Habit of Mind

When you cannot make up your mind which of two evenly balanced courses of action you should take – choose the bolder.

William Joseph Slim

Important November Dates

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We are five weeks into a very busy term, especially for our Year 12 students who now have less than two weeks of school to go before they finish their educational journey with the school. I wish them all the best over the next couple of weeks and with their final assessment tasks.

Year 12 end of year exams commenced on Monday (November 4) and conclude on Friday, November 8. Parents are reminded that Year 12 students are only required to attend school for their scheduled exams and they must be in full school uniform, including correct footwear.

We farewell our Year 12 students at the Graduation Ceremony on Friday, November 15 starting at 5.30pm. I am pleased to report that the Premier of Queensland, Campbell Newman will be our special guest for the evening and will present our graduating class with their certificates.

Students who do not attend the Graduation will be required at school on Friday November 15 to complete QSA attendance requirements for certification. I look forward to seeing all Year 12 students and their parents/carers at the Graduation ceremony.

Term 4 is also the time of year where we celebrate the successes that our students have achieved this year. We begin this next Wednesday (November 13) when we hold our Awards Night where we will recognise the outstanding academic, artistic, sporting and citizenship achievements of our students. I invite you to join with staff and celebrate the successes of our many exceptional students. The evening starts at 7.00pm in the hall.

Our next Parents and Citizens Association meeting is on this Tuesday, November 19 beginning at 7pm. Please join us at this meeting.

Finally, I cannot emphasise enough the importance of students attending school and working right through to the end of the term. A large number of students switch off early in Term 4 and this has a very negative effect on their school performance. For our Year 12 students, this is especially important, as continuing to work hard right to the end of the year is critical for a successful transition into work or further study.

Best wishes,

John Searle—Principal
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> From the Principal
The last two weeks have been both exciting and busy for The Arts department at Mitchelton State High School. As the Year 12 cohort round up their time here at Mitchelton it was their chance to showcase their work in Music, Drama, Dance and Art.

On Wednesday the 16 October the senior Dance students wowed the audience with a wide range of contemporary dance styles. These dances highlighted the fact that our students once again proved that they have the talent and commitment to achieve great things. A vote of thanks goes out to the Dance Department for their effort and commitment to this event.

On the 30 October the Drama Night performance showcased the final assessment item for the 2013 Year 12 students. *Mitchie Man* was a collage drama involving two parts. The first part was a serious enactment of issues associated with power and ramifications when this power is exploited.

The second part of the production was set at Mitchelton State High School and explored the importance of standing up to bullying. This second act took on a comedic direction with the star of the show ‘Mitchie Man’ himself, expressing the importance of following our school values of Participation, Accountability and Respect.

The show was a great success with many highlights. In particular the crowd favourites were the ‘genie’ scene and of course the cameo involving Mr Searle himself. A special thank you goes to the Drama class, Mrs AhBoo, Ms Mitchell and of course Mr Low and the tech crew.

Well done!

On the afternoon of Halloween eve the Creative Arts students led by Mrs Rose showcased their artistic efforts from the past two years. These students who completed a Certificate II in Visual Arts truly have creativity and talent.

The library and courtyard was transformed into a temporary gallery space complete with cheese and canapés for the invited guests. The works ranging from paintings, prints and drawings to ceramic sculptures, showed both diversity and creative expression. Well done to everyone and a big thanks to Mrs Rose for her continued guidance throughout the course.

As Halloween rolled in on Thursday 31 October the Music students from Grovely and Mitchelton State High School converged on J block for the Music Soiree. The students from the two schools performed a number of solo, duet and group items that entertained the crowd throughout the evening. The band, many of whom were dressed in their Halloween costumes, were simply fantastic.

I have been to a number of concerts in my time but never have I seen such a fabulously dressed group of musicians. The commitment of the students, parents and staff who attended the evening should be commended. The night was a truly wonderful one and a special thank you goes to Mrs Hall for her organisation of the event, Mr Dugan for his support for both Hikaru and Kimberley during their performances, the Grovely teachers, Mrs Stacey for her involvement in the band, the parents and community who are also heavily involved in the school band. I can’t wait to see you all again at Awards Night.

