish to congratulate the Year 11 cohort for their tremendous efforts this year and welcome them as the new leaders of Robina SHS in 2014. My expectations are high and I know they will rise to the challenge and make us all proud as they move toward the next phase of their lives. I am very excited about the Year 12 Camp which is coming up in Week 2 as this will be an extremely positive and rewarding way to start the year. Please ensure that all previous school fees are up to date to guarantee that your student can attend.

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SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SYSTEM: ROBINA SHS STUDENTS ARE GOOD STUDENTS!

For the past two years Robina SHS has been engaged in a School Wide Positive Behaviour System. (SWPBS)
This is an initiative which helps schools develop systems that consistently respond effectively to students’ inappropriate behaviours. Robina SHS is:

• investing in the prevention of problem behaviours
• identifying and responding to ‘at risk’ students early
• Using data to guide ongoing improvement & support strategies
• Building capacity within our school for highly intense interventions with the small number of students with chronic behaviours

We have taken three approaches to ensure that we are developing our SWPBS so students can learn in a safe, calm and productive educational environment. We are:

• Teaching behavioural expectations
• Restructuring lessons
• Ensuring early behavioural interventions.

By taking this approach we are replacing undesired behaviour with a new set of behaviour skills, altering the learning environment, teaching appropriate skills and rewarding appropriate behaviours.

We do hope that your students has participated in the weekly Year level positive behaviours draws; or has received a PROMOTE postcard, a certificate, an SMS, email of phone call from a teacher about your child’s positive behaviour.

Of course, to know if these strategies are effective you have some measuring stick.

The SWPBS measurement standard splits student behaviour into three tiers.

Tier 1 is students who have 0-1 disciplinary incident across the year.

Tier 2 is for student with 2-5 disciplinary incidents over the year

Tier 3 is for those with 6+ disciplinary incidents over the year.

When using SWPBS measurements our 2013 data shows us;

Tier 1: 88.19% The vast majority of our students do the right thing all the time. Most have NO disciplinary incidents recorded at all!

Tier 2: 9.34% These students are at risk of behavioural incidents and with whom our Support Staff work to prevent further inappropriate behaviours.

Tier 3: 2.47%. These students, who are mainly Year 9 students, are worked with intensively to replace negative behaviours with a new set of positive skills.

Our data proves that ROBINA SHS STUDENTS ARE GOOD STUDENTS- which we knew!

Our 2014 goal is to reduce the number of Tier 2 and Tier 3 students. Realistically, there will always be a few outliers; however, our SWPBS goal is for our entire student body to enjoy the benefits of cooperation and engagement.

We’re looking forward to all our students returning in 2014 with lots of positive things to share. We hope you enjoy a calm and safe holiday season.
Senior Schooling Continued:

SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS NEWS

This year our DETE data shows we have serviced 123 School-based Apprentices and Trainees through Student Pathways. Of those 123 we had 20 early leavers. 5 students left to take up their apprenticeship or traineeship as a full time job, whilst others have moved into further training.

Our Industry Liaison Officer Robyn Allen, has done an amazing job of running this programme – from the first contact by students, parents or employers right through to the final completion. This involves countless hours covering information sessions, sign ups, phone calls, check-ins/chase-ups, paperwork (!) work place visits, tracking and all the hundred and one things that make sure our SAT students and their employers enjoy positive outcomes.

We celebrate our SAT successes each year by attending students’ graduations with their families, trainer and employer as they complete their SAT. These photos are a quick snapshot of some of our graduates from the past few weeks. They are all justifiably proud of their achievement and many will go on to substantial careers in their SAT industry. We congratulate all our outgoing trainees and apprentices and wish them well with the next step in the career.

School based Apprenticeships and Traineeships are available to Year 10, 11 & 12 students at any time of the year (early for Year 12) and the opportunities can be viewed on our website Current School Based Traineeships
In continuing our tradition established in Year 8 2011 we celebrate positive classroom behaviours each week on Monday morning Assembly.

Year 10 class teachers nominate students and a student name is drawn and awarded a canteen voucher each week. All students nominated go into an end of term draw where 6 winners join Staffroom 5 (Year 10 PROMOTE Teachers) for a BBQ hamburger…always popular!

