Dear Parents and Families,

In 2017, we will continue with our offer of a one off payment for parents of P–12 students.

The P and C have worked with our staff to improve on the College Scheme that commenced in 2016. The payment includes the option to pay for educational resources, student stationary and school 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.

At the Hilton last Friday, we farewelld 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 Ian Daniel and Monique Richardson who are moving to new locations and opportunities in 2017. Congratulations to Julia Brant, who has been permanently appointed to the Primary Deputy Principal role and the Leader of the Primary Campus.

Have a Happy and Safe Christmas break.

Regards,
Sharon Jones
College Principal

Date Claimers
◆ Tuesday & Thursday Breaky Boost
  8.15am – 8.45am
◆ K-Stars Pool Party
  P–6
  7th December
◆ Yorkeys Knob Picnic
  Yrs 6,7,8,9
  8th December
◆ Prep– Yr9 Last day
  9th December

Office News

All unpaid School Fees payments are now due with payment required immediately.
Payment methods are cash, cheque, Eftpos, credit card, direct debit and Centrepay. If you require a payment arrangement please contact the office.

2017 Calendar
Term 1
Monday 23rd January to Friday 31st March
Term 2
Tuesday 18 April to Friday 23 June
Term 3
Monday 10 July to Friday 15 September
Term 4
Tuesday 3 October to Friday 8 December

Student Resource Scheme
This cost effective and convenient one off annual payment.
Prep – Yr 6 : $220
Yr 7 – Yr 10 : $300
Yr 11 – Yr 12 : $300
Where: Secondary Administration office
When: Thursday 19th & Friday 20th January 2017
Time: 12.00noon – 6.00pm

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 19th & Friday 20th January 2017
Time: 12 noon–6pm

Coming home in the mail soon
◆ Full details on Student Resource Scheme
◆ BYOx (Bring your own device)
◆ Outside School Hours Care
◆ Student Reports

Kuranda District State College acknowledges the Traditional Custodians, the Djabugay and Bulwai people of the country in which this school is located and pays respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.
Building Personal Success – Together!

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Primary

Julia Brant
Deputy Principal
Primary

Congratulations to all the 2016 award winners who were acknowledged at the Primary awards evening last week. It was wonderful to see the pride in students as they accepted their awards.

P-6 students are currently busy completing final assessments and consolidating learning. In the last weeks of the school year, classrooms will continue with learning linked directly to The Australian Curriculum. This eventful time of year can be tiring for students with culminating events, excursions and the warmer weather. Please ensure your children are well rested so they can be prepared to do their best at school.

The final Prep open mornings for this year are on Tuesday November 29 and Thursday December 1, 10.00-11.00am. If you have a child or know of someone starting Prep in 2017, please come along to receive information about our school, early years program, the transition and enrolment process.

I wish all our families a safe and relaxing holiday.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with you all in 2017.

I am thrilled to have received news that I have been appointed Primary Deputy Principal in a permanent capacity here Kuranda District State College. I am so looking forward to continuing our school improvement journey into the future supported by an amazing team of leaders, teaching and non-teaching staff. Students and staff are very proud of the great gains we have made throughout 2016 in student achievement levels, reading levels and attendance. What a wonderful year it has been and this could not have been achieved without the strong partnerships of parents, carers and Community. For this I sincerely thank you.

We have had an excellent response to Prep enrolments for 2017 so a reminder to please contact the school on 0740855333 or email admin@kurandadistrictsc.eq.edu.au to request an enrolment pack and to make an appointment time.

I wish you all a happy and safe holiday season.

Primary

Michelle Neubecker
Head of Curriculum
Primary

Road Safety Message from your Local MP Craig Crawford

School holidays are upon us and it’s a good time to think about the safety of you and your family on the road. With more people on the roads it means there is a greater risk for road users. The Palaszczuk Government is committed to improving road safety for Queenslanders, but we can’t do it alone. If we all make a little effort, together we can ensure Queenslanders get home safely.

