Dear Parents, Carers & Families

In 2016, we will be introducing a one off student resource payment for parents of P–6 students similar to the scheme that already exists on the Secondary Campus. The P and C have worked by my side to give feedback on the implementation of this scheme. The aim of introducing the Student Resource Scheme across the P-12 Campus is to allow parents a way of paying for materials, programs and activities for the year in one convenient payment while at the same time allowing staff to ensure that all students have the materials they need for their best learning. A letter outlining the scheme will come home in the mail with your student’s report card. On Friday at the Hilton we farewelled our Year 12’s in fine style. It was a pleasure to see students past and present, staff and families enjoying the celebration together. Thanks to Kylie Guy for the many hours she has devoted to making the night a success. As the year comes to an end I would like to thank you for the support and concern you have shown for your students during the year. To our P&C, School Council and numerous community volunteers, thank you for giving of your time and expertise to make our College the best it can be. Finally, farewell and thank you to Paul McCall, Tamara Kotzur, Belinda O’Reilly, Shiree Eddleston, Rosanne Reitze and Robyn Kawa who are moving to new locations and opportunities in 2016. I will send a letter home as soon as I know who is appointed permanently to the role of Principal and who will be in leadership roles for 2016. Have a Happy and Safe Christmas break.

Regards,
Sharon Jones
College Principal

Getting your child ready for 2016

Student Resource Scheme
This cost effective and convenient one off annual payment.
Prep – Yr 6  : $200
Yr 7 – Yr 10 : $240
Yr 11 – Yr 12 : $260
Where: Secondary Administration office
When: Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd January 2016
Time: 9.00am – 3.00pm

Payment Options
Online – Direct Debit
BSB 064-836  Acc No. 10044341
Ref: students name
B Point
In Person – Eftpos, Cash or Cheque
Centrepay – forms and assistance available at Secondary Administration

Uniforms
Where: Primary Campus P & C Shop
When: Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd January 2016
Times: 10 am – 2pm & 4pm – 6pm
P – Yr 12
Hat  $ 8.00
Jacket  $ 42.00
Yr 7 - Yr 12
Shirt  $ 28.00
Senior Formal Uniform
Shorts  $ 18.00
$ 28.00 - $ 37.00
P - Yr 6
Dresses  $ 34.00
Jumper  $ 32.00

Coming home in the mail soon
• Full details on Student Resource Scheme
• BYOX (Bring your own device)
• Outside School Hours Care
• Student Reports
Junior Primary Prep — 2
Two very successful prep transition visits were held last week and all students are very excited to make their next step in their school lives.

Interviews for Prep enrolments 2016 are continuing – please spread the word. Our primary office is taking appointments for enrolments to confirm children’s places now. Prep A & Prep/1A visited the senior art room to complete their final assessment for Visual Arts. They designed and completed their pottery piece. This was a very exciting time with the senior arts students assisting with the final glazing processes. Learning continues in the year 1 & 2 classrooms, with assessments being finalised, as well as rehearsals for our Christmas Concert items. It is an exciting time for all.

Years 3 — 6
The end of our 2015 academic year is fast approaching. Students and teachers are busy completing final assessments and beginning formal reporting. Reports will be sent home in Week 10. Please be assured that although assessments will be completed shortly, every classroom will continue with rigorous learning up to the end of term. Weeks 8 and 9 signal the end to our 3-6 swimming program. Students have been following the Royal Life Saving program as well as an ACARA based C2C learn to swim program. Our 3-6 teachers are planning an end of the year break up at the pool to celebrate students’ successful year of learning. Please keep an eye out for information and permission forms regarding this. Congratulations to Indianna Donnachie and Jarrod Fuller, our 2016 Primary Campus Captains. Well done to all our candidates on completing the challenging process of writing and delivering speeches to 3-6 students and being interviewed by our Principal Sharon Jones. Deputy Captains will be announced in 2016. The process of House Captain nominations will begin at this time also, I would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate our current 2015 captains Iago Roche Maxwell and Justice Martin and Vice Captains, Oscar Brim and Nikki Whipp. They have carried out their leadership duties consistently throughout the year and have developed solid leadership capacity. A reminder that our Prep –Year 5 Christmas concert will be held on Tuesday the 8th of December, from 9.30-10.30 at the Primary JMPS. Families are invited to come along and enjoy your child’s class performance. I would like to take this opportunity to wish every family a relaxing and safe Christmas holiday break. We look forward to starting 2016 fresh and energised with your children.

