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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Department of Education and Training acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the lands from across Queensland. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across the state.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Steven Moore
Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and members of the Community,

It has been a great, but very busy start to the year with the weather playing havoc with scheduled school events and disrupting some students learning. It is wonderful to see everyone back for another year of learning. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of the new students and families to the College.

We have a very ambitious strategic agenda this year that focuses on (1) Visible Learning, (2) Inclusive Education and (3) Student and Family. Visible Learning focusing on assessment – do student know what they need to demonstrate in their learning in order to be successful? Inclusive Education focuses on identifying all students who come under the Inclusive Education Policy – who are they and what support do they require in order to be successful? Student and Family support focuses on enhancing our preventative and support systems across the College to support those students and families in the social and emotional wellbeing space. A copy of the strategic plan is included as part of the newsletter.

Are you familiar with the Student Code of Conduct? Despite the document having been sent out to families for consultation, I am concerned many families are unaware of the contents of this document and how it applies to managing student behaviour at the College. For example, there are changes to the way in which suspensions are actioned with a great emphasis on human rights as part of the process. Mobile phones are banned, and have been for almost 14 months, I remain confused when students and parents challenge this policy. Please can I encourage you all to familiarise yourself with the behaviour expectations for students at the College by visiting the following link on our website:

<https://kurandadistrictsc.eq.edu.au/our-school/rules-and-policies>

Parents and carers are extremely important partners and we value this positive and productive relationship as a College. When mistakes happen or an issues arises I would always expect a parent or carer to advocate for their child, however it must be done in a rational and non-aggressive way. A reminder to all parents and carers that I have a zero tolerance for aggressive and threatening behaviour from parents towards members of my staff. We are always happy and willing to assist you with your inquiries but please be mindful of my expectations.

Congratulations to all of the school leaders for 2021. It was a great way to start of the year with our school leader's induction ceremony a couple of weeks ago. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the ceremony; it was a wonderful event. I look forward to working with the student leaders this year and wish them every success in their roles.

Some of you may be aware that Dale Archibald has been successful in winning her position at Parramatta Park SS as Deputy Principal. Due to the new temporary to permanent conversion rules the permanent HOD (Junior Secondary)

position was offered to Ms White, however she has declined the role. Ms White has requested to return to the classroom from the start of term 2. This also means that unfortunately Ms Ford will be finishing at the College at the end of the term but we hope to welcome her back in the near future. I want to publicly thank both staff for their wonderful contribution to the College in their roles. The recruitment for a permanent HOD (Junior Secondary) has commenced and an announcement will be made in due course.

The swimming carnival is on tomorrow and promises to be a great day for students and the community. Thank you to the HPE team students for their organisation and preparation for this event. I am very pleased that the Steiner School is able to join us and I look forward to partnering with them on other initiatives throughout the year.

Yours in education

PRIMARY NEWS



Rebecca Forgie
*Deputy Principal
Primary*

Welcome back to all of our returning families. A special welcome to all of the new families joining the KDSC community in 2021. In 2021 we have 8 full classrooms across the primary campus including 21 Prep students. Teaching and learning commenced from day 1 as teachers got right down to the business of educating our next world leaders, doctors, engineers, nurses, tradespeople and all walks of a productive and social community.

The first two weeks back at school is critical in establishing relationships and expectations for the year to come. On the primary campus we conduct a two week Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) unit titled "The Kuranda Way". Teachers take their classes through a variety of activities promoting positive relationships, conflict resolution and getting along with others.

The calm learning environment on our primary campus comes down to the consistent hard work and considerable effort of teachers, support staff, leadership and most importantly, family and community. To maintain a calm and orderly learning environment is it critical that family and community support the children in their care to: make positive choices, report incidents immediately, react appropriately, and that physical violence is never ok. There is plenty of support available at the College. We are always here to support our students and families as needed. Working together and positive communication is certainly the best way forward to ensure success for students.