Finally, as the Year 12 Visual Art students submitted their final works for 2013 Heejae K constructed a truly remarkable installation of intricate paper flowers. The work that continues to adorn the wall outside the E block art rooms is both bright and beautiful. The large-scale flower was carefully constructed from a number of smaller flowers, painstakingly coloured, cut and decorated. This work has caught the eye of everyone who has seen it. Congratulations to Heejae for her efforts on this piece and on her work this year as she takes out the Year 12 Visual Art prize. Well Done!

Shelley Bampton  
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Final Week Program for Year 12s
I am sure you are all aware that Awards Night is Wed 13 Nov 2013 and that Graduation for Year 12 students is on 15 November followed by the Senior Formal.

• Year 12 student attendance at school up until Friday 15 November is compulsory. If students are not going to attend the Graduation then they must be at school for Lesson 1 on that Friday 15/11/2013 to satisfy QSA attendance requirements for a Queensland Certificate of Education.

• Last Week
  ✷ Uniform required Mon 11/11 to Wed 13/11 inclusive
  ✷ Monday 11 November – All Year 12s to attend timetabled classes - check profiles and results with teachers. (8:10am to 3:20pm) Leaderbody meetings with Mrs Wainwright-Smith as required. CPR awareness sessions will be conducted during the day.
  ✷ Tuesday 12 November – All Year 12s to attend timetabled classes (8:15am to 11:55am). Awards Night rehearsal for award recipients. Leaderbody members required all day for Awards Night rehearsal.
  ✷ Wednesday 13 November – Awards Night rehearsal in the hall in Lesson 1
  ✷ Last Assembly for Year 12 students and CARE parties in L2. Leaderbody required until 2:45pm.
  ✷ Thursday 14 November – Graduation Rehearsal – all Year 12s to attend until 1:05pm in Hall.
  ✷ Friday 15 November – Graduation/Formal

• Graduation
  ✷ The Graduation/Formal is a very formal affair and you are expected to dress in formal attire.
  ✷ Family photos with the professional photographer will be taken between 4:30 and 5:20pm if you are interested.
  ✷ Savouries and cool drinks are served at approx. 4:45pm.
  ✷ Students will need to be seated on stage at approximately 5:20pm. Ceremony to start at 5:30pm.
  ✷ The ceremony is approximately one hour in length.
  ✷ Photographer will take a photo of you “graduating” – i.e. when you walk down the aisle and are handed your graduation certificate by Mr Searle.

• Cars and Parking for Graduation
  ✷ Most students will arrive for the Graduation with their parents in the family car. The Leaderbody Elect will be directing cars where to park – behind C Block and also J Block entrance.

  * If you are hiring a limousine etc. please tell them you need it to be here waiting, ready for a 6:45pm pick-up. All cars taking Year 12s to the formal venue will be parked along the access road below Science block and in front of Admin Block and Library. These cars must enter the school grounds via Dundal St. The Samford Road entrance will be used by exiting vehicles only.

Finally, the end of Year 12 is always a very exciting time for students. This marks an end of your formal schooling and is a significant point in your educational journey. It is, therefore, worth celebrating. However incidents of inappropriate Year 12 celebration are often publicised at this time of the year and it can take only a few individuals to damage the reputation of a school. Behaviour which publicly detracts from the schools reputation will not be tolerated. People and property must be respected at all times and where students are deemed responsible for inappropriate behaviour then the school reserves the right to exclude those students from sitting their final exams and attending the Graduation and Formal.

Jo Wainwright-Smith—Acting Deputy Principal
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P&C News

Last P&C Raffle for 2013—Don’t Miss Out!
There is only one week left to buy tickets in the P&C raffle which will be drawn on Wednesday 13 November at supper following the Awards Night ceremony.

First prize is a Weber Q 220 barbeque and cooking pack.
Second prize is a wheel barrow and gardening pack.
Tickets are only $1 each

Tickets are sold individually or books of ten are available from the school office if you would like to buy some or take a book (or books) to sell. Tickets are selling fast so hurry in to get your tickets for your chance to win.

Awards Night Supper
The P&C will be providing supper following the ceremony on Awards Night. Any assistance with preparation and set-up on Wednesday would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Anne Jones in the Tuckshop or John Creagh if you can help.

Next P&C Meeting
The next meeting of the P&C will be held on Tuesday 19 November at 7pm in the School Library. All adult members of the school and local community are welcome to attend.