If you’re planning a family road trip this holiday season, make sure you plan ahead, stick to the speed limit and take a break every two hours.
As the year draws to a close, we have said farewell to our 2016 cohort of year 12s. We wish them all the best with their futures as young citizens and trust that their education at KDSC has provided them with the guidance, knowledge and skills to prepare them for a successful post school life. The secondary staff are excited to welcome our new year 7s next year and have enjoyed getting to know them through our transition program. A special thanks must go to the Junior Secondary team for making this a positive experience for them all and beginning to develop the routines and expectations for Junior Secondary. On a personal level, I have loved the work at Kuranda District State College and hope to be part of it again in the near future. The families, students and staff have been very welcoming to me as a newbie at the school which I see is reflection of the positive and solution focused people of the school community. Across the Secondary campus it has been a year of many success stories and improvements and we look forward to another busy and fulfilling year in 2017.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

A great night was had by all the Yr 12s, staff and families at the Hilton, where we celebrated the students exit from Secondary School. All students looked fantastic.

A special pathway event was organised for Year 10 when a special lunch occurred to celebrate their hard work with fundraising over the year.

All 2017 subject selection forms for Year 9 and Year 10 should now be back at the office so classes can be created for next year.

I hope everyone has a joyous and relaxing summer break and return rested for 2017.

Tips to make a difference on the road:

Watch your speed - With nearly half of all speed-related crashes occurring at just 10 km/hr over the speed limit, it’s important we change the way we look at speed not only for the holiday periods, but every time we get behind the wheel.

Rest up, don’t drink up - Plan to get plenty of sleep the night before a road trip and avoid drinking alcohol all together. You’ll sleep better and drive safer the next day.

Park your calls - Switch your phone to silent or flight mode on the road. If you have a passenger make them your designated texter and get them to take your calls.

Stay focused and avoid driving tired - Plan rest stops every two hours and take a break for at least 15 minutes when you stop. Swap drivers if you can and don’t drive for more than 10 hours in one day.
Merry Christmas &
Happy Holidays

**Special Education Programs:**
2016 has been a truly amazing year of achievements. Students have shown improvement in their academic levels as well as continue to improve in personal and social goals. But by far our greatest collective achievement has been the successful inclusion of students in mainstream classrooms. Students who in the past have worked in satellite classrooms are active members of mainstream classrooms. Academic levels are planned for and taught by classroom teachers, and support has diversified to capture more support needs in the whole classroom. Everyone in the whole school community has worked hard to achieve inclusion, and the Special Education team thanks everyone’s for their time and support.

Wishing you all a very safe and happy holiday season, and see you all in 2017.

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**Congratulations to our 2017 College Captains**

**Senior Captain**—Mary Scotford

**Vice-captain**—Lulu Dale

**Junior Captains**

Jenna McGinness

Bila Barclay

In 2017 Kuranda District State College will continue with the ‘Bring Your Own Device’ (BYOx) Program, which encourages and supports students to bring their own portable computer devices to school. Access to a laptop can significantly assist students in their learning. Further information will be sent out to families with the secondary report cards.

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**BRING FRENCH CULTURE TO LIFE!**

Why not volunteer to host an international student from France next year? We have a small group of delightful French students coming to Australia for 10 weeks to immerse in local culture, experience our schools, sports, environment and lifestyle. All students speak excellent English, have their own spending money, cover all school expenses, and we arrange all aspects of their program. It’s fun and interesting to help these young people achieve their Australian dream.

If you’d like to know more, please email your interest to rl@scce.com.au

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**Well Women’s Clinics**

(These clinics are available to Medicare eligible clients)

Service includes Pap Smears, Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, also info on Contraception, Continence, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, Bowel Health, Domestic Violence, etc. All services are provided by a specially trained Women’s Health Nurse.

Smithfield Community Health Centre

Friday 9th December

Friday 19th December

Ph: 4226 4800