Junior Secondary Years 7–9
With the end of year fast approaching the focus in Junior Secondary is to prepare students for 2016. During week 10, year six students will participate in activities on the Secondary Campus. This is an opportunity for students to gain an understanding of what to expect when they commence high school. Students will be supported by their current class teacher Ms Erwin, secondary teachers and myself. They will follow a timetable, move from class to class for each lesson, and experience a variety of teachers and subjects. Please note that it is an expectation that all students must attend every day to the last day of school. Classes will continue to run as usual with new learning and consolidation of learning taking place every lesson. Our attendance officer forwards text messages to parents/carers daily when students are away without an explanation. Please support your child’s learning by sending them to school every day unless of course they are unwell in which case you need to contact the school to let us know.
On Friday 20th November we farewelled our Year 12s who successfully completed their senior studies with the College. We are very excited to announce that every student who graduated is going to be receiving a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) which is a great result not only for the students themselves but for the College. The 100% success is indicative of the hard work these students have put into their studies and also the very genuine commitment of teachers, teacher aides, support staff, administration, school staff, parents, carers and the broader school and Kuranda community to get these students to achieve these results. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work carried out by Katherine Macfarlane over the past years with this particular group of students to help them succeed. Well done year 12’s!

Year 9 and 10 students have recently completed subject selection interviews to select their subjects for study in senior. Information will be mailed home to parents regarding this and any parent or carer who would like further information on this can contact Mr Toohy via the Secondary Campus phone number. Could I also please take this opportunity to ask parents and carers to ensure their contact details are up to date on the school records. We rely on these to be able to contact home when students are absent from school or become ill during the school day, as well as for other reasons. Contact between the school and home is a very important part of our communications and having accurate contact details helps us achieve this.

Senior School Years 10 – 12

Years 10 - 12
Christmas Concert

This year’s Christmas Concert will be held on Tuesday the 8th of December at 9:30 a.m. We extend a very warm invitation to all family, friends and community members to attend. The Christmas Concert will be held at the Junior Multi Purpose Area and will consist of classes singing carols and Christmas themed performances. Please come down on the day and enjoy the performance from your child. A big thank you to Miss Eddelston the music teacher, classroom teachers and students who have been practising their items with great diligence. A fun morning is sure to be had by all. If you have any queries about the concert please do not hesitate to contact the office. A note will be sent home with the concert items and class times on it.

Students with Disabilities News

Inclusion is greater than the classroom. It certainly encompasses the learning opportunities in the classroom, but also includes access to the whole learning environment, including the playground. Inclusion also means making sure students with special needs have suitable access to excursions and camps. During week 4 all students from Year 4 to Year 9 went on various camps. The different needs and abilities of all students need to be planned and catered for. This year some students attended the full three days while others participated in some day activities. All students and staff enjoyed the experiences that these special activities provide. Also a special congratulations to Tyrone Illin on graduating we are all very proud of you.

2016 Calendar

Term 1
Wednesday 27th January to Thursday 24th March

Term 2
Monday 11th April to Friday 24th June

Term 3
Monday 11th July to Friday 16th September

Term 4
Tuesday 4th October to Friday 9th December

2016 School Leaders

CONGRATULATIONS

Indianna Donnachie
Jarrod Fuller
Hando Smith
Jessie Robertson