Uniforms

The beginning of the year is a good time to remind families of the uniform guidelines. Check out the photos of our gorgeous students in full and correct school uniform. A few key points to remember: only the KDSC green bucket hat is permitted. No caps or other bucket hats are acceptable. Before we know it winter will be upon us. The only jumper acceptable is the College jumper. Both the hat and jumper were provided for free last year. If you need to replace either uniform items they are available from the uniform shop located on the primary

campus. The uniform shop is open each Friday morning from 8:30-9:00am



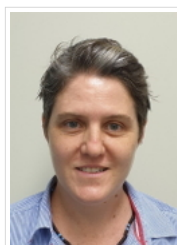
Kookaburra Orchard

An exciting expansion of our primary gardens is currently underway. The past 3 years the garden has been supported by Student Leadership fundraising. We have expanded from 1 to 7 garden beds and a new location is needed. We have moved to the old spider web sand pit and have grand plans which include expansion to the fruit, vegetable and herb propagation, planting and harvesting. Check out the newsletter item from Mr C for more information.

Key dates for term 1-2

- **Swimming carnival** – Friday 5th March
- **Bullying No Way! Day** – Friday 19th March
- **Prep Vision Screening** – Thursday 25th March (forms required)
- **Mini Beasts Incursion** – Thursday 22nd April (notes and money required)
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SECONDARY NEWS



Clio Carney
*Deputy Principal
Secondary*

Welcome to the 2021 school year everyone!

It is an absolute pleasure to join the Kuranda District State College community for Semester 1. I have received a very warm welcome from staff, students and families, and I thank you all for helping me settle into the role of Deputy Principal on the Secondary Campus. Adrian Hooper was a well-respected and much loved colleague and teacher, and I am well aware of the big boots I need to fill. Luckily we both share a love for doc marten boots, music and paisley shirts – a tradition I intend to continue in the position! We all wish Mr Hooper the very best in the DP position at Redlynch State College.

I come to Kuranda from Cairns State High School, where I was the English Head of Department for four years. Prior to that I have worked as an English and Humanities teacher at Woree State High School, Dysart State High School in central Queensland, and several schools in Brisbane. Education is one of my great passions, and I am a strong advocate for teachers and students. Over the years I have seen the role of the teacher develop to encompass a multifaceted skill set beyond the 'core business' of curriculum delivery. Differentiation of curriculum and assessment, behaviour management, and continual advancement of ICT skills are just some areas in which our

role has broadened in recent years. Building the capacity of teachers is at the forefront of my focus as a leader in the school. I firmly believe that quality education, delivered by highly skilled and passionate professionals, is critical in equipping the next generation to meet the demands of an ever-changing global economy, society and environment. Our young people need to be flexible, confident, resilient, creative and critical thinkers and independent life-long learners. As I move around the school, observing teaching and learning in our classrooms, I see staff and students fully engaged in this journey together, which I must say is very inspiring. Well done to all teachers, teacher aides, support and office staff in settling students into routines for learning and success. 2021 is shaping up to be a great year!

The connection between home and school is also essential in maximising success at school; I intend to continue to foster this at KDSC. It is well-documented that when parents, families and carers engage in their child's learning, students are more likely to thrive at school. I encourage you to have regular conversations with your children about school. Our temperamental teenagers may not show it, but they do care that key adults in their lives take an interest! Here is where teachers and parents can work together. Recently, teachers distributed assessment schedules and diaries to all students. These are important tools for keeping a track of upcoming homework, assessment and events. As a conversation starter, ask your child to show these to you and explain what they are currently studying. Please reach out to your child's teachers with any questions or concerns – at KDSC we are all about establishing positive relationships with you.

I wish everyone great year ahead, and warmly invite you to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Clio Carney, Deputy Principal - Secondary Campus
Email: ccarn5@eq.edu.au
Phone: 40855333



Janice White
Head of Department
Junior Secondary

The students have had a great start to the year with the focus on positive and productive classroom environments. With the introduction of the Diverse Learners team, students across the board are getting more support than ever including students being engaged in the IMPACT program, an online extension program occurring once a week while other students are engaged in learning support directly related to curriculum. EALD (English as

an additional language or dialect) is a strong focus for KDSC this year further supporting individual students.

