



# Home Hill State High School

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## Information Newsletter 2019



### Principal's Report

Welcome back to Home Hill State High School for 2019, in particular a warm welcome to our new year 7 students, and to all new students in the other year levels. As a small close-knit school, it should not take most of you long until the initial disorientation of the unknown is replaced by a feeling of belonging.

Home Hill State High School should be considered as another business in our community. We are in the business of learning, with high level student outcomes as our 'product'. And like any business we have a number of rules and expectations at our work site. These expectations are there to enable us to achieve outstanding outcomes in our business, and to allow creation of a 'Culture of Learning' and an environment conducive to learning.

Like many workplaces, we have a dress code, which helps foster a feeling of belonging and identification. Our students demonstrate a sense of pride by their wearing of the uniform, and I appreciate the support from parents in ensuring their young person is appropriately dressed.

2019 sees the introduction of the 'New QCE' senior studies framework for our year 11 students. It will take a lot of attention by our staff to ensure the smooth introduction of the associated changes across 2019 and 2020, and consistent dedication to their studies by our senior students across year 11 and year 12 to maximise their outcomes. I am confident, however, that in most ways even for them it will be business as usual.

We will continue to focus our commitment to our three pillars – Learning, Performance and Citizenship, and use these as a guide to ensure we are on track to deliver the best instruction, that we work with students to maximise their achievement and that we develop positive citizenship in our students. We will continue the emphasis to living up to our motto "Finis Coronat Opus" or "The End Crowns the Work". This ideal reminds us all that by expecting the best whilst at school we enable the best long-term outcomes – success for every child for their future.

For 2019, our focus elements are:

- Learning
  - Visible Learning - literacy with a reading/writing focus
  - introducing the 'New QCE'
  - 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learners - embedding relevant technologies in the learning process.
- Performance
  - improved student learning outcomes and success
  - knowing our students well and targeted outcomes oriented case-management
  - further developing teacher capabilities.
- Citizenship
  - structured well-being and students' self-development
  - community and cluster school with foci on STEM and AgriBusiness

I look forward to another fabulous year, and to working closely with parents, carers, and the local community in providing students with the best education available.

### Next P&C Meeting

The **February** meeting of the P&C will be held **Tuesday, 12 February** at 7.45 pm in the Staff Common Room.

### Dates to Remember

- **Tuesday 12 February**
  - Disco
- **Thursday 21 February**
  - Leaders' Investiture
  - HH Memorial Hall
- **Friday 22 February**
  - Swimming Carnival
- **Thursday 7 March**
  - Interschool Twilight
  - Swimming Carnival

Our school acknowledges the Juru Community as the first owners of this country. Today, they are still the custodians of the cultural heritage of this land. Further to this, our school acknowledges there are other Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and South Sea Island people have lived, worked and contributed to the cultural heritage of our community.



## **Burdekin Secondary School Sport Association**

This year promises, as always, to be a hectic year for Home Hill sporting people.

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| TERM 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Interhouse Swimming Carnival, (Friday, 22 February), Interschool Swimming Carnival (Thursday 7 March)</li> <li>- Rugby League/Netball – round robin games commence</li> <li>- Volleyball</li> </ul>   |
| TERM 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cross Country - Interhouse (Friday, 3 May), Burdekin (Tuesday 21 May), NQ (Tuesday 28 May)</li> <li>- Soccer and Basketball</li> <li>- NQ U12 Athletics Trials (Monday 17 June),</li> <li>- Interhouse Athletics Carnival (Thursday 27 &amp; Friday 28 June)</li> </ul> |
| TERM 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 13 years, 15 years and Open Touch, Rugby 7s</li> <li>- Burdekin Athletics Carnival (Friday 23 August - ASHS)</li> <li>- NQ Open Athletics Trials (Friday 6 September)</li> </ul>  |
| TERM 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 15 years Boys Cricket</li> <li>- 15 years Girls Softball</li> </ul>   |

All students will be notified well in advance about these dates and should listen to form notices when these sports become available.

## **Community Education Counsellor (CEC)**

The main role of a Community Education Counsellor is to provide a service to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to assist with any concerns they may have about their education. Home Hill High's CEC, Ollie Henaway, assists parents/guardians with issues they may have concerning their child's education and well-being as well as liaising between the school & the Indigenous Community and students & staff.

