Habit of Mind

Why Fit in
when you were born to stand out

Dr. Seuss

Welcome new students
I am delighted to share some excellent news with respect to the graduating class of 2014. Congratulations to Rou and Sining for achieving OP1s. The entire cohort did very well to achieve a QCE completion rate of 98%. Tuesday was a wonderful day for our new Year 7 and 8 students at Mitchelton State High School. We welcomed over 80 Junior Secondary students to our school as well as many other new students in the Senior School across Years 10 to 12.

To assist new and returning students and their families, I have listed some important information below for your reference:

* Timetables: Students were all issued with a hard copy of their timetable Tuesday. I strongly advise students to take a photo of their timetable with their phone or laptop so they have a permanent copy.
* Hats: Please be reminded that ALL students are expected to wear the school hat to school. For students yet to purchase the hats, the Uniform Shop will be open from 8am – 11am Monday and Thursday each week.
* Student diaries and laptops: By the end of week 2, all students should have their electronic diaries up and running on their laptops. It is the responsibility of ALL students to have a fully charged laptop at school for every lesson.

Congratulations to all our students on a great start to 2015. We look forward to working with you all in 2015.

Welcome New Staff
The following teachers are new to Mitchelton High in 2015:
- Emma McGrath (English Faculty)
- Ellen Abbott (Business Faculty)
- Karen Stone (Home Economics)
- Karen Van Raders (Business Faculty)
- Jakeb Lovejoy (Special Education Program/Social Science)
- Cassandra Burrows (Mathematics/Science Faculty)
- Patricia Larkin (HPE/Maths Faculty)
- Lee Matthews (Music)
- Troy Millard (Maths/Science Faculty)

We also welcome two new Guidance Officers this year – Jan Lowis on Mondays and Fiona Lyon on Thursdays.
Key Leadership Staff
There have been some changes to the leadership positions for 2015. Heather Blake (Years 7, 8 & 9) and Jo Wainwright-Smith (Years 10, 11, 12) continue on as our Deputy Principals and Sue McCallum as Head of Special Education Services. Shelley Bampton has been appointed as the school’s Master Teacher for the next three years. Tracey Ahboo will act as Head of Department for English, Arts and Languages. Mitchell Fallon will act as Head of Department for Student Performance and Engagement. Both Peter Roberts (Mathematics/Science) and Karen Smith (Humanities/ Business/Technology/Childcare) continue on as our other two permanent Heads of Department.

Best wishes,
John Searle—Principal
Email: jsear13@eq.edu.au

All future Mitchie Moments will be sent out via email. Could you please ensure your contact details are updated and correct in order for you to receive your copy. Thank you

Welcome back to all continuing families and welcome to all new families to Mitchelton State High School. I would especially like to welcome our first Year 7 cohort and also our new Year 8’s. I hope that everyone settles in for a successful and enjoyable year in 2015.

The P&C Association serves to support the school through the operation of the Tuckshop and Uniform Shop; through financial and material support; and by participating in planning and decision making processes. The P&C has the responsibility for signing off on various policies on behalf of the parents of the school. The P&C also supports the School Chaplaincy Program. The P&C needs the support of school parents to effectively support the school in all these areas. Being involved in the P&C is also a good way of getting to know other members of the school community and being more aware of what is happening at the school.

Tuckshop
The Tuckshop is open from 8.00am to 1.50pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. On Wednesday and Friday, the Tuckshop closes at the end of first break (11.15am). Food and drinks (other than water) will only be served to students during authorised breaks. Pre-orders can be placed before school. Why not pre-order your lunch or morning tea? Pre-ordering enables you to specify what you want (eg delete salad items & seasonings that you don’t want) and also guarantees that you don’t miss out. It helps the Tuckshop by minimising wastage because we don’t have to guess how many of each item we will sell. Do you feel too hot for hot food? Why not try a nice cool sandwich or salad or fruit? Students can see Anne before school to order what they would like and make sure that it is ready for them at their chosen break. Staff can phone the Tuckshop to place their order.

Best wishes,
John Searle—Principal
Email: jsear13@eq.edu.au

Uniform Shop:
The Uniform Shop will be open from 9.00am to 12.00 noon on Thursday and Friday this week (29 & 30). The regular times of 8.00am to 11.00am on Mondays and Thursdays will apply from next week. Where a Public Holiday falls on one of these days, the Uniform Shop will open on an alternative day. Unless otherwise advised, it will be the next school day (Tuesday ILO Monday and Friday ILO Thursday).

Volunteers:
Volunteers are always welcome. Please contact Tuckshop Manager Anne Jones or Uniform Shop Manager Tracey Cahill if you would like to help in either of these areas. If you would like to help in any other way, please contact me via the School Office.

P&C Annual General Meeting:
The Annual General Meeting of the P&C will be held on Tuesday 17 February in the Library, commencing at 7.00pm. All adult members of the school and local community are welcome to attend and apply for membership of the P&C. No one will be expected to take on any position if they do not wish to. We need ordinary members as much as we need office bearers!

I look forward to meeting as many members of the school community as possible over the coming weeks and months.