John Creagh
Acting President, P&C
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Certificate III Success for Accounting Students

After much hard work six students have completed their course of study to achieve their Certificate III in Accounts Administration. Supported by Mrs Van Raders and Mr Smith, the students have worked in their time allocation at school and in their own time to achieve a qualification which will provide an additional six points toward their Queensland Certificate of Education.

Congratulations to:
Stephanie T
Carmen K
Heejae K
Ashley H
Erin C
Jayson B

Karen Smith
HOD Humanities/ Business/ IT/ Languages
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Awards Night 2013

The 2013 Awards Night will be held next Wednesday, 13 November at the Mitchelton State High School Assembly Hall at 7:00pm for a 7:15pm start.

Dress Requirements and arrangements for Students

All students will be expected to wear full school uniform for the Awards Ceremony. It is imperative that all students look their best on the evening. All students have been asked to wear their formal uniform, with the correct shoes and socks. Hair is to be neat and tidy.

All prize recipients will attend a dress rehearsal on Tuesday 12 November. A schedule for the rehearsal will be published on Monday 11 November via Student Care Notices.

Jo Wainwright-Smith
Acting Deputy Principal
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Homework Club

Need help doing your homework? Every Tuesday afternoon from 2.45pm in R block, university students are available to tutor and assist students. Afternoon tea provided—all welcome! We also have UQ volunteers assisting students throughout the school this term.

Heather Blake
Deputy Principal
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Dear Parents and Students: Please see the article below that has been taken from the QTAC website regarding scholarships available from various institutions in Queensland. Please also take the opportunity to read the latest Career Newsletter for further information about a wide range of career opportunities. I am available to speak with Year 12 students after their graduation if they have further queries. Please email me on pmat15@eq.edu.au for an appointment.