Support can be provided in a variety of ways:

- Counselling
- Education support
- Providing assistance to student, parent/guardian, school staff & community
- Involve students in program to help them develop physically, socially & emotionally
- Cultural awareness
- Network with other government organisations

Ollie is available at Home Hill High School on Wednesdays. She can be contacted on 4790 5666

## **Corona**

The Corona Committee will be producing the school magazine which will be available for purchase in term four.

The approximate cost for the full colour magazine is \$22.00. *Intention to Order* forms for the Corona will be circulated towards the end of term 4. Payment will be required prior to the issuing of magazine.

## **Guidance**

Our Guidance Officer, Mrs Tanya Munro, forms part of Home Hill State High's student support team. She provides assistance to students in three main areas:

- Emotional wellbeing support - including short term counselling and facilitating support from agencies within the community
- academic support – including advice on time management and study skills, investigating and facilitating support for students who are experiencing learning difficulties and/or struggling with the curriculum.
- career support – including goal setting, subject selection and information regarding career pathways.

Mrs Munro is available Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students are able to self-refer at the office and parents may also contact the Guidance Officer through the school.

Don't forget to visit Home Hill High's very own career website at: <http://www.homehillshscareers.com/> or simply Google: Home Hill Career Tools. The website is a ONE-STOP SHOP for everything you need to know about Senior Schooling and beyond. It is a helpful and interactive tool that can be accessed by parents, students and wider community members both at school or at home.

On the website, you will find a range of information required for Senior Schooling including: TAFE/University options, details on the Queensland Certificate of Education, OPs, QTAC, Youth Allowance and much, much more. It is also a place to find important messages about Career events/expos and job vacancies within the area. Students can create a unique login and partake in interest tests, research millions of jobs, upload and develop resumes and an online career portfolio, define career goals and develop a step by step plan on how to reach them and get the job and life that they want!

Tanya Munro  
Guidance Officer

### **Leaders' Investiture**

The 2019 Student Leaders' Investiture will be held at the Burdekin Memorial Hall on Thursday 21 February, at 1.45 pm. A cordial invitation is extended to all parents to attend this ceremony when the school community acknowledges the school's leaders for the year.

Parents and students are reminded that all buses will depart from the Memorial Hall at the usual times, and students will be released from the hall.

### **Literacy and Numeracy Support**

Literacy and Numeracy Support teacher Mrs Margaret Sladden is pleased to provide students with various opportunities for extra assistance in their learning endeavours. Students should consider the value of taking full advantage of these opportunities as they have been designed for positive learning outcomes.

Various forms of support are available. One option is withdrawal from classes, either individually or in small groups, to work on improving literacy and/or numeracy or other devised programs. Another form of support is where both the class teacher and a teacher aide work in the class to facilitate learning.

The provision of additional support as described here, is determined by the school's desire to best cater for students' needs and to improve literacy and numeracy, using the resources available. The provision of extra support will benefit student learning. Mrs Sladden is available at the school for any queries.

### **National Academic Competitions**

This school facilitates participation in 5 national academic competitions as summarised in the table below.

Competition	Teacher	Competition Date	Comments
<b>Australian National Chemistry Quiz</b>	L Young	Tuesday 30 July	Open to year 9 – 12 students. All year 11 & 12 Chemistry students are expected to participate.
<b>Australian Mathematics Competition</b>	R Lipsys	Thursday 1 August	Open to year 7 – 12 students. All year 11 & 12 Maths B students are expected to participate.
<b>Australian Schools English Competition</b>	L Clark	Yet to be determined	Open to year 7 – 12 students. All Junior and Senior students are seriously encouraged to participate.
<b>Australian Schools Science Competition</b>	R Scalia	Thursday 5 September	Open to year 7 – 12 students. Students in Chemistry and Physics usually expected to participate.
<b>UNSW Business Competition</b>	R Gall	Yet to be determined	Open to all year 11 and 12 Accounting students.

Through notices each day in form meeting all students are encouraged to nominate with the relevant teacher. Early nomination is advised.

The P&C Association and individual departments allocate some funds to cover most entry fees for each competition. Once the quota for each quiz is filled, students may have to pay themselves. Entries close at different times for each competition and these times are advertised on notices.

There are five good reasons to participate in one or more of the competitions. Students who are not serious about putting in a concerted effort need not nominate.