John Creagh
President
Email: jcrea16@eq.edu.au

Immunisation Program for Year 8/10 Students
Our school is participating in Queensland Health’s annual School Based Vaccination Program. The program provides a free booster dose of diptheria-tetanus-pertussis (whooping cough), chicken pox and HPV vaccines for Year 8 students. The vaccination will be conducted by a team of specially trained registered nurses and/or a medical practitioner. The vaccination team will be visiting the school to give the free vaccination on the following date:

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It is important that you read the information in the consent form. Only students who have a completed and signed consent form (ticked yes) will be vaccinated. If you would like your child to be vaccinated, please fill in the consent forms and return them to the school on Tuesday 9 February 2015. If you do not wish your child to be vaccinated, or your child has already been vaccinated with the offered vaccine, it is still important that you complete the form(s) (ticking no) and return it. This helps Queensland Health to ensure that all students have been given the opportunity to participate in this program.

Heather Blake
Deputy Principal
Email: hblak2@eq.edu.au
New to our school? Stay in touch with the QSchools app

Families can keep up-to-date with the latest information from our school through the QSchools app. It's an easy way to find vital school information including events and newsletters.

The QSchools app now allows for push notifications to deliver essential information directly to a device including emergency alerts and important updates.

Find out more on the DETE apps page.


Smoking banned 5 metres around school grounds

Smoking any tobacco products or using an electronic cigarette within five metres of any state or private school grounds has been banned. This applies before, during and after school hours as well as over weekends and school holidays.

On the spot fines can be issued by environmental health officers, police or other officers authorised by the local government to anyone found in breach of this legislation. The ban does not extend to businesses or residences that share a property boundary with a school.

Smokers are asked to put out their cigarette and dispose of the litter thoughtfully well before you reach the school boundary.


Samford Netball Club
2015 Season Registration
When: 31st January 9am - 2pm
Where: Samford Netball Clubhouse Samford Parklands
Enjoy a Snow Cone while you Sign up & attend to uniform fittings
Also available Online: http://samfordnetball.org.au
Squad Training commences on 10th February, 2015
Season Commences on 21st March, 2015
Registration Fees for Season 2015
$300 per player
Further Enquiries Phone: 0428 648 154

It’s FREE!!!

Come along and get help with your homework!
For ages 10-13
Every Thursday during the school term
3:30pm-4:30pm
At Picabeen Community Centre
22 Hoben Street, Mitchelton
To register, please call Amy on 3354 2555
**Student Resource Scheme**

This Scheme ensures all students have the required resources for their education, as well as saving parents/carers time and money in sourcing appropriate resources.

In return for a hire fee of $265.00 which is the School Student Resource Charge, plus the Govt allowance, this Scheme provides:

- Hire of all textbooks and class sets
- Printed class notes, excluding colour photocopies and student's personal photocopying
- E-Diary and School ID Card
- Basic materials used in practical subjects
- Textbooks including but not limited to the attached list of texts

The scheme does not cover the following (this list is not conclusive)

- Stationery requirements
- Additional costs for Certificate and Diploma Subjects, Distance Education or TAFE courses
- Additional costs for Hospitality, Industrial Skills and/or Visual Arts consumables
- Additional costs for excursions/trips, sports programs, sport buses and sport entry fees.
- Additional costs for Performing Arts folders/hire of musical equipment, sheet music/music TShirts

This Scheme provides the entire package for a set fee and is not available in parts.

The Queensland Government Textbook and Resource Allowance supports this Scheme. The Textbook and Resource Allowance is paid only once in any calendar year, regardless of the number of schools the student attends. Allowances are $115 per year for students in Years 8-10, and $250 for those in Years 11-12.

**Conditions of participating in Scheme:**

- Students will supply their own personal requirements - as outlined in Subject Requirements Lists.
- Books issued to students are kept in good condition.
- Students may be responsible for up to the full cost of books that are negligently damaged or lost before any further issues can be made.
- School Administration Office to be notified immediately of the loss of any textbook.
- All textbooks provided under the Scheme remain the property of the Scheme and must be returned when the student leaves or at the end of the school year.
- All fees received by the school on behalf of the Parents' and Citizens' Association will be banked into the school's general account, which is subject to annual audit.
- If a student starts school after first term, the fee is reduced on a pro-rata basis.
- If a student leaves school having paid a fee, a pro-rata refund will be made. Refunds are based on the full charge (which include the Textbook Allowance and parent/carers charge), less cost of consumed materials and/or cost of replacing lost or damaged textbooks.
- Books and resources provided under the Scheme will not be issued to students whose parents/carers choose not to participate.
- School Principals may refuse to admit a student to the Scheme if there are payments overdue from the previous year.

Parents/carers who do not wish to participate in the Student Resource Scheme inform the school administration so they can receive a payment to the value of the Textbook Allowance for each of their children. However, they are expected to provide all necessary textbooks and resources for their children as detailed on the Subject Requirements Lists available from the school upon request.

Where there is genuine parental financial hardship, parents can discuss with the school Principal how they can meet their financial obligations by instalments throughout the school year or discuss alternative arrangements to accommodate special circumstances.

**Invitation**

The Student Resource Scheme is discussed at the October meeting of the school’s Parents’ and Citizens’ Association. Parents/Carers are invited to attend this meeting and express their opinions. A vote is taken annually at this meeting on the continuation of this Scheme.

**Arrangements for Payment**

Please sign the attached Parent/Carer Consent Form and return it to Mitchelton State High School by 30 January 2015. Payments can be made by cash, cheque, Bankcard, Visa, MasterCard, internet banking, centrelink deduction or EFTPOS. A receipt will be provided.

If you prefer to pay by instalment, this can be done by making three equal payments each term, with due payment dates of the 10 February 2014, 2 May 2014 and 13 July 2014.

**Parents/carers experiencing financial difficulty**