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Week 5 Term 3 2022

Principal News

Principal's Welcome

Following on from my announcement last Term that I would continue in the Acting Principal's Position for Term 3. I would like to officially introduce the executive leadership team and the relevant roles and responsibilities they undertake to support both students and families.

Renee Krause - Deputy Principal Curriculum

Year 11 to 12 Curriculum

- QCE Tracking
- AARA
- ATAR

Year 10 into Year 11 Pathways

Year 10 SET Planning and Transition

RTO Manager – Vocational Education and Training

School based traineeships and apprenticeships

TAFE courses

Geoff Moore - Deputy Principal Student Services

Years 8, 10 & 12

Enrolment Interviews

Year Level Certificate

Attendance

Behaviour

Years 7 to 10 Curriculum

Year 6 into 7 Transition

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Krista Inglis - Deputy Principal Student Services

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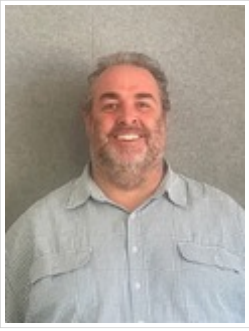
Work experience

As a team we continue as a school to maintain the expectations and values of the school and our current policies. The executive team are currently developing a review process to gather feedback from staff, students and parents in relation to key policies in preparation for 2023.

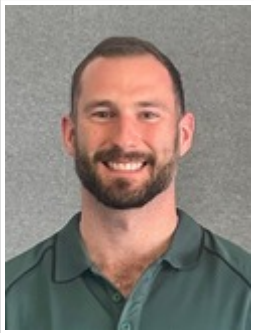
New Staff

We would like to welcome two new staff who have joined us here at Gordonvale SHS.

Welcome Mr Clark, who has joined our Humanities team from Bentley Park college.



Welcome Mr Govan, who has joined our HPE and Math teams from New Zealand.



Student Council

Student Council have been very busy this term with a number of events planned for the remainder of the Term.

Free Dress Day: Students have decided to hold a “Onsie” free dress day to raise money for students in foster care. This idea was brought to the attention of the student council by students who attend the Gordonvale Girl Guides. Money raised on this day will go to this very important cause with students also initiating a “Clothes Drive” to help support young people who receive medical treatment through the Cairns Base Hospital but have few belongings with them. Students are looking for quality clothing, specifically pyjamas that can be donated to support the Girl Guides in this important initiative. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Mag Ball: Student Council have decided to bring back the Mag Ball. For many families who have attended the school or had older children attend the school, you would be very familiar with this event. The Mag Ball has been on the social calendar at Gordonvale SHS for decades with the money raised supporting the production of a school year book “Mirage”. This event has not occurred for the last couple of years because of restriction around school events. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Term 3 Week 6-10 Events

- o 15-19 August Science Week
- o 15 August – Babinda 7s Rugby League
- o 17 August – Clontarf Camp Year 8 (Granite Gorge)
- o 17 August Year 12 Ag Excursion
- o 17 August Year 6 into 7 Enrolment Interviews 2023
- o 19 August Year 11 Science in Practice Excursion
- o 22-26 August Book Week
- o 22 – 26 August ATSIAP 7-9 State Final (online)

- o 23 August Year 11 PE Golf Excursion
- o 25 August BLA Careers Expo
- o 26 August Book Week Free Dress Day and Red Food Day
- o 26 August Clontarf Health Checks
- o 30 August Year 10 Aquatics Excursion
- o 30 August Year 11 PE Golf Excursion
- o 31 – 1 September Year 9 & 10 Clontarf Camp (Palm Cove)
- o 5-10 September Year 12 Mock Exams
- o 6 – 9 September Clontarf Northern Adventure Camp (Weipa)
- o 7 September Year 7 Enrolments
- o 12-14 September NAIDOC
- o 15 September Wellbeing Expo and Colour Fun Run
- o 16 September Swimming Carnival

Week 10 Events

The final week of Term 3 will be full of activities with the school’s 2022 NAIDOC celebrations being held from Monday 12 to Wednesday 14 of September, details of this event can be found in the Deputy Principal’s news. This will be followed by the school’s annual Health and Wellbeing Expo on Thursday 15 September. This event is attended by a variety of service providers throughout Cairns who informed students of the support available to them within their community. Following the Expo, we will host our Colour Fun Run, participation will be offered to all students with permission notes being sent home shortly. Always a fun afternoon with lots of colourful activities including a visit from our local fire brigade.