- The competitions contain questions which are able to be answered by most students.
- All students receive some acknowledgment of their participation – Results Letter, Certificate of Participation, Awards, etc.
- The results provide additional independent assessment of a student's knowledge.
- Results provide an indication of student's strengths and weaknesses.
- Senior students find it useful as QCS practice.

## **Newsletters**

Newsletters are produced monthly and are distributed just prior to the P&C meetings. P&C meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month. It is intended that the newsletters be given to your children on the Friday before the P&C meeting. Students are instructed that they are to deliver the newsletter to their parents on the day they receive it. Those parents that have elected to have the newsletter emailed will receive it on Friday morning.

Newsletters usually contain reports and photos on school activities for the preceding month, together with date claimers and explanations of any matters of policy or procedure. They are very worthwhile and we encourage you to inquire of their whereabouts if you don't receive one at the beginning of each month.

This particular newsletter features some aspects of the annual calendar, together with some school procedures, in addition to general reports.

## **Photos**

ID photographs are scheduled for Wednesday, 13 February. All students will go through the process of having their photos taken but it is not compulsory to order one. Most students find the card useful for entry into different venues e.g. the movies and schoolies week. Students should pay at the office by Friday 1 March. Cost to be advised.

Class photos will also be taken on Friday, 8 February. Prices for class photos are to be advised. Money can be paid electronically prior to the day or directly to the photographer on the day using an ordering envelope provided by the photographer. The school will not be issuing a receipt.



## **Resource Centre/ Library**

- An atmosphere that is welcoming and conducive to reading, computer work, research, learning and study.
- Extensive range of resources relevant to students, teachers and parents' interests and curriculum requirements. Resources include periodicals (magazines), vertical files, audio-visual materials, laptops, photocopier/printer/scanner, audio books, Reference books, Fiction books, Non-Fiction books, books and more books,
- Interesting and inspiring themed displays e.g. Australia Day, ANZAC Day, Education Week, NAIDOC week, Fete Student work.
- An extensive Junior Secondary Reading/RIBIT (Read in Bed. It's Terrific!) collection for the guaranteed enjoyment of our year 7, 8 and 9 students.
- Board games and chess sets provide students with the opportunity for quiet play before school and during breaks.

- Access to the courtyard area, for outdoor reading, learning, or game play.
- Access to the Home Hill State High School Library Online Catalogue and associated resources and databases from anywhere on the planet!

***We look forward to igniting your child's imagination and knowledge, through the wonder of books.***

***HSHS Library Motto – If you will read it, we will buy it!***

### **School Based Youth Health Nurse Program**

The SBYHN program is a State Government initiative that aims to promote the health and well-being for young people, their families and the whole school community. Young people face a number of challenges – physical, emotional and psychological as they make the transition to adulthood. Puberty, the establishment of relationships, exposure to alcohol, smoking and general risk taking are issues that young people face as they become mature adults.

This is an opportune time to lay the foundations for positive health behaviours and attitudes that will last through their lives. Staying healthy requires knowledge and skill development and it is important that young people have access to accurate information and advice about these changes.

School Based Youth Health Nurses are health professionals who are available to help young people, parents, school staff and the general community. They provide individual confidential consultations with referral to other services and agencies if necessary, and support whole of school activities that focus on promoting health and well-being.

The Youth Health Nurse will also help with teaching and learning activities that focus on health and promoting a culture and environment that supports health and well-being.

### **School Based Vaccination Program**

Coordinated by Queensland Health, the annual School Based Vaccination Program provides secondary school students in Queensland with the opportunity to be protected from a range of diseases.

Year 7 students will be offered one dose of Diphtheria-tetanus-whooping cough (DTPa) Boostrix vaccine and two doses of Gardasil, the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine.

Year 10 students will receive 1 dose of the meningococcal vaccine (ACWY)

**The dates for these vaccinations in 2019 are:**

- **6/3/2019 – round 1 (Years 7 & 10)**
- **9/9/2019 – round 2 (Year 7 only)**

Letters, information and consent forms will be distributed to students. If you do not yet receive vaccination forms, extra copies will be available at the school office. The consent forms must be returned to the school office. They will be collected by Qld Health staff prior to the first vaccination date. The vaccinations will be conducted by a team of specially trained registered nurses and/or a medical practitioner. There is no payment required for this vaccination program. For more information about diseases, vaccines or the School Based Vaccination Program visit [www.health.qld.gov.au](http://www.health.qld.gov.au).