The PBL focus for the beginning of the year has been centred on classroom routines. The posters are displayed each fortnight for students and lessons are delivered each week. The current focus will be posted on Facebook so get involved and chat to your child about the target behaviour and how it can benefit their learning outcomes. The school captains have taken on the role of delivering messages to the students about the PBL focus at Monday morning parades; an innovative and fresh approach for 2021. Also, please remember that we will be holding a celebration day at the end of term for students who

have gained 50 points, have at least 85% attendance and Good standing. We will inform parents closer to the time of the event details.

As we approach the second half of Term 1, it is essential that students are focused on their assessments and setting themselves in good stead for the rest of the year. Assessment schedules were handed out last week as well as school diaries. Please check in with students regularly over the next few weeks about how they are going with drafting and completing assignments. Attendance is key in ensuring students are keeping up to date with the content so students should be at school every lesson, every day. The students have settled in really well but if your child is struggling with any aspect of their academic progress, please call the school and ask to speak to the HOD junior Secondary, Janice White.

Also, a reminder to parents to make themselves familiar with the school policies and support your child to adhere to them. School uniform is compulsory and must be worn by all students. Caps are absolutely not allowed to be worn to school and only black shorts with no white print are to be worn. Earphones and mobile phones are banned for Junior Students; they are a distraction. I would like to ask parents to please refrain from calling or texting their students at school; it puts them in a very difficult position. The Principal has recently sent out a letter regarding basketballs which relates the rules and consequences if basketballs are brought to school.

Finally, thank you to parents for supporting your children in building personal success and making the most of each day. The year has gotten off to a flying start and I would like to congratulate our students for settling into the new year so well.

Janice White
Head of Department Junior Secondary



Raymond Donohue
Head of Department
Senior Secondary

Dear Kuranda District State College Families,

It is with great pride and excitement that I write this letter of introduction to you as the newly appointed Head of Department for Senior Schooling at Kuranda District State College.

Born and raised in the South Burnett, I started my teaching career at Capella SHS. Since then I have taught or taken on leadership positions at Mackay North SHS, Hervey Bay SHS and Clifton SHS. Each one of these teaching positions has increased my passions for student leadership, quality learning and creating new challenges for students to be creatively inspired.

I consider it a privilege to work in a leadership role; helping to guide the learning of students, supporting teachers and building positive relationships with parents. As HoD of Senior Schooling, I will work diligently with staff and students to carry out the vision of KDSC. I believe that as a school, we play a fundamental role in positioning students for future success. I am committed to working closely with teachers, parents, and community members to ensure our children achieve their full potential and are prepared for their next phase of their education career.

The school community has made me feel incredibly welcome and I am looking forward to the opportunity of being part of this enthusiastic, committed and vibrant community. If throughout the course of the year you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact via email or phone. I can be reached at rdono37@eq.edu.au or by phone at (07) 4085 5333.

Wishing you and your family a safe and healthy school year.

Raymond Donohue
HoD Senior Schooling

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION



Nicola Clode
Head of Inclusion

Welcome to another exhilarating Year. I would like to introduce our team, and especially welcome Olivia to the College and the Diverse Learners Team. Olivia brings a wealth of knowledge around Indigenous Education from her years teaching in the Northern Territory. Olivia will be supporting our students across the college with additional needs with English as a Second Language or Dialect, Enrichment program for identified students and Case Managing support needs in Year 7.

Below is a table of all the support staff across the College. We are very excited to expand the team and broaden the focus work to all areas of Inclusion. If you have any questions or would like to discuss options for your student please make contact with the school to set up an appointment.



STUDENT INDUCTION CEREMONY 2021

Friday, the 12th of February was a day of celebration for the students and their families, and the staff of Kuranda District State College. At 10:15am everyone gathered in the Senior multi-purpose to acknowledge the 2021 College leaders. This event also witnessed the Year 12 students receive their senior badge from Mr Donohue, the new Head of Senior school. The school Captains then led the year 12's in the recital of the Senior Undertaking Oath:

We accept our roles as school leaders.

