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Edition 3, Term 4

## **Deputy Principal**

## Presentation Night 2017

This year's Presentation Nights are almost upon us and will be held in the Lostroh Centre on;

Senior School Tuesday 14 November (7.00pm start) Middle School Tuesday 21 November (7.00pm start) Junior School Thursday 23 November (6.30pm start)

Tickets are available from the respective sub-school Receptions for the Middle and Junior School evenings, Senior School families are allocated two seats for accompanying parents/guardians. Those who require additional tickets, wheelchair access, assistance with prams or wishing to make a booking for the Crèche (Middle or Senior School evenings only) are asked to contact their respective sub-schools to request further seats or assistance. Please note as student attendance is compulsory, any apologies are to be forwarded in writing to the relevant Head of School.

When arriving at the College for Presentation Night please follow the directions of parking attendants who will direct you to one of the following car parks: Central Administration, Junior School, Senior School or the Grassed Paddock on Keswick Road. For full details of the traffic management plan please click the following link:

#### Presentation Night Parking 2017.pdf

We are inviting members of the College community to support our students through sponsorship of Presentation Night Book Prizes (each prize is valued at \$50). For more information or to make a donation towards the cost of subject prizes recognising academic success, please click here:

https://www.wmac.com.au/community/giving/book-prize-donation

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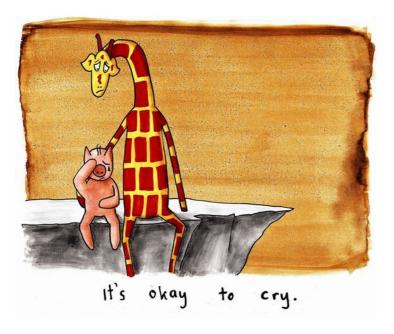
Whole School

## Head of Senior School

#### Farewell Year 12

This time of the year, I understand that there are mixed emotions amongst the Year 12 students. For many, school has been a "security blanket"; the one constant in their world of variables. It is okay to be feeling anxious about the unknown. You will navigate through and learn more and more about who you are and what you are capable of with every new experience you have. I encourage you all to make the ordinary come alive and marvel at the simple pleasures life has to offer. Be conscious of all that is happening around you. Take the time to do this and an extraordinary life will ensue. All the best Year 12!!

One final thought, which is best depicted by the wonderful cartoon below, taken from "Motivating Giraffe", created by Penny Redshaw, next week "it's okay to cry".





The Young Sandstone Leaders Conference was held on Saturday 28 October at Bond University. There was a particular focus on embracing and enhancing the journey of leadership, through collaboration with students of other schools. A variety of hands-on and group discussion activities encouraged us to think creatively and strategically to solve problems. In a particular activity, we shared how our school creates a sense of spirit. WestMAC students brought up the idea of 'Spirit Assembly' which was received with great interest among other schools. Overall, the day was a great opportunity to reflect on how we think and we could work effectively as the potential leaders of 2018, Cala Ahmed, Year 11.



## World Kindness Day

Monday 13 November is gazetted as World Kindness Day. This is a day to celebrate our role as a world citizen who belongs to a global village. I encourage you to discover and celebrate the many similarities (and difference) between yourself and people of different nations and cultures. As Archbishop Desmond Tuto said: Do your little bit of good where you are, it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.



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Senior School

## Head of Junior School

## Junior School Presentation Night

Parents are reminded that our annual Junior School Presentation Night will take place on Thursday 23 November. It is compulsory for all students in Prep to Year 6 to attend this event, which is a celebration of the year for all students.

Parents are reminded that tickets for Presentation Night can be collected from Junior School reception. Should a student not be able to attend Presentation Night a written apology outlining the reason for the absence is required in advance. This should be emailed to the Head of Junior School.

Each year level presents a snapshot of highlights, our Prep students present a nativity presentation, entertainment is provided by our Junior School performance groups, all students receive an envelope containing individualised certificates and selected students receive special awards on stage. These special awards and their criteria are listed below:

Junior	School	Presentation	Night Awards

Archbishop's Presented to the two most academically Award improved students in Junior School.