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<td>ACU offers more than 40 scholarships, awards and bursaries with a range of eligibility criteria. Some of these scholarships aim to recognise outstanding academic achievement while others aim to acknowledge the University’s responsibility to provide access to students who might otherwise be excluded by socioeconomic, cultural, geographic and other disadvantages. Applications are made online. For a comprehensive list of scholarships, eligibility criteria and due dates for applications visit <strong>Scholarships and Financial Support</strong> on the ACU website.</td>
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<td>Australian Maritime College (AMC)</td>
<td>AMC offers a number of specific scholarships in a range of disciplines. In addition the UTAS Scholarship Program provides students with significant financial and academic support to study at AMC, a specialist institute of the University of Tasmania. Selection is based on academic achievement and/or financial need. Applications are made online and the due date for most scholarship applications is 31 October each year. For more information on available scholarships, selection criteria and due dates for applications, visit <strong>Scholarships on the AMC website.</strong></td>
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<td>Bond University (BU)</td>
<td>BU offers a large range of scholarships and financial aid programs offering full-fee and part-fee assistance. Applications can be made online between 1 April and 31 July each year. For more information visit <strong>Scholarships on the Bond University website.</strong> There are no scholarships available for the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery – undergraduate or graduate entry.</td>
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<td>Christian Heritage College (CHC)</td>
<td>CHC offers a number of scholarships for students commencing full-time study in initial teacher education courses. An application form can be downloaded from the CHC website and must be accompanied by a statement indicating how the scholarship will assist the student. The closing date is early January. For more information visit <strong>CHC Initial teacher Education Scholarships.</strong></td>
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<td>Australian Catholic University (CQUni)</td>
<td>CQU offers scholarships, awards and prizes and the financial assistance programs provide financial and non-financial assistance. CQUniversity recognises the need to support those who are disadvantaged, but also reward those who have excelled at their studies to date. CQUniversity understands that a potential roadblock to attending university is the cost associated with text books, and technology costs such as computers and course specific software, as well as financial assistance for accommodation and taking time off from employment. For a full list visit <strong>CQUniversity Scholarships.</strong></td>
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<td>Griffith University (GU)</td>
<td>GU offers a range of scholarships aimed at assisting students with course fees, text books, accommodation costs and living expenses. In previous years over 500 scholarships were awarded to students in undergraduate programs. The Dears’ Sir Samuel Griffith and Sir Samuel Griffith scholarships are aimed at high achieving students to reward and acknowledge academic excellence. In addition, GU offers other academic scholarships as well as sporting, equity, accommodation and study specific scholarships. For more information visit <strong>Griffith University Scholarships.</strong></td>
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<td>James Cook University (JCU)</td>
<td>JCU offers a range of scholarships to recognise academic excellence or to assist students to access university study, such as regional students, Indigenous students and students who have experienced financial or other disadvantage. Scholarships are also available to students in specific study areas. For more information and for application dates visit <strong>Scholarships, Bursaries and Grants on the JCU website.</strong></td>
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<td>Queensland Institute of Business and Technology (QIBT)</td>
<td>QIBT offers financial support through family bursaries where two or more students from the same family study with a Navitas member institution. To help students achieve their career goals, each semester QIBT also offers scholarships for up to two diploma or associate degree students who have achieved outstanding results over four or more subjects. Students are not required to apply for the scholarship as it is awarded at the discretion of the College based on academic performance. For further information on bursaries and scholarships available visit <strong>QIBT Scholarships.</strong></td>
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<td>Queensland University of Technology (QUT)</td>
<td>QUT awards scholarships to commencing students covering a range of eligibility criteria from high achievers to elite athletes and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, through to students from low-income backgrounds and regional areas. Scholarships are also available to students in specific study areas. For more information visit <strong>Undergraduate Scholarships</strong> on the QUT website. If you are considering applying for QUT’s Equity Scholarships Scheme for students from low-income backgrounds, you should also apply under the Financial Hardship category of the Educational Access Scheme (EAS) when lodging your QTAC application. Refer to the <strong>EAS information on QTAC’s website.</strong></td>
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<td>Southbank Institute of Technology (SBIT)</td>
<td>SBIT offers a selection of Institute-wide scholarships for both new and continuing domestic students. Scholarships are available to students with a high academic record and students who identify as low income or from a background of educational disadvantage. Applications open mid-October each year. For more information visit <strong>Scholarships and Bursaries on the SBIT website.</strong></td>
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<td>Southern Cross University (SCU)</td>
<td>SCU offers a range of scholarships designed to reward students for academic achievement, community involvement and leadership. Some of these scholarships recognise significant achievement by students under conditions of disadvantage. Applications are made online with most closing on 30 November each year. For more information visit <strong>Southern Cross University Scholarships.</strong></td>
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<td>TAFE Queensland (TAFE QLD)</td>
<td>TAFE Queensland participates in a range of competitions, scholarships and award programs across all of its campuses. For more information visit <strong>Competitions and Scholarships</strong> on the TAFE QLD website. Also check other individual TAFE campus websites.</td>
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<td>The University of Queensland (UQ)</td>
<td>UQ offers a range of scholarships that reward academic excellence, support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, financially disadvantaged students, and assist elite athletes. Discipline-specific scholarships are also available to second and later year students, including summer research and overseas study scholarships. For more information, including how to apply, visit <strong>Scholarships on The University of Queensland website.</strong> Note, QTAC applicants who have completed the Financial Hardship category of the Educational Access Scheme when lodging their QTAC application will automatically be considered for the UQ-Link Access Program and equity scholarships. Refer to the <strong>EAS information on QTAC’s website.</strong></td>
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<td>University of New England (UNE)</td>
<td>UNE offers a number of specific scholarships for students starting their degree. Some scholarships are for rural students and aim to recognise outstanding academic achievement, leadership and financial support. Other scholarships support residential college accommodation and outstanding ability in a chosen sport. For a comprehensive list of scholarships, eligibility, criteria and closing dates for applications please visit <strong>Undergraduate Scholarships at UNE.</strong></td>
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<td>University of Southern Qld (USQ)</td>
<td>USQ has a huge range of scholarships available, ranging from $500 to $50,000. They are not just for high-achievers, there are scholarships suitable for everyone. A full list of scholarships, the application procedures and closing dates are available at <strong>Find the right scholarship for you on the USQ website.</strong></td>
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<td>University of the Sunshine Coast (USC)</td>
<td>USC offers scholarships and bursaries designed to assist with tuition fees, purchasing textbooks and equipment, and meeting accommodation costs and other general living expenses. USC scholarships aim not only to reward academic excellence but also to address other criteria such as relocating to study or financial hardship. For a list of scholarships and awards visit <strong>Scholarships on the USC website.</strong></td>
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