Finally, we will wrap up the week with the school’s swimming carnival, this was postponed from earlier in the year with the delay start to the school year. This event as always is a combination of races and novelty activities with points going towards House Cup.

We look forward to seeing all students involved in these events. Please see the attached flyers for more details.

David Laney - Principal



Deputy Principal Curriculum – Renee Krause

2022 Presentation Night

This year our annual presentation evening will be held on Tuesday 15 November. The event will be split into 2 ceremonies. Our Junior Ceremony for Years 7-9 will commence at 6:00pm and conclude at 7:00pm. We will have a half hour intermission where light refreshments will be served. Our senior ceremony for students in Years 10-12 will commence at 7:30pm and conclude at 9:00pm.



The poster for the 2022 Presentation Night features a photograph of a woman in a white shirt and tie standing at a podium. The text on the poster includes the title '2022 PRESENTATION NIGHT', the theme 'Celebrating student success - Academic - Sport', a schedule table, the school crest, and the phrase 'Acknowledging our students' achievements in 2022'.

Celebrating student success - Academic - Sport	
When:	Tuesday 15 November 2022
Where:	Gordonvale State High School Stadium
6.00pm	Junior Ceremony
7.00pm	Interval/Refreshments
7.30pm	Senior Ceremony

Academic, Sporting and Special Awards will be announced on the night.

Acknowledging our students' achievements in 2022

During our junior ceremony we will be celebrating the success of students in Years 7-9 the following awards will be presented:

- Academic Distinction/Merit
- Sporting age champions
- Personal Excellence
- Year level certificate
- Subject Awards
- Junior Dux
- Junior Citizenship
- Junior Sports
- District/Regional Sports Representation
- JCU shield award
- Indigenous Encouragement Award

Please be aware that if students have nominated for an award open to students across both junior and senior years the award will be presented at the senior award ceremony. Students who have nominated for these awards will attend both ceremonies.

During our senior ceremony we will be celebrating the success of students in Years 10-12. During our senior ceremony we will be celebrating the success of students in Years 10-12 the following awards will be presented:

- Academic distinction/merit
- Sporting age champions
- Academic recognition of achievement

- Personal Excellence
- Subject Awards – applied subjects only
- ADF Awards for Leadership and STEM
- Des Trannore for Citizenship
- Ampol all rounder
- Executive Award for Leadership
- Vocational Awards
- Shelia Skinner for Environmental
- QATSIF
- Senior Sports
- Robin Duncan Memorial for Sportsmanship
- District/Regional Sports Representation
- JCU rising star scholarship
- JCU shield award
- House Cup

Since the implementation of the new senior syllabuses in 2019 students studying General Subjects have not been awarded their subject awards until after the results of the external exams have been provided to the school. This has also delayed the announcement of the school Dux. We have celebrated these achievements with students at a recognition parade (when COVID has allowed) at the start of the next year.

This year we would like to review how we determine top of subject awards for general subjects and the senior Dux with the possibility of celebrating these achievements during our presentation evening. In the coming weeks we will be providing information to year 12 students and parents and asking them to complete a survey as part of this review. Please look out for more information.

All students are invited to nominate for special awards. Information on how to nominate has been emailed to all students. Please contact the office if you would like more information.

External Exams and Mock Exams

The Year 12 External Exam Schedule was given to all year 12 students On Tuesday 26th July. All students studying General subjects will have an External Exam between Monday 24 October and Monday 15 November. The timetable for the external exams for students at Gordonvale State High School is below. If one of your General Subjects is not listed, please contact Mrs Krause. It is REALLY important that Year 12 students consider their paid work and other commitments in the lead up to these exams. Students should consider reducing their work shifts during the exam block. Students will be required to make alternative arrangements if they have a school based traineeship or apprenticeship or other commitments or appointments during times specified for an exam. Assessment for Applied subjects will also be occurring during this time. An assessment calendar showing these assessment due dates will be emailed to parents and students next term. In preparation for the external exams, we will be holding Mock Exams in week 9 and 10 of term 3. A draft mock exam timetable was provided to students on Tuesday 26 July. Since then there

have been some changes to this timetable. A final mock exam timetable will be provided to students and parents in week 7. The purpose of mock exams is to provide students with the experience of sitting an exam under the same conditions as the External Exams as well as completing an assessment task which assesses the same information in the same way as they should expect in the external exams.