Chairman of College Council's Award for Dux of Junior School	Top Year 6 student.
Excellence in Performing Arts	Two Junior School students who have been the most actively involved in cultural activities including dance, music and debating/public speaking.
Academic Encouragement Award	For the students who have demonstrated a willingness to succeed and persist, and who have made the most academic improvement throughout the year.
Richardson Family Award	Awarded to the verified student who has demonstrated the greatest willingness to persevere with class tasks and a positive approach to learning.
Merit Award	Awarded to students in Years 4 to 6 who have achieved an overall result of an A achievement level and Commendable effort in the same four or more subjects in Semester 1 and Term 3.
Junior School Captain Award	Junior School Captains.
Religious Education Award	Awarded to the Junior School Chapel Captains.
Award for Citizenship	Recipients chosen from group of students nominated for Citizenship certificates.
Citizenship Certificate	Presented to students who have been nominated by staff for their:  • Sustained concern and compassion towards others.  • Initiative in volunteering for tasks and seeking ways to help others.  • High level of reliability.  • Polite and cooperative attitude.
Principal's Awards	Awarded to students achieving Gold Level in the Respect and Responsibility program by the end Term 3.
Environment Awards	Presented to students who have been nominated by staff for:  Involvement in Environment Committee.  Initiating environmental endeavours.  Displaying a particular passion for the environment.
Respect and Responsibility Award	Awarded to students achieving Silver Level in the Respect and Responsibility program by the end Term 3.
Commendation Certificates	Presented to every student in Junior School to acknowledge the positive qualities they have demonstrated during the school year.

## Scripture Union Camps

Each holiday break Scripture Union run camps catering for students from Year 5 to 12. These camps offer students plenty

of fun as well as an opportunity to explore their Christian faith. Brochures are available from Junior School reception or by visiting the website: https://sucamps.org.au/

#### Code Camp



#### www.codecamp.com.au/westmoreton

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Junior School

## Sports Department

#### 2017 Sporting Highlights

2017 has seen some outstanding performances in the TAS sporting competition, achieving several TAS Premierships and Junior TAS undefeated teams and placing in the top 4 schools at all three TAS and Junior TAS Carnivals. Once again building upon the foundation laid by previous students and climbing into the sky to a point we have never been before.

WestMAC is currently the Champion School in Girls Hockey, which is testament to the many students who participated in these sports and the coaches. It is also important to note that we were the second ranked school in Boys Cricket, Boys Football, Girls Basketball, Girls Touch Football and Girls Tennis.

Congratulations to the coaches and students who won TAS Premierships, Junior TAS Undefeated teams or Age Championships in the following teams:

- TAS 15 Years Girls Swimming
- Junior TAS Year 4 Cricket
- Junior TAS Year 5 Cricket
- Junior TAS Year 6 Cricket
- TAS Intermediate 3rds Boys Cricket

- TAS Intermediate 2nds Boys Cricket
- TAS Intermediate 1sts Boys Cricket
- TAS Year 10 Girls Basketball
- Junior TAS 10 Years Girls Cross Country
- Junior TAS 5 Red Hockey
- Junior TAS 6 Red Hockey
- Junior TAS 6 Navy Hockey
- TAS First Girls Hockey
- TAS Year 8 Girls Hockey
- TAS Year 10A Girls Netball
- Junior TAS 9 Years Boys Athletics
- TAS 12 Years Boys Athletics
- TAS 15 Years Girls Athletics
- TAS 16 Years Girls Athletics
- TAS Year 9 Girls Touch Football
- Junior TAS Year 5 Boys Touch
- Junior TAS Year 6 Boys Touch

WestMAC students featured strongly at Representative Sport across the Region, State and Nation with a total of 67 students (41 in 2017) representing Metropolitan West Regional Sports Teams at State Championship level and 17 students (7 in 2017) representing Queensland School Sport at National Championships. Sporting results of particular note:

- The WestMAC Open Boys Basketball team were runners up in Division 4 of the Championship Basketball Schools of Queensland Tournament.
- The WestMAC Under 14 Boys Football team narrowly went down in the dying minutes of the Brisbane Regional final 2 goals to 1 against eventual State Football Champions Brisbane State High. It is pleasing to note that we were their closest scoring game that they played and only school to score against them.
- The WestMAC Intermediate 1sts Cricket team, were chased down with an over to spare at the Regional Championships by eventual State Champions of T20 Cricket St Laurences, with WestMAC securing a victory over GPS Year 9 Champions Brisbane Boys' College in the process.
- WestMAC were named T20 Blast Under 11 Boys Cricket District Champions.
- The WestMAC 12 Years and under Athletics team were named the Ipswich District Track Champions for 2017 in its final year occurring.