*We pledge to support the Kuranda District State College,
Students, Staff and Community,*

*By upholding our school's expectations
To be safe, respectful learners.*

*Through our leadership,
Behaviour and hard work,*

*As an individual and as a leadership team,
We will make our school a better place.*

Congratulations to all the year 12's and the thirty-nine students who are our 2021 Secondary and Primary College Captains, Indigenous Leaders, House Captains and Class Representatives.



JCU PARTNERSHIP VISIT

The term 1 program targeted all Year 11 and 12 Kuranda District State College that are ATAR eligible or wanted to find out more about attending University in the future. Orr, a James Cook University ambassador, and the JCU head of the program, presented an interactive session that explored topics including:

- Career opportunities upon graduating
- Financial support
- Scholarships
- The pros and cons of accommodation
 - Share accommodation
 - Living at home
 - On-campus living

The Tertiary Aspirations Program (TAP's) revolves around a partnership between Kuranda District State College and James Cook University (JCU) to provide opportunities for identified tertiary students in grades 7-12 to engage in learning activities that are funded by JCU. Other events this term included an experience UNI day at JCU, which included activities such as a visit the JCU Dentistry faculty and Anatomy laboratories.

This year James Cook University is again going to offer Year 12 students an opportunity to be accepted for early admission similar to the 2020 offer.



The **Year 12 Student Success Package** has been designed in response to feedback from the schools community and the main features are listed (see the JCU website jcu.edu.au/year-12):

Early Offer Program

An early offer is available for all Year 12 students. The offer requires a school recommendation that includes academic and

character attributes. The process is designed to limit work for the school.

Guaranteed Admission Plan

Guaranteed Admissions for Year 12 students are based on ATAR results. For students who participate in the Guaranteed Admission Plan, subject prerequisites may not be required.

Regional Preference Scheme

The ATAR score is adjusted by two bonus points (+2) for students living in regional and remote Queensland.

Subject Recognition

ATAR score is adjusted by two bonus points for subjects that require a high level of skill and knowledge, such as maths, science, and languages. These subjects need to be fully completed in high school.

I look forward to partnering with Kuranda District State College to make the **Year 12 Student Success Package** the success we believe it can be and to reassure students during this challenging time.



INDIGENOUS LEADERS 2021

Last years Indigenous Leaders Program proved to be a very successful program supported by our school and community. However due to COVID-19 the planned program did not reach intended goals, so we look forward to a better year in 2021.

This year we will be running the program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in year 5 to 12 with the aim of developing their skills as effective leaders and role models within our school, the Kuranda community and for their future.

The program will be co-ordinated by myself with support from the College Principal Mr Moore, Deputy Principals and support staff across both campuses. I will also work closely with Tahnee Richards, the Student Indigenous Captain and Senior Indigenous Student Leaders to help organise & run the program.

Kuranda District State College Indigenous Leaders expect high standards of behaviour, attitude and commitment to learning in line with the Good Standing Policy implemented in 2020.

Our Indigenous leaders have been invited to North QLD Cowboys to go behind the scene of a football team but we need your help get down there. We are collecting recycling containers at school, however your help with collecting these at home and dropping them off at the school, would help us greatly.

On behalf of the Indigenous Leaders and myself, we would like to say a huge thank you to our sponsors, Mulungu Aboriginal

Health Care Services & our ongoing support with Aboriginal Steel Art & Kuranda Community Kindergarten.

Thanks
Ms Sonya



STUDENT COUNCIL 2021

The 2021 Kuranda District State College Student Council held their first meeting Monday of week 4. The new venue of the Science and Language Hall on the secondary campus was a hit with over 25 students from all year level in attendance.

Key agenda items included:

- Student contributions to the school news and Kuranda Paper
- Improved communications between the Student Council and the College Administration
- Updates on the proposed music program
- Emphasis on the Student Council meetings as a forum for students to obtain and provide support for on another
- Discussed last years Student Council goals and achievements
- The viability of a Secondary Student Yearbook for 2021



GARDENING CLUB

"Thank you so much Groundsman Dean". It looked like it may take us many long and arduous lunches in the garden trying to move seven cubic metres of soil with one shovel and five small buckets, but friendly groundsman Dean appeared on the horizon and saved the day. In 20 minutes, he quickly filled five garden beds with his tractor in preparation for the upcoming planting season. We needed a larger space to allow us to incorporate Science curriculum and engagement in the natural world so we have moved all the beds from our old space to a larger area. Anyone out there in our friendly Kuranda community that has time and expertise to spare, straw mulch, seedlings, manure or very importantly fencing material can get involved to help give our garden project a blossoming start. Already some of the local businesses have donated important resources to help us. Kuranda Landscaping, Bunnings and Woolworths have been most generous, thank you so much! If you would like to donate time or resources to our project, you can contact the school or Mr C via email (hconn23@eq.edu.au).



