Habit of Mind

The greatest mistake you can make in life is to be continually fearing you will make one.
Elbert Hubbard

During the first part of this term at Mitchelton State High School we have been emphasising with students the importance of making our values real in our school practices – “Participation, Accountability and Respect”. We have been trying to make the point – in everything we do – studies, sports, interaction with others, helping out – we do it to the best of our ability. We would appreciate it if you can also take some time to reinforce this at home.

Our values underpin what we are about at Mitchelton High. Examples of how students can live and demonstrate our values are:

- Value self, other people, property and the environment
- Be on time to school, classes and all other activities
- Be prepared and ready to learn
- Communicate respectfully
- Accept responsibility for words and actions
- Follow instructions promptly
- Wear the school uniform with pride
- Celebrate diversity

New signage has been placed around the school emphasising the school values and reminding students about their responsibilities as a Mitchelton High student. It is just one strategy that we have used to encourage students to live out these values in all that they do at school and beyond.

Student Leadership

I had the pleasure of accompanying our School Captains to a Captains’ Leadership Camp for School Captains from our primary feeder schools. One of the highlights of the camp was the group initiative activities provided by our school captains Adam Cook and Holleigh Stacey.

This year the camp was held at Oakleigh State School and Adam and Holleigh did us proud in organising a 20 minute team building/initiative activity focussing on leadership and including a question and answer time. The school captains also shared a little about their roles and responsibilities and took questions from the floor. All our School Captains and Leaderbody members are doing a great job this year and in this week’s edition of the Northwest News you will find a photo of our School Captains, School Vice Captains and Junior Captains for 2014.

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Focus on Assessment
With 5 weeks of the school team already completed we are well and truly focussed on learning and assessment. The school target for 2014 is that 100% of assessment items are completed by students – We have a strict “No Excuses” Policy. Again, we would appreciate it if you can also take some time to reinforce this at home.

February Student of the Month Award Recipients:

Information Sessions to be introduced at P&C meetings
The school’s P&C Association is looking at providing short informative sessions on relevant adolescent issues by guest speakers or school personnel in an effort to encourage more participation from parents at regular monthly meetings. A reminder that the next P&C meeting is to be held on 18 March starting at 7pm, and in next week’s newsletter we will outline the presentation program that is planned. I look forward to seeing you at the P&C.

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

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Nominations open for outstanding science students and educators - newsletter
Queensland’s brightest Year 12 science students can now nominate for the 2014 Peter Doherty Awards for Excellence in Science and Science Education. Ten Outstanding Senior Science Student Awards with cash prizes of $3000 each are among the 27 awards available to students, teachers, support officers, schools and education partners. Nominations close 2 May, 2014. For information and to apply visit http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/area/science/all-stars.html

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> Homework Club
The Homework Club is for students who require help in completing homework and assignments or general support with areas of concern and runs on Tuesday afternoon from 3pm to 4pm in the Noonga Room (N Block). We have the support of Mitchelton State High School staff who have volunteered their time.

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> Year 8’s Plan for the Future

Tackling Time Management Monster
Year 8 students at Mitchelton State High School are learning to manage the monster of time. Students were shown the tricks for finding time to complete homework and assessment tasks, while still enjoying sport and hobbies. The young presenters from Elevate Education provided students with strategies for beating procrastination. Students developed their weekly schedules to plan for work and play.

The Year 11 Mentors assisted the students in their ‘Finding Time’ activities. Both the Mentors and the Year 8s were reminded that planning ahead and managing your time effectively will lead to great results in the future.

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Parents and students are reminded of the appropriate footwear policy for students attending practical subjects at Mitchelton SHS. Education Queensland advises suitable footwear in workshops to be fully enclosed shoes with significant impervious uppers. Our school uniform policy outlined in the student diary and enrolment information clearly states that shoes with leather/vinyl uppers are required for Industrial Technology, Home Economics and Science subjects. Students, who continue to be non-compliant, have or will be issued with a letter to take home. Students with unacceptable footwear will not be allowed to enter workshops, kitchens or labs and will be provided with an alternative course of study until rectified. While understanding the significant educational costs influencing parents, our concern is for your student’s safety. Should there be any difficulty in complying with this regulation, please contact the Head of Department Mrs Karen Smith (Industrial Technology, Home Economics) or Mr Peter Roberts (Science) on 35501111 to discuss alternatives.

Thank you in anticipation of your understanding and support.

FULLY COMPLIANT FOOTWEAR
Fully encloses the foot and has an impervious upper (Leather or Vinyl – No Mesh)

NON-COMPLIANT FOOTWEAR
Foot not fully enclosed and/or non-impervious upper (Mesh, Fabric or Canvas)

From the Industrial Technology, Home Economics and Science Departments
Community News

With Community engagement, health and fitness in mind Mitchelton State High School’s Parent Walking Group sets off on a walk of the surrounding streets from the bottom gate of the High School in Turnbull St departing at 9am Monday Mornings. The walk takes approximately 30 minutes and you are welcome to stay for a coffee afterwards.

Mitchelton State High School Family and Friends Social Walking Group

Departing at 9am from the bottom gate in Turnbull St between the Primary School and the High School.

LEUKAEMIA WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE

Come and join the fun at this year’s Shave:

Thursday 13 March | 3pm-6pm
Albany Creek Square (Coles, Charter Hall).
If you wish to participate in the Shave (Shave/Colour), please Register online - http://www.worldsgreatestshave.com/ or Contact Hayley 0409 830 497

CALLING ALL SWIMMERS!

There is a newly formed swim club at Mitchelton State School and the P&C are inviting the Mitchelton Community to join. Registration Fees of $66 per swimmer must be paid before anyone swims.

This fee is non refundable and covers insurance with Swimming Queensland. The Mitchie P&C Swim Club, in conjunction with Healthstream Swim School, meets every Friday at Mitchelton State School Pool at 6:15pm.

It is a social night where children participate to beat their own personal best. Children must be Prep to Year 12 to swim and adult participation & supervision is required.

Events include noodle races, 25m & 50m strokes plus there is some free swim time. As the club grows we will introduce longer distance races. Entry is free, a sausage sizzle & drinks are available for purchase on the night. The swim club will run until 7 April for the 2013/2014 season. For more information contact Adele Urry at theurrys@bigpond.com

Next Step Survey

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2013. The Next Step survey is a brief, confidential survey that gains a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers in the year after they finish Year 12.

Between March and June, all our students who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate. Thank you for your support of the Next Step survey in 2014.

For more information visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.
MITCHELTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL
OPEN DAY

Wednesday 30 April 2014
2pm to 6pm
School Assembly Hall
Samford Road, Mitchelton

Come and see for yourself why Mitchelton State High School is the best choice for excellence in education:
• Proven academic records, traditional standards for behaviour and uniform
• School of Excellence in Business, Childcare, Electrical Engineering and Trades
• An exceptional range of subjects, all offered in a supportive environment

Consider Mitchelton for your child’s secondary education, including Year 7 placement in 2015 and beyond with scholarships available.

Program commences at 2pm with:
• An address by the Principal
• A multi-media presentation followed by
• School tours commencing at 2.30pm and running half hourly until 5pm

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