## Sports Presentation Evening

Our Sports Presentation Evening was well attended by students, parents and staff. As well as the Trimester team sport and Carnival sport awards, a number of major awards were presented and are included below:

#### Representative Awards

#### **Queensland Awards**

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Freya Domrow	2017 Interschool Queensland Equestrian Team		
Sage Fisher-Peters	2017 Interschool Queensland Equestrian Team		
Siena Fisher-Peters	2017 Interschool Queensland Equestrian Team		
Molly Stacey	2017 Interschool Queensland Equestrian Team		
Casey Bell	2017 Queensland School Sport Athletics Team		
Ruby Blunn	2017 Queensland School Sport Cricket Team		
Talicia Canty	2017 Queensland School Sport Hockey Team		
Lauren Hess	2017 Queensland School Sport Hockey Team		
Grace Hughes	2017 Queensland School Sport Netball Team		
Bailey Jackson	2017 Queensland School Sport Baseball Team		
Catherine MacGregor	2017 Queensland School Sport Basketball Team		
Camryn Novinetz	2017 Queensland School Sport Athletics Team		
Ella Ramsay	2017 Queensland School Sport Swimming Team		
Ethan Ramsay	2017 Queensland School Sport Swimming Team		
Rhys Stenzel	2017 Queensland School Sport Hockey Team		
Ryan Stewart	2017 Queensland School Sport Athletics Team		

#### Australian Awards

#### Special Presentations

Fair Play Award	Bryce Joiner
International Student Sporting Award	Ajax Wong
Pierre de Coubertin Award	Mikaela Gallaher
Aaron Smith Memorial Award	Hayley Victor
Ben Woodland Memorial Award	Jayden Facer
Andrea Graham Memorial Award	Harry FitzGerald
Matthew 'Harry' Harrison Memorial Award	Harry FitzGerald

Junior School Sportswoman of the Year	Amy Matthews
Junior School Sportsman of the Year	Ethan Ramsay
Middle School Sportswoman of the Year	Ella Ramsay
Middle School Sportsman of the Year	Riley Cox
Senior School Sportswoman of the Year	Annie McGuire
Senior School Sportsman of the Year	Alexander Gough

Apart from recognising the achievements of students this year, the event also provided the opportunity to acknowledge and thank the many people involved in the sports seasons, and with the sporting seasons now all completed, I would like to also take the opportunity to pass on my thanks.

- To the many coaches, including staff, parents, students, alumni and community, who assisted throughout the year. In particular, I would like to acknowledge the staff who took on board the busy task of coordinating a sport throughout the year.
- The grounds staff who ensured that throughout the year, the facilities and grounds were prepared and set-up to enable the students and coaches to train and play.
- The WestMAC P & F Association for their continued support of the College's Sports Program, and the various parent volunteers throughout the year who assisted with the catering for a significant number of sporting events this year, including the weekly TAS fixtures, Interhouse Carnival events and also on the actual Presentation evening.
- Mrs Karen Gough and Mr Robert Hillier for their enthusiasm and passion this year in the Sports Department.

## Term 1 Sport 2018

Preparations are now well underway for the 2018 Trimester One TAS Sport season. Sign-ons are currently being conducted for students in Years 6 to 11 for Girls Basketball, Girls Tennis, Boys Cricket and Boys Volleyball. Students and parents are reminded of the need to complete the electronic sign-on. Cricket, Tennis, Basketball and Cricket have commenced their initial trials and are undertaking pre-season training. Students are asked to listen to the daily notices and check their email for relevant information. The College is also currently looking at the coaching profile for next trimester; parents and alumni are asked to contact Sports Reception if they are interested in assisting with coaching.

## AMART Sports / Rebel Sport Community Kickbacks Program

WestMAC is a participant in the Community Kickbacks Program at AMART Sports, Riverlink. Currently all AMART Sports are being rebranded to trade as REBEL Sport outlets from now on. The Community kickback scheme will continue for schools. As part of the program, members of the College community are asked to identify themselves during a purchase

and nominate the College to receive 5% of the total transaction as an in-store credit. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all members of the WestMAC community who have supported this program as it is providing a significant number of resources for our students.