SCIENCE

Year 9 Science

Year 9 Science students are currently studying different forms of energy including thermal and kinetic energy and the relationship between heat transfer and temperature in this unit on Physics. This includes conducting multiple experiments into concepts such as heat transfer via convection, radiation, and conduction.

One investigation carried out by the students included exploring the qualities of various types of insulation. The students filled latex gloves with a measured amount of water and suspended them in the freezer for several days. The frozen hands were then removed from the gloves after being weighed, one frozen hand was insulated from the environment and melt times were compared.



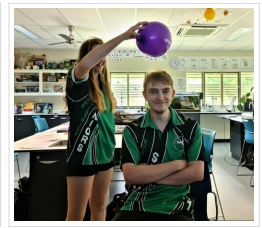
Year 11 and 12 Chemistry

The Year 11 Chemistry students joined the 12 Chemistry students in their mandatory titration practical. This was in preparation for the annual Royal Australian Titration Competition; the regional competition will be held in the Chemistry laboratories at James Cook University in May this year. The practice session was highly successful and the students produced some great results – including accurate calculations of concentrations and equivalence points.



Year 12 Physics

Year 12 Physics students investigated static electricity through a series of experiments. A variety of plastic, glass, and ebony rods were charged using friction to transfer electrons between the materials. In one of the experiments a charged rod was placed next to a stream of water to observe the strong forces of attraction between the rod and stream of water: the flow of water was “bent”.

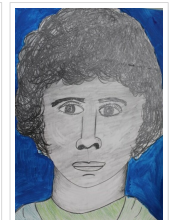
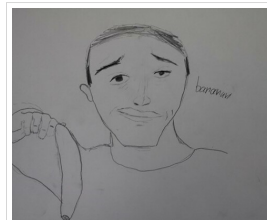


THE ARTS

Year 12 VISUAL ARTS IN PRACTICE (VAP)



ARCHIES Cairns Art Gallery



SPORTS UPDATE

Welcome to KDSC parents, carers and students to **All things Sport 2021**. Each term, the HPE team will send out an **All Things Sport newsletter** to inform you of upcoming sporting events.

Kuranda Stars Cheerleading Team

Kuranda Stars Cheerleading Team	
Days:	Monday afternoon
Time:	3pm – 4:45pm
Who:	Students in Prep – Year 8
Where:	Science and Language Hall
Collect permission form from either office and bring to training Or contact Mrs Gough on email: lgoug15@eq.edu.au	

Linda Gough & Joseph Costa
Health and Physical Education teachers

WELLBEING NEWS

P & C

<https://www.facebook.com/kdscpandc/>

P&C MEETINGS

Our meetings are held on Monday of Week 2 and Week 8 at 4.30pm in the secondary office. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Be a part of the decision making process, have your voice heard and be involved in making our school bigger and better than ever before. The AGM will be held at 4pm in the Secondary Office on the 29th of March. Two of our team are stepping down so at the very minimum, we need two people to join. We are also looking for a fundraising coordinator.

Please get involved and help. New ideas, fresh enthusiasm and positivity are welcome.

OSHC

School age Educator required

Part time hours between 4-20 hours per week as required (2.00pm-6.00pm)
Occasional morning sessions may arise (6.45am – 8.45am)

Successful applicant will hold *minimum:

- *Cert III in children's service's / Diploma in Children's services
- *Current Child related Blue Card
- *Current first aid Certificate with *first aid within last 12months
- *Child Protection Training / Behaviour Guidance Training
- *Current Resume
- *Open Qld drivers licence

Required Knowledge:

My Time Our Place
Early Years Learning Framework
National Quality Standards
Child Care Act and Regulations

Qualities:

Energetic, creative, resourceful
Strong work ethic
Exceptional time management skills
Ability to work independently and within a regulated environment
Min 2 professional *references required.
Applications close: Monday 1st March 2021. Shortlisted will be interviewed across 2 days 3/3/21 – 4/3/21 with prospectives being invited for walk through of the service on 5/3/21.