We will be holding an information session on Wednesday 31st August for any students and parents who would like more information about external exams or mock exams as well as the QTAC application process. Information about this night will be emailed out next week.

https://gordonvaleshs.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2478/external_exam_timetable.pdf

Year 10 Student Education and Training Plan

Year 10 students are still working on their Student Education and Training (SET) plan. Students are completing this in their career's classes. As part of this they have complete their subject selection smorgasbord survey. In the Smorgasbord we list all the subjects that we can offer at Gordonvale State High School in Year 11 2023. This information is then used to build our 2023 timetable.

In the coming weeks students will continue working on their SET plan. Towards the end of the term they will be provided with a subject selection handbook which will provide more information on subjects for 2023. Students will complete their final subject selection in an interview between the student, their parents and a member of our administration team. This interview will occur on Friday 7 October which is our Senior Education and Training Planning day. There will be more information regarding how to book an interview closer to this date. We will also be holding some interviews after school in that week for those who cannot attend on the day.

We will be holding another information session on Wednesday the 31 August for any students and parents who would like more information about the SET planning process or the Queensland Certificate of Education. Information about this night will be emailed out next week.

Renee Krause - Deputy Principal Curriculum



Deputy Principal Student Services Years 7, 9 & 11 and Curriculum - Krista Inglis

School Uniform Expectations

Wearing our school uniform promotes a positive image to the community as well as fostering a sense of belonging, school spirit and pride in our school. As we are now transitioning out of winter, a reminder about our school uniform policy is timely.

Students may choose to wear the school day or formal uniform each and every day. The day uniform consists of the school day polo and school day shorts or day skorts. The formal uniform consists of the school formal shirt, school formal skirt/school formal black dress pants/school formal black dress shorts and the school formal tie.



On Monday's students have the option of wearing their house shirt instead of their regular school shirt.



During the colder months, students are permitted to wear a plain black school jumper, plain black school jacket and/or school formal black dress pants. Coloured jumpers, hooded jumpers and black jumpers with logos or writing are not allowed.

The P&C also provides all students with a free Gordonvale State High School bucket hat or cap. Replacement hats can be bought from the tuckshop.



There are some items that students are not permitted to wear at school. These include (but are not limited to):

- Slip on shoes
- Leggings
- Denim jeans

- Bandanas
- Hoodies
- Non-school hats
- Eye make-up
- Lipstick
- False nails
- Nail polish
- Necklaces
- Multiple ear piercings

Further details can be found in Our School Uniform policy which is available on our website. Thank you for working with us to set high uniform expectations for our school.

Krista Inglis - Deputy Principal



Deputy Principal Student Services - Years 8, 10 & 12 and Curriculum - Geoff Moore

Year 12 Formal



Preparations and fundraising for our Year 12 Formal on Friday 18 November are well underway with students raising money for decorations and making important decisions about colour schemes and running of the night. Parents and students will receive an information letter this week, outlining the cost and running of the night as well as expectations to ensure eligibility to attend.

Thank you to the Year 12 group dedicated to this event.

Year 6 into 7 Transition

Transitions are a key part of our regional focus, particularly Year 6 into Year 7. We have been working with our local primary schools to provide information and opportunities to engage with the school in preparation for 2023. This term we start enrolment interviews for Year 7s in 2023 (see ad) and continue our visits to local primary schools with future Year 12 leaders running activities and providing key information to our future Year 7s. Important dates and events will be shared through the school Facebook and local primary newsletters.

2023 Enrolment Information
Interviews must be completed before 25 November for students to attend our Transition Day.

Date	Session	Time and Location
Wednesday 17 August	Enrolment Interviews	5.00pm until 7.00pm GSHS Stadium
Wednesday 31 August	Enrolment Interviews	5.00pm until 7.00pm GSHS Stadium

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL FOR INTERVIEWS
Please contact the office to book on 4043 3222.