## Congratulations to...

- The following WestMAC students for their selection into Queensland Indoor Hockey Representative teams: Talicia Canty and Victoria Heffernan for the Under 15 Girls. Jade McDougall has been named as shadow Goalkeeper for the Under 18 Girls team. We wish them all the best of luck at the Australian Indoor Hockey Championships to be held in Wollongong at the end of January 2018.
- Well done to the following Hockey players for being named in the 2018 Hockey Queensland squads for their age groups: Lauren Hess and Talicia Canty in the Under 18 Girls squad and Victoria Heffernan in the Under 15 Girls squad.
- In Rugby League Jack Martin and Nathan Stephensen were both named in the Ipswich Jets Mal Meninga train on squad for 2018.
- Jake Patrick is going from strength to strength in his new found sport of boxing. After winning a South East Queensland title and a silver at the National golden gloves in the junior division, Jake was awarded the Queensland State title for 14 years schoolboys and has been invited to a development training camp with Boxing Queensland on the Sunshine Coast on 11 and 12 November. Congratulations on your achievements Jake, your hard work and dedication to your training is paying off!

If you have any relevant information, please pass it onto me via email and I will endeavour to include in the following newsletter.

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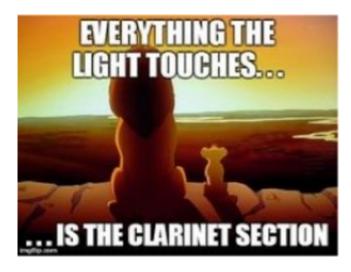
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Whole School

Junior TAS

TAS

# Director of Creative Arts and Extra Curricular Programs



## Prestige Music Fest

Capping off a fabulous season for our musicians, Big Band took home a Platinum Award from Prestige Music Fest Friday 27 October. They followed up by entertaining the crowd on the terrace of the Ipswich Civic Centre before the Dance Concert. Well done to Big Band and their director, Mr Shane Hannan on a great year of jazz music.

#### Dance Concert

Once again, the annual WestMAC Dance Concerts were an astounding success, with our extra-curricular dance groups and curriculum dance classes providing a night of glittering entertainment at the Ipswich Civic Centre Saturday 28 October. Congratulations to our dancers and the indefatigable Miss Judd on a stellar year for WestMAC Dance. Thanks also to the tireless helpers from FOTA, who not only fed the dancers during their technical rehearsal and performances, but also raised over \$1,900 with their raffle to support the future of dance at the College.

Our musicians and dancers will now be preparing for performances at the three sub-school Presentation Nights, bringing to a close an incredibly busy but artistically rewarding year for all.

#### Equestrian

Our four state representative riders; Freya Domrow, Sage Fisher-Peters, Siena Fisher-Peters and Molly Stacey, were all recognised for their achievements with trophies presented at the annual Sports Presentation Night last Friday. Well done to all of the girls on a great year of competition. The team is eagerly looking forward to starting the 2018 with a WestMAC-hosted event in February.

Whole School Extra-curricular Activity

## Careers

## **Employability Skills**

#### What are Employability Skills?

Employability skills are personal, transferable skills that are important to employers. Young people gain employability skills at school, work, and when volunteering or participating in sport or cultural activities. The Australian Jobs Guide 2017 gives "people skills", how we relate to others, as the employability skills most important to employers in Australia.

Youth Central (a great website for young people by the Victorian Government), explains 8 employability skills:

Communication: being confident to speak with others and in written letters, notes, customer documents. Every group task, oral presentation and assignment at school helps this one!

Teamwork: being able to work well with others and support the team by doing your allocated tasks well. Volunteering and part-time work can help you to learn these skills.

Problem-solving: being able to find solutions in a new situation or task. You work on this when you do school assignments, and, for example, handling customer complaints in your part-time job.

Initiative and Enterprise: being able to think creatively and make improvements to the way things are. Think about joining a service group at school to develop this skill.

Planning and Organising: being able to plan, prioritise and meet deadlines. You do this every day as you meet school deadlines and organise all the activities you do.

Self-Management: being able to get on with your work without someone having to check on you. Learning how to work independently is a very important work skill.

Learning is life-long. Taking opportunities at work to learn new things, undertaking study so that you have the capacity to advance in your work or take up new, higher-level jobs is a part of every successful worker's life.

Technology and Using Tools: having the capacity to use a word processor, spreadsheet and email (and using the tools of your trade) are core things at work. You need to feel comfortable to try new programs, learn to trouble-shoot and show that you are keen to learn for this skill.

#### Why are employability skills important for young people at school?

The Australian Jobs 2017 report states that about 2/3 of employers put more emphasis on employability skills when they are hiring employees than they do on technical skills. A Seek article on transferable skills tells us that, as workplaces and jobs change over time - with some jobs ceasing to exit and new ones developing, it is the transferable skills we have which will

make us flexible, employable, and able to adapt to change.