Please send application mentioning above points, with *attachments to:
(Maximum 1 page response.)

Allyson Sheppard
Kuranda OSHC Coordinator
kurandaoshc@gmail.com
(you nominate which)

or

Please contact: Kirsty Madden
Kuranda District State College P&C President

Kdscpandc4881@gmail.com
(you nominate which)

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop, located on the Primary Campus, is open every Friday between 8.30 – 9.00am, so please make sure you come and see us to ensure the kids are all in their correct uniforms. Email us at PandC@kurandadistrictsc.eq.edu.au if you are unable to make it, and we will do our best to come up with a solution.

Volunteers and Fundraising

Volunteers are needed to help run the uniform shop on Fridays. As always, we are in need of helpers with 2021 fundraising plans. Please consider getting involved and helping the KDSC community. Many hands make light work, and every dollar raised benefits all our kids! We desperately need shade cloths over the primary playgrounds, and the secondary could do with some more computers, so reach out and lend a hand.

Outstanding Debts

We currently have a few outstanding Centrepay debts for the uniform shop. People with outstanding debts will not be allowed to purchase new uniforms until the current debt is cleared. If you think you may have an outstanding debt, please email us at PandC@kurandadistrictsc.eq.edu.au to check.

OFFICE NEWS

Administration of Medications

The following information is regarding the administration of medications in Queensland state schools.

Accounts

Debtor Statements are now being emailed to assist with easy payment via BPOINT. Simply click on this link on your Statement -

<http://www.bpoint.com.au/>

It will auto populate your CRN number. Please insert the invoice number you wish to pay, student name and amount.

If you did not receive your last Statement by email please advise Robin in Accounts Receivable at rcrow52@eq.edu.au to update your records.

MAKING A BPOINT PAYMENT

CRN: 3802534 (Department of Education)

Invoice Number: 148544

Student Name: [Redacted]

Amount (AUD): 263.00

ALL 4 fields MUST be filled in!

TAX INVOICE

INVOICE NUMBER: 148544
INVOICE DATE: 7 Nov 2018
INVOICE REF: 2018/AL
DEBITOR ID: 200000
CREDIT INVOICE: 2017/0000

GET TOTAL: 263.00

PAYMENT METHODS

Online Card Payment

CRN: 0231000036518

Invoice No: 17587

CRN: Customer Reference Number

COMING EVENTS

Date	Event
2020 Dates	
Friday 5th March	Swimming carnival
Friday 19th March	Bullying No Way! Day
Thursday 25th March	Prep Vision Screening
Monday 29th March	P&C AGM
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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

SES volunteers

WE NEED YOU!

My name is Caitlin and I am proud to say I am a part of the Kuranda community and a former student of the Kuranda District College. I believe being part of a community also means giving back to it. That's why I joined our local SES when I was 17. The State Emergency Service (SES) is a volunteer-based organisation empowering people to help themselves and others in times of emergency and disaster. Volunteering with the SES is a challenging and rewarding way to give back to your community.

During my time at the SES I have learnt many skills including First aid, map reading and navigation, how to operate a two-way radio, basic rescue, storm damage response, land search techniques, leadership and team-building, chainsaw use and many more. At no cost to yourself, you are provided with equipment and training. We encourage people to undertake any training that interests them.

We train every 2nd Tuesday night, and it's a great way to get to know people in your community. We know people live busy lives and can't always be available. I myself am a university student and I am often away for university or placement, but the flexibility allows me to still be a member.

After such a busy season already, we need people to join our local SES. Anyone from 16 years of age and over is welcome.

We are located on Fallon Road next door to the Ambulance Station.

Or call John at 40937246 or 0407 144 213 for more information.