## Website & Facebook

Our school maintains a comprehensive website which is regularly updated with news and information. We invite you to explore the site at [www.homehillshs.eq.edu.au](http://www.homehillshs.eq.edu.au) to find out more about our school and to appreciate how the “Home Hill Way” encourages students to perform at the highest levels. Education Queensland has also released the **QSchools app** that allows the public to gain easy access to various school websites. The school also has a Facebook page “Home Hill State High School”, where up to the minute notifications can be found.

## Youth Support Coordinator (YSC)

- My name is Amanda Coldstream (Miss Amanda) and I am the Youth Support Coordinator at Home Hill State High School. I have compiled a summary of my role here at the school and can be contacted on 4790 5666 or via email [acold3@eq.edu.au](mailto:acold3@eq.edu.au) should you have any questions or concerns.
- Social, emotional and individual support.
- Identifying barriers to young people achieving outcomes and referral to appropriate support services and agencies.
- Develop and foster relationships between the school and families of students to assist at risk students to remain engaged with education or training.
- Conduct home visits with students and their families, as appropriate, to advise and provide strategies for a more positive education experience.
- Monitor attendance patterns of students or groups of students and, in accordance with the school’s attendance plan, implement early intervention strategies.
- Develop and implement programs to support social and emotional wellbeing as required (addressing social skills, assertiveness or self-esteem) (Team Up, Lessons 4 Learners, Active Mates, Get Active lunch time sports, food parcels, lunches, breakfast program).
- Be part of the professional team working with the school and the community and liaise with students, teachers, staff, parents and the Complex Case Team.
- Informing parents/students of training or employment opportunities.
- Assist students compile resumes.
- School Attendance (Attendance challenges, rewards).
- Behaviour Support (tuckshop voucher rewards pink cards), teacher/student conflict, identifying and addressing barriers.
- Organize lunch activities to help student engagement and to minimize behaviour issues at lunchtimes.
- I work from 9.30am to 3.00pm in the YSC role. Appointments can be made by phone, email or at the office. I am able to meet with both students and parents/carers to assist and can do a home visit if that is more convenient.



**2019 Calendar of Coming Events**

Monday	28 January	Australia Day Holiday
Tuesday	29 January	School Begins
Tuesday – Friday	5 February – 8 February	Year 12 Leadership Camp
Tuesday	12 February	P&C Meeting / Disco
Wednesday	13 February	School & ID Photos
Thursday	21 February	Leaders' Investiture
Friday	22 February	School Swimming Carnival
Friday	1 March	School Fees Due
Tuesday	12 March	P&C Meeting, AGM
Monday	18 March	Reports & Interview times issued
Wednesday	27 March	Parent - Teacher Interviews
Friday	5 April	Term One Ends
<b>6 April – 21 April</b>		
<b>Easter Vacation</b>		
Monday	22 April	Easter Monday public holiday
Tuesday	23 April	Term Two Commences
Thursday	25 April	Anzac Day public holiday
Friday	26 April	Anzac Day School Ceremony
Friday	3 May	School Cross Country/ Drama Festival
Monday	6 May	Labour Day Public Holiday
Friday	10 May	FETE
Tuesday	14 May	P&C Meeting
Tuesday – Thursday	14-16 May	NAPLAN
Tuesday	28 May	NQ Cross Country Trials / Challenge Games
Thursday – Friday	6-7 June	Year 7 Camp
Tuesday	11 June	P&C Meeting
Wednesday	26 June	Show Holiday
Thursday(pm) - Friday	27-28 June	School Athletics Carnival
Friday	28 June	Term Two Ends
<b>29 June – 14 July</b>		
<b>Winter Vacation</b>		
Monday	15 July	Term Three Commences
Tuesday	16 July	P&C Meeting
Tuesday	23 July	Disco
Friday	26 July	Reports & Interview times issued
Tuesday	30 July	National Chemistry Quiz
Thursday	1 August	Parent – Teacher Interviews / Challenge Games / Maths Competition
Tuesday	13 August	P&C Meeting
Tuesday	20 August	Parent Information Evening Years 10 to 11 Transition
Friday	23 August	Interschool Athletics Carnival
Tuesday - Wednesday	3-4 September	QCS
Tuesday	10 September	P&C Meeting
Sunday - Friday	15-20 September	LPC Week - Year 9 Camp (begins 15 September)
Friday	20 September	Term Three Ends
<b>21 September – 6 October</b>		
<b>Spring Vacation</b>		
Monday	7 October	Queen's Birthday public holiday
Tuesday	8 October	Term Four Commences
Tuesday	9 October	P&C Meeting
Friday	11 October	Students' Ball (TBC)
Tuesday	15 October	Parent Information Evening Years 8 to 9 Transition
Monday	21 October	Student Free Day
Tuesday	22 October	Sports Awards Night
Tuesday	29 October	Awards Night
Tuesday	12 November	P&C Meeting
Thursday	14 November	Valedictory Dinner
Friday	15 November	Year 12 Finish
Friday	29 November	Years 10 & 11 Finish / Year 12 Reports & References Issued
Friday	6 December	Years 10-11 Reports Issued
Tuesday	10 December	P&C Meeting
Thursday	12 December	Years 7-9 Reports Issued
Friday	13 December	End Term Four