## Griffith University



**Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University** 

presents

## **Tertiary Preparation Workshop 2018**

#### Monday 2 July to Friday 6 July 2018

Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University

South Bank campus, Brisbane

#### Register Here

TPW prepares students to approach the theoretical and practical aspects of their university audition process with confidence.

Now in its fifteenth year, the workshop runs Monday 2 to Friday 6 July 2018 and provides prospective instrumental and vocal students with an opportunity to work closely with Queensland Conservatorium staff and music industry professionals in state-of-the-art facilities at South Bank.

Places in Tertiary Preparation Workshop 2018 are limited and only open to those in years 10, 11, 12 and adults wishing to return to study.

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Whole School

## **Uniform Shop**

# Uniform Shop Opening Times – School Days only

The Uniform Shop will be open on Saturday 25 November 2017 from 9am to 2pm and will cease trading for the year at 3.30pm on Wednesday 29 November 2017.

To avoid the January back-to-school rush and stock shortages it is strongly recommended that you consider organizing your 2018 uniform requirements this year. A serving window will operate when the shop is busy. Customers who would like to

enter the shop will then be given a number.

For information about 2018 back-to-school including opening times please refer to the Uniform Shop section on the College website.

## Lay-by

Uniforms can be placed on lay-by at the Uniform Shop. A minimum 10% deposit is required and lay-bys commenced this year must be picked up by Thursday 1 February 2018.

#### **New Students**

Appointments are available for new students in January 2018. Please refer to your "2018 New Parents Handbook" or contact the Uniform shop for details.

## Junior TAS & TAS Sport Borrowed Uniforms

All Junior TAS and TAS sport uniforms borrowed for Term 3 should have been returned by now.

#### Second Hand Cut-off date

Please note that proceeds for secondhand items left at the Uniform Shop after Wednesday 22 November 2017 will not appear on Parent Fees' Account until Term 2 next year. Due to the back-to-school busy period second hand items will not be processed between Wednesday 22 November 2017 and Monday 5 February 2018. Please do not leave items during this period.

#### **Blazer Pockets**

Embroidery needed for Middle School Presentation Night needs to be at the Uniform Shop by Monday 13 November 2017.

All 2018 Year 9 and 12 student leaders need to organise their leadership embroidery lines before the Uniform Shop closes for the year on Wednesday 29 November. If the request is not received this year there is no guarantee that the pocket will be ready for their induction ceremony at the beginning of 2018.

All 2018 Year 6, 9 and 12 student leaders should also purchase/order their wool-felt hat before the Uniform shop closes for the year to ensure that they will have one for the start of the 2018 school year.

## 2018 Book and Stationery Packs

In relation to the 2018 Book Lists please note that:

 The Uniform Shop does not organize the book and stationery packs. The shop only sells the items on the lists that are indicated as being available at the College Uniform Shop.

- The "Student Wall Planner" and/or "Red Tick Study Planner" that are on the Year 7 and 11 lists are not required.
- Year 7, 8 and 9 students can have a small or large satchel. The small satchels are \$16.00, not \$14.00 as on the lists.
- The "WMAC HPE Navy Polo Shirt" required for Dance student is the old sport polo. This polo can only be worn until the end of next year and the Uniform Shop can't sell them after this year. Students now purchase a "HPE House Polo" instead.

## Uniform Shop January 2018 Opening Times

8	Monday	8.30am to 12noon	Normal trading		
10	Wednesday	8.30am to 12noon	Normal trading		
12	Friday	8.30am to 12noon	Normal trading		
13	Saturday	8.30am to 12noon	Normal trading		
15	Monday	7.30am to 3.30pm	Normal trading		
17	Wednesday	7.30am to 3.30pm	Normal trading		
18	Thursday	7.30am to 3.30pm	Normal trading		
19	Friday	Closed for normal trading – appointments only			
20	Saturday	7.30am to 12noon	Normal Trading		
22	Monday	7.30am to 3.30pm	Normal Trading - Years 7 & 12 Orientation		
23	Tuesday	7.30am to 3.30pm	Normal trading - School commences		
24	Wednesday	7.30am to 3.30pm	Normal trading		
25	25 Thursday Closed				
26	Friday	Closed Public	Holiday – Australia Day		
29	Monday	7.30am to 3.30pm	Normal trading		
31	Wednesday	7.30am to 3.30pm	Normal trading		

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Whole School