This year we had 723 nominations from Teachers representing 212 different students from our cohort of 247. Each week teachers give reasons for their nominations and here is a sample….

Dylan Box and Jayden Blythe… They have started the term off really determined to try to succeed in Maths

Jack Johnson Year 10 Business, Starting working immediately and focusing on the set tasks throughout the lesson.

Kai Judd outstanding work ethic in football.

Alex Booth – he has gone from strength to strength. He completed his work experience last term which has turned into a Traineeship at Pet Crazy. They had him working over the holidays as well. Well Done!!

Monique Whiffin for her beautiful compliment in Maths.

Tiana Weston – Lifestyle Management. Working well in practical cookery lesson.

Liam Edwards – working quietly in class towards his Certificate I in Information, Digital Media and Technology. He has completed the set tasks.

My Year 10 drama class are working really well…..Bailey Dawes, Madison O’Grady, Rebecca Walters, Camilla Pederson, Liam Toby

For excellent commitment to improving their remix in Music: Nick Boyan Rhiannon Edwards Ratema Faifai and Shayden Georgeff

Kye James and Lewis Bumstead – both gentlemen worked in the tuckshop this week as part of their Certificate I in Work Education. The tuckshop ladies were suitably impressed with their efforts.

Jacksen Beham, Sharna Heathcote-Watts, Tyson Dawson and Kosuke Takahashi from my HPE class. They all work really hard, are punctual and respectful..

Mareka Partridge in History for working well on her research preparation.

Brad Taber – high level of participation in science.

Britney Mannix – doing her best work possible in science.

Daniel Wagland – a well mannered young man, working hard on his work experience at IBS Cards Nerang two days a week. I went and visited him on site last week and spoke to the employer and they are very happy with his attitude, initiative, manners and overall work ethic..

Ilona Davies – positive attitude to learning in Lifestyle Management.

Liam Makepeace – always focused on completing his work on time and to a high standard..

Elkie Wallis for being a champion in the Theatre Sports competition at Assisi College last Thursday.

Maddy Corfield: excellent leadership and mentoring in class.

Tiana Reardon: excellent attitude towards work in Science.

Year 10 History…Brodie Lyon for his improved attitude in History and working really well this term.

The message for all is how dedicated teachers are to the students they teach and always want them to do their very best.

I speak on behalf of the Year 10 PROMOTE teachers when I say how proud we are of our Year level.

Academic achievement continues to be exceptional and the mature attitude to studies is pleasing. The focus is now changing toward career pathways and further study options after school.
Year 10 Drama Childrens’ Theatre

A big congratulations and thank you goes to Kirsten Lamont and the Year 10 drama students for putting on a great show this week for 120 Mudgeeraba State School students and little ones from Smarter Kids Kindergarten. The children absolutely loved the performance, which were theatre in education pieces teaching the young ones about sharing, hygiene, good eating and respect.

We had a magician and plenty of prizes, including children’s books written by Kirsten Lamont’s Mum.

The Year 10 students did us proud and were very energetic, colourful and entertaining. Well done Kirsten Lamont and the students.
Year 10 Finale Assembly

On Wednesday 27 November we had our end of Year Celebration Assembly in the PAC continuing our tradition from Year 8 and 9.

The event featured 4 stunning musical performances involving Anna Reaburn, Caleb Mills, Nick Boyan, Elkie Wallis and Shayden Georgeff. Our dance troupe of Kate Sewell, Nikki Tansey, Jessica Pomroy, Emily Forden, Camilla Pedersen and Pia Mrak provided a tremendous end to the celebrations. Bliss Bampton Sam Jones and Matthew Ho gave student speeches reflecting on their 2013 year at school.

It was a fantastic event showcasing the wonderful talented performers in our year level. The whole production was organised by the students for the students. We had a team of 34 involved with tasks including contacting Heads of Department to find Award winners, invitation design and delivery, Power point presentation, stage crew and lighting.

I must congratulate Tiana Reardon and Brook Hearn for managing the event and the MC duties. The power point presentation feature over 90 memorable photos from the year was designed by Aaron Lake and Nicole Stephens. Molly Pryde produced a 5 star invitation which was delivered to our official party. A big thank you to our Music teacher Selina Jones who has really bought out the very best in our students.