GORDONVALE SHS

NAIDOC

In week 10 we will celebrate NAIDOC week as we 'stand up!' and 'show up!' in recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements. An opening ceremony will be held on the Monday morning, followed by a variety of curriculum based cultural activities supported by local agencies, embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives into Science, HPE, Humanities and Arts subjects. We will hold a closing ceremony on Wednesday.

Gordonvale State High School

NAIDOC Celebrations

Gordonvale State High School will be proudly celebrating our annual NAIDOC celebrations this term in Week 10, Monday 12 until Wednesday 14 September.

There will be food, cultural activities, traditional dancing and special guests on these days.

If students or parents would like to get involved and volunteer some of their time please contact Thecla at tmatt104@eq.edu.au or Neal at nNeal7@eq.edu.au or phone 4043 3296.



GET UP!
STAND UP!
SHOW UP!



Geoff Moore - Deputy Principal Student Services (Years 8 , 10 & 12 and Curriculum)



All Schools Touch Football

The Mixed Open All Schools Touch Team is preparing for the upcoming QLD All Schools Touch Tournament on the Gold Coast in October. Recently the team travelled to Kuranda for the NAIDOC Touch Tournament as well as Townsville for the NQ All Schools Touch Tournament. Each week the team has participated in the Gordonvale Touch Mixed Competition on a Monday night, unfortunately going down in the Grand Final after dropping only two games across the season.

Gordonvale SHS would like to thank the following businesses for their sponsorship and support of the team as they head towards the Gold Coast trip: Hon. Curtis Pitt MP, Cornetts IGA Gordonvale, McDonalds Gordonvale and North QLD Equipment. A big thankyou also to Custom Made Fire Pits FNQ

for donating a Fire Pit for raffle. Please keep an eye out on the school Facebook page for the winner to be announced.



Joel Jerome - Head of Department Student Services Years 7, 9 & 11



PBL Update

Gordonvale SHS encompasses four core values of I am safe, I am respectful, I am responsible and I strive to excel. Students who demonstrate any one of these values are able to receive a positive postcard, nominated by any staff member throughout the school. Postcards are handed out to across the term to recognise the positive behaviours demonstrated within our school. Each week, students who receive a positive postcard go into the draw to win a \$5 tuckshop voucher. Congratulations to Year 8 student Lataysha O'Keefe who was this weeks lucky recipient. The next round of postcards will be handed out in Extended House Group next Monday morning.

Each week in House Group, all students engage in a lesson specific to the PBL Focus of the Week. The Focus of the Week is based on one of the four core values of the school. This weeks Focus is I Follow Instructions of Staff (I am Safe).



Joel Jerome - Head of Department Student Services Years 7, 9 & 11



TCS Athletics

Over the 9th and 10th of August the annual TCS district athletics carnival for 10-19 years was a sight of running, jumping and throwing across Barlow Park. This year Gordonvale SHS convened the carnival with fantastic feedback on a well run, positive and thriving atmosphere. We took one of our largest teams with 54 students across 10-19s competing in all the athletics events. We also had our largest Multi-Class team ever with 7 students now participating in Para Athletics. Gordonvale SHS Tuckshop and Certificate II Hospitality students ran the canteen with students, schools and parents commenting on the delicious food and fantastic service our Certificate II students gave being professional, respectful whilst looking snazzy in their GSHS Hospitality Uniforms. At the end of the carnival, GSHS placed 3rd overall behind St Mary's and TAS, still holding onto our spot as the "top State High School" in the TCS district. This is a credit to the quality of athletes GSHS has and students following clearance policy to ensure they are able to compete. This year we had four age champions two more than 2021. In the 15 Boys, D'Artany, 16 Girls Mahlinee, 18 Boys Daequan and 18 Girls Cassidy. Cassidy also now owns the 18 Girls Shot Put record for the TCS District – well done to our Age Champions and Record breaker. We had a huge number of our students place top four for their events and they will now move on to Peninsula Athletics Trials on the 21st and 22nd of August. Students your paperwork for Peninsula will be emailed to your parents in the next few days. Well done Gordonvale SHS and good luck at Peninsula!



Diverse Learning Centre Newsflash

Congratulations to the Year 8 and Year 9 students in Ms Adam's Literacy Skills class and the Year 8 and Year 9 students in Ms Taney's Literacy Skills classes. They have improved their reading levels over Semester 1. The teachers and the students have been working on learning and practising explicit strategies to decode and to comprehend written text.