**Tuckshop Menu**

LUNCH MENU available every day (pre-ordering required)		PRICE	LUNCH MENU EXTRAS available on designated day (pre-ordering required)			PRICE
Garlic Bread (1 only).....		\$1.00	Monday	Turkish Bread (Chicken Cheese & Pesto/Ham Cheese & Tomato)	Large	\$5.00
Noodle Cup.....		\$2.00			Medium	\$3.50
Lasagne.....		\$3.50	Tuesday	Turkish Bread (Chicken Cheese & Pesto/Ham Cheese & Tomato)	Small	\$2.00
Chicken Chippies (6 per bag).....		\$3.00			Large	\$5.00
			Wednesday	Chicken Burger	Medium	\$3.50
			Thursday	Nacho's Spaghetti (available winter menu only)	Small	\$2.00
			Friday	Hot Dogs		\$4.00
Pie - Beef, Cheese, Bacon .....		\$3.50	<b>SNACKS available after 11.35am every day</b>			
Pie - Beef, Cruiser.....		\$3.50	Assorted packets of chips.....			\$1.50
Pie - Beef, Traveller .....		\$3.50	Fruit (piece).....			.50c
			Muffins.....			.50c
Pizza - Ham & Pineapple		\$2.50	Slushy.....			Small \$2.00 Large \$3.00
Roll - Sausage.....		\$2.50	Ice- creams			
- Spinach and Ricotta .....		\$3.00	Billabong.....			\$1.50
			Icy Bites.....			.50c
Salad Box - Chicken/Ham.....		\$6.00	Icy Poles.....			\$1.50
Salad Box - Salad only.....		\$5.00	Lifesaver.....			\$2.00
Salad Bowl - Small (Ham or Chicken \$1.00 extra).....		\$4.00	Milo Cup.....			\$2.50
(Salad contains; egg, lettuce, tomato, cheese, beetroot, corn, carrot, cucumber, mixed beans and pineapple)			Skinny Cow ice-cream cup.....			\$2.50
Salad Rolls & Sandwiches - Salad with Chicken/Ham		\$4.50	<b>DRINKS available everyday</b>			
Salad Rolls & Sandwiches - Salad only.....		\$4.00	Water.....			\$2.00
(Salad consists of carrot, tomato, cucumber, cheese & lettuce)			Kyneton Sparkling Mineral Water.....			\$2.50
			Juice.....			
Toasties - Chicken, Cheese/Tomato .....		\$3.50	Golden Circle Popper.....			250ml \$1.50
Toasties - Chicken, Cheese and Pesto.....		\$3.50	Mildura Orange & Passionfruit.....			500ml \$3.50
Toasties - Cheese only.....		\$2.00	Big M Chocolate/Strawberry Milk.....			250ml \$1.50
Toasties - Ham, Cheese/Tomato.....		\$3.50	Flavoured Milk.....			Small \$2.00 Large \$3.50
Wraps - Chicken/Ham & Salad.....		\$5.00				
Wraps - Chicken Caesar/Aioli/Mayo & Salad.....		\$5.00				
(Salad consists of carrot, tomato, cucumber, cheese & lettuce)						