Looking forward to our Year 11 Finale……not too soon though!

Have a Happy and safe Christmas holiday

Todd Campbell

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New Free Aussie “Emergency+” app helps Triple 0 zone in on location

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A NEW smartphone app will allow people making an emergency call to pinpoint their exact location.

The free “Emergency+” app, launched in Sydney on Friday, provides users with their GPS reference, which they can then report to an emergency call taker.

With more than 65% of triple zero calls made on mobile phones, Federal Minister for Justice Michael Keenan hopes it will help eliminate confusion and guesswork.

“Sometimes mobile phone users are not aware of their physical location - making it difficult for emergency call operators to dispatch emergency services,” he said.

“This app helps callers tell emergency operators their location as determined by their smartphone’s GPS capability.”

The app, which is available on both Android and Apple products, also contains information on non-emergency numbers such as the Police Assistance Line and the SES national number.

This is to help reduce the number of calls to the Triple Zero service that should be directed to another service.
The Child and Adolescent Oral Health Program provides services to students up to the completion of Year 10. As regular dental check-ups are important, it is recommended you arrange ongoing oral health care for your child following the completion of Year 10.

For students in Year 11 and 12 and adults to be eligible for government funded oral health care they must be Queensland residents, and where applicable, in receipt of benefits from either a:

- Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) issued by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs (DVA)
- Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) issued by Centrelink
- Health Care Card (HCC)

For residents issued with these cards and currently receiving benefits, eligibility is also extended to their dependants named on the card. If your child is eligible for government funded treatment after the completion of Year 10, please register for ongoing care or emergency treatment by telephoning:

Ph: 1300 300 850
Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Excluding Public Holidays

Please note waiting lists do apply. Children of parents not eligible for government funded oral health care will need to seek ongoing care privately through their family dentist.

Further information on government funded oral health care can be accessed via http://www.health.qld.gov.au/oral-health/default.asp or please contact your local Child and Adolescent Oral Health staff if you have any queries.

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To the Parent/Legal Guardian

2014 School Based Vaccination Program for Year 8 and Year 10 Students

Adolescent vaccinations are an important part of the National Immunisation Program Schedule. The school vaccination program provides an opportunity to have Year 8 and 10 students vaccinated for free.

The 2014 vaccination program offers:

- **Year 8 male and female** students 3 vaccines including: a single booster dose of diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis; the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and varicella (chicken pox) vaccines;

- **Year 10 male and female** students a single booster dose of diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine; *This booster program for Year 10 students will conclude in 2015.*

- **Year 10 male** students the Human Papillomavirus vaccine (HPV). *This is a catch up program offered in 2013-14 only.*

In February 2014, your child will receive an immunisation consent form envelope with the applicable consent forms enclosed. These consent forms must be completed by parent/s or the student’s legal guardian. However, only students who return a completed and signed consent form stating “Yes” to vaccination will be vaccinated.

To assist in making an informed decision, the immunisation envelopes contain useful information to assist when discussing vaccination with your child.

*What do you need to do?*

- In February, ask your child if they have received the information and consent form envelope from school and remind them to bring it home.

- Once received, take the time to read through the material and complete each form.

- Check your child’s health records as they may have previously completed a primary course of varicella (chickenpox).

- Sign the consent form/s and return them to school within a week of receipt.

*Please remember to return the forms even if you say “No” to vaccination.*

The City of Gold Coast will work with your child’s school to send you a reminder to return your child’s form to school, to reassure us that every parent/legal guardian of students in Years 8 and 10 have had the opportunity to make an informed decision regarding this important health initiative. To find out more about HPV and the HPV vaccine, please visit [www.australia.gov.au/hpv](http://www.australia.gov.au/hpv) and for information on the school immunisation program [www.immunise.health.gov.au](http://www.immunise.health.gov.au).

To contact our Immunisation Services team to obtain records of vaccinations given by Council, or for further information, please call **5581 6709** during business hours, or alternatively email immunise@goldcoast.qld.gov.au.

Yours faithfully

[Signature]

Stuart Patrick
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