GPs in Schools

WELCOME DR FRASER

We are very excited to have our GP service up and running to provide a free, confidential GP service to students on our school grounds one day per week. We are thrilled to be working with Gordonvale Family Medical Centre and to have Dr Fraser working in our school every Wednesday during school terms to support our students. Information letters have been sent home to students in Years 10, 11 and 12. Consent forms will be sent home to students in Years 7, 8 and 9 in Week 3. The GP service will operate in our school the same way it would in a community clinic and provide support for a range of students' physical health and wellbeing and mental health needs. This service adds to and complements the health and wellbeing services already provided in our school, including Guidance Officer, School Psychologist, School Based Nurse, Community Education Counsellors, Youth Support Counsellors, Transition Pathways Officers, House Co-ordinators and CLONTARF.

For more information click on the link <https://gordonvalehigh.eq.edu.au/our.../gps-in-schools>



Book Week

2023 TAFE at Schools Programs

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- All student applications OPEN on Monday 15 August 2022.
- Students must apply online at: tafeapply.com
Application CODE: TQN2301
- Students applying for the Cert II in Electrotechnology Program must complete the LL&N test. Please see me Lyndal in G01 to arrange a time to arrange a time to complete this test **after** you have submitted your application online.
- At the beginning of Term 4 all approved student applications will be processed and students allocated a place in their selected program. Students will be sent out an email asking them to either CONFIRM or DECLINE their place in their program. Once they CONFIRM then the students will be ENROLLED.

Before the end of Term 4 finishes all students will be emailed all the relevant information regarding their course – Start Date, What to Wear, Where to Go, Campus Map etc.

- TAFE at School Programs with insufficient student applications will not be delivered in 2023.

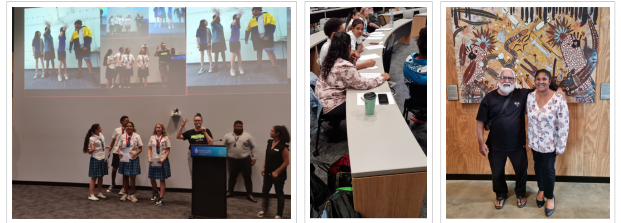
https://gordonvaleshs.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/2476/final_tafe_at_school_guide_2023.pdf

Homework Centre

highlighted our change of house names to the traditional language as a first step and further teaching of local language in school. Taraleah outlined how INTAD and Design classes can involve making shields, spears, weaving and then art class can look at traditional painting of these and other designs. Manaia promoted shared camps in communities to help people understand barriers that they face and how to bridge the gap. Tajhanna led a demonstration of a First Nation game – Buroinjin which is a precursor to modern touch signifying how First Nation games can easily be brought into HPE class and sport events at schools.

Throughout the day the students also had the tremendous honour of meeting and working with Uncle Bernie Singleton, a local elder who shared his knowledge, wisdom and pride in meeting our students and made a huge impact on everyone.

For team Buyma's fantastic speech and presentations they placed first overall and will now compete in the state final against schools from all of Queensland. Well done and good luck!



School-Based Youth Health Nurse - Casey Reilly

2022 Junior ATSIAP

Gordonvale State High School team Buyma with Taraleah, Tajhanna, Paityn and Manaia have been participating in the annual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Aspirations Program run by Education Queensland. This is a program to push high achieving First Nation students out of their comfort zones and engage in a series of enriching challenges. The team over Term 2 had to research, plan and present two prepared challenges at the Regional final held on 21 July at JCU against other schools from Far North Queensland. They also engaged in a First Nations History quiz and a commercial challenge whilst discussing university life with First Nation students from JCU.

Taraleah prepared a speech signifying the importance of First Nation knowledge of the land and care for environment that the government must take into account for managing natural disasters whilst highlighting the 2022 NAIDOC theme of Get Up, Stand Up, Show up that we can all help in some way.

The entire team then presented an Aboriginal Capability Framework model that schools could adopt and use in class to engage not just First Nation students but all students through a variety of topics. The framework presented by Paityn

Do you know what they're vaping?

All over Australia we have seen a recent spike in young people vaping.

Electronic cigarettes or e-cigarettes, often called 'vapes', are electronic devices designed to deliver vapourised liquids into the lungs. There are many different styles of vapes and types of e-liquids, or e-juices, available. Vapes come in many shapes and sizes and can be made to look like everyday items including highlighters, pens or USB memory sticks.

The biggest misunderstanding about vapes is that they are harmless compared to cigarettes. This is not true. Vapes are not safe.

Vaping facts

- Many vapes contain nicotine making them very addictive. The nicotine in 1 vape can equal 50 cigarettes.
- Vapes can contain the same harmful chemicals found in cleaning products, nail polish remover, weed killer and bug spray. They just don't put it on the pack.
- Vapes can leave young people at increased risk of depression and anxiety.
- Young people who vape are 3 times as likely to take up smoking cigarettes

- Vape aerosol is not water vapour.
- Vaping has been linked to serious lung disease.
- Vapes can cause long-lasting negative effects on young people's brain development.



Signs your child might be vaping

Tell-tale signs that your child might have started vaping include the symptoms of nicotine addiction such as feeling irritable or anxious.

The laws around selling vapes

Young people often purchase vapes online, from retail stores or from friends and contacts on social media.

- It is illegal to sell vapes to anyone under the age of 18 years.
- It is illegal to sell nicotine vapes to anyone, unless they are prescribed by a doctor to someone over 18 years for smoking cessation purposes and obtained with a prescription from a pharmacy.

To report the illegal sale or possession of electronic cigarettes and electronic cigarette products containing nicotine, call 13 QGOV (13 74 68).

Talk to your child about vaping

Whether you suspect your child is vaping or not, take the time to talk to them about vaping and help them understand the risks. Try to start the conversation in a relaxed easy-going way, be patient, and remember your goal is to have a conversation, not deliver a lecture. Importantly, have your facts ready.

Support to help your child quit vaping

Book an appointment with their general practitioner or other health service for help to quit vaping.

Quitline counsellors are available to answer any questions about vapes on 13 7848 (13 QUIT). Quitline is a telephone-based service, offering information and advice. Quitline counsellors provide tips and strategies, and help to plan your child's quit attempts, based on their own needs and preferences. They can

also help you think of ways to approach a conversation with your child or loved one about vaping.

The **Aboriginal Quitline** is also available on 13 7848. Run by Aboriginal counsellors, the Aboriginal Quitline is a telephone-based confidential advice and support service.

Further resources:

- <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/news-events/news/known-harms-of-e-cigarettes-vaping-smoking>
- <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/staying-healthy/atods/smoking/devices>

For any more questions or concerns please feel free to call me

Casey Reilly

School Based Youth Health Nurse- Gordonvale State High School

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Shake and Stir

On Wednesday 10 August Gordonvale hosted Brisbane based theatre company Shake and Stir Theatre Co. Shake and Stir Theatre Co are one of the country's leading contemporary theatre companies and performed adaptations of William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* and *Macbeth* for students in Years 10 and 12.

In English, students in Year 10 are currently studying *Romeo and Juliet* as part of their unit 3 assessment. They will need to transform a scene from the play into a modern context in the form of an imaginative short story. While students in Year 12 English have commenced preparing for their external examination which will be based on the in-depth study of *Macbeth*.



Vanessa Arena - Head of Department (English)

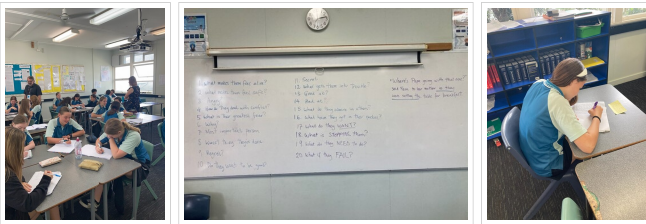


Visiting Author

As part of the Cairns Tropical Writers Festival, students in year 9 had the opportunity to participate in a full day writing workshop with award winning author Dr Lili Wilkinson.

Lili Wilkinson is the author of sixteen books, including *Green Valentine*, *The Boundless Sublime* and *After the Lights Go Out*. She established insideadog.com.au and the Inky Awards at the Centre for Youth Literature, State Library of Victoria. Lili has a PhD in Creative Writing from the University of Melbourne, and now spends most of her time reading and writing books for teenagers. Her latest books are *The Erasure Initiative* and *How To Make A Pet Monster: Hodgepodge*.

The workshop was divided into four sessions. During the first session, Lili shared her writing experiences with students as well as the process of becoming a published author. Students then participated in a range of activities that focused on developing characters, settings, genres and creating the perfect opening sentence for a story. Once students had the initial idea for their story, they set to work writing their own stories. In the final session, Lili shared the process of editing a piece of work and the importance of receiving feedback.



Vanessa Arena - Head of Department (English)



Clontarf News

Year 12 Family Dinner Wrap Up

On Wednesday 27 July we held our 2022 Family Dinner with our Year 12 students at the Bungalow Hotel. This year we mixed things up and made the dinner apart of our Term 3 leadership camp into Cairns. The camp was jam packed with a trip to Sky Walk Cairns, Morning training, worksite visit and Regional office visit. The night was a huge success with 12 out of our 14 boys in attendance plus over 20 parents or extended family. To kick things off we welcomed everyone along to the dinner and then we got stuck into the 2 big things on everyone's mind...

First on the agenda was an update on the boys QCE and graduation status – all are tracking well at the moment. Next up we had a look at our End of Year Trip to Sydney, including the itinerary and expectations!

After this we ordered dinner before introducing our Regional Employment Officer, Jayden Hodges, spoke about the transition process from student to graduate and the support that the Foundation continues to provide. He also spoke about how impressed he is with our group of students and congratulated the boys that have secured part time work with Woolworths.

This dinner give us an amazing chance to catch up with families face to face and show our support of these amazing young fellas! It also gives us an opportunity to praise them for their hard work so far, but also set some goals for their remaining weeks at school.



Morning Trainings with Special Guests & Special Locations – E2G, QPS, Trinity Bay Academy, Wungu Beach (Yarrabah) & the Cairns Esplanade

This term we have boosted our training with a number of special guests including the E2G Group, The Queensland Police Service Rugby Union Team and the Trinity Bay Clontarf Academy. We have also had the chance to get off site and hold our sessions at Fretwell Park, home of the South Cairns Cutters Australian Football Club, the pristine Wungu Beach in Yarrabah and the beautiful Cairns Esplanade.

- The E2G Group visited our morning training session on Tuesday 9 August and they had an absolute ball. Six staff from E2G got to the room nice & before getting stuck into the training the staff had the opportunity to introduce themselves, their role & where they come from. After this we also heard briefly from our Employment Officer Jayden Hodges. Then we headed outside to get into a range of new & fun games & activities. Special thanks to Amanda Belanger, Communications & Stakeholder Advisor, for organising the staff to come along. Our next visit with E2G is around mock interviews for Year 11 & 12 students in term 4.
- The Queensland Police Service Rugby Union team visited our morning training session on Tuesday 2nd August and we got stuck into some Rugby Union. The Officers came from all across Queensland to compete in the Australian police Rugby Union Championships at Barlow Park where they eventually ran out overall champions. The Officers ran the training session and the boys absolutely loved trying out a new sport and engaging with the skilled officers. The highlight for the boys was getting lifted in some line outs. Special thanks to Clinton Montevirgen, Cairns Police, for arranging the visit.

- On Thursday 28th July we met up with our Year 12 students that were on camp for a morning training session down along the Cairns Esplanade. Close to 30 students rose early for the occasion and the boys enjoyed a 3 way rotation of touch football, basketball & volleyball before getting stuck into a delicious bacon & egg wraps for breakfast. In term 4 we have scheduled another morning training session at the Esplanade and we hope to link up with the Cairns High Academy for this one!
- The Trinity Bay Academy joined with us for morning training on Tuesday 26th July at Fretwell Park. Trinity Bay brought across more than 40 Year 7-9 students for the session and we started things off with a massive group warm up followed by 4 rotations of activities & AFL drills. It was great for the boys to see the physical size of a full AFL field and test their new skills against students from another Academy. We hope to lock Trinity Bay in for another morning training session in term 4.....maybe cricket!
- On Thursday 21st July the boys were up extra early as we decided to venture over to Yarrabah to Wungu Beach for morning training. The idea of this session was to give our Yarrabah based students the opportunity to get involved for morning training and it was great to see 6 of them take up the opportunity. Morning training kicked off with a massive game of "predators & prey", followed by a communication activity called "minefield", then a game of "reverse tag". To finish things off we threw the NRL ball out onto the sand and played a big game of touch footy. After this it was a quick breakfast of cereal bars, popper, fruit & muffin before jumping back on the buses and making our way to school for 1st lesson.



Southern Corridor Competition Update

As is in every term for the year 7/8 cohort we run our much enjoyed southern corridor competitions which align with our regional carnival for that term! In term 3 the sport is AFL, it always draws different views and opinions but the one view that is agreed on is that it is an absolute blast to watch the boys run around and have a crack. Over the course of weeks 2,3 and 4 the students and staff hosted an afternoon and also travelled to other academies to participate. The highlight is watching the boys, who are mostly NRL players, learn new skills but then putting them to practice in games. As always the Clontarf spirit is on show as they bump and barge each other over but are quickly there to help each other up, which is the highlight for us and I know staff across the region as well. Well done lads on giving it a red hot go!



Cairns Show – Rotary Club Volunteering

Week 1 of Term 3 is always a busy time in Cairns as the community has a public holiday for the Cairns Show. As we have done for the past several years, four of our senior students volunteered their morning to help out the Rotary Club at the Show. This year Tahj Dellow, Victor Lui, Kobi Dempsey & Isaia Mallett all jumped at the opportunity to be involved.

The boys were up nice and early for the bus, we arrived at the Show ground just after 9:00am. Upon arriving we met with Mel & Col Craig from the Rotary Club of Cairns West. From 9:30am till 12:30am the boys got stuck into a variety of roles including serving, food prep, cleaning, rubbish removal & much more. Before finishing off we did a quick thank-you, had some lunch and then let the students enjoy the rest of the day/night at the Show! Our next event with the Rotary Club is looking to be at Carols by Candle Light in November.



White Card Course 2022

Friday 22nd July saw us host another White Card Course in the Clontarf Academy Room. The course was delivered, once again, by Cairns Truck school and for students that successfully pass the course it enables them to work on a job site anywhere in Australia. 8 Clontarf students plus an additional 20 Gordonvale school students took the opportunity to do the course. All students were successful in passing their course and will receive their white cards as soon as they provide their Identification to the school. Special thanks to Rob Hodge, Transition Pathways Officer / Youth Support Coordinator, for arranging the course. This is just another tick in the box for our students on the way to becoming work ready for life after graduation.



Driving Range Visit at the Cairns Golf Course

In week 4 of term 3 the Gordonvale Clontarf cohort went to the Cairns Golf Club driving range as a much anticipated afternoon activity. The boys from Gordonvale have access to a lovely golf course in their own back yard so there is always plenty of hype and chat around visiting the driving range. The afternoon saw boys from year 7 right through to year 12 attend and even some

of our Yarrabah students rip in like “professionals”, with smiles and laughs all-round. The highlight of the day was the all in longest drive competition. With a donated \$50 on the line the competition was HOT, the winner in the end was one of our year 10 students Riley Anu who landed a solid 175m’ish drive to seal the win. All in all it was great to see our students out having fun no matter the year level. Our next golfing event is our 100% term attendance activity in week 10 which will see students that keep 100% for the entirety of Term 3 head into X Golf at DFO Cairns for an afternoon of gold & pizza’s!

Woolworths Grand Opening & Employment Opportunities for Clontarf Students

On Wednesday 20th July the boys from Gordonvale were invited to the grand opening of Woolworths in Gordonvale. Our boys, now employees of Woolworths Gordonvale, were thrilled with the opportunity and before the official opening we headed inside for a final walk around the store and welcome.

Our Employment Officer Jayden Hodges was fortunate enough to cut the internal ribbon with store Manager Geoff Pearcy.

Our partnership with Woolworths and in particular Woolworths Gordonvale is going to be amazing for our students as they progress through their high school journey and look for part time work. Our 13 newly appointed Woolworths employees are: Isaia Mallett, Kobi Dempsey, Jaraine Crathern, Hezekiah Royee, John Singe, Ethan Aliya, Daequan Connolly, Onyx Richards, Chad Smith, Victor Lui, Alaster Bell, Tahj Dellow & Clontarf 2021 graduate Jimmy Larsen. Now the hard work starts for the boys to stay on top of their work roster, schoolwork & sports.



Cameron Campbell - Clontarf Director

