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Edition 3, Term 4

From the Principal

Independent Schools Queensland (ISQ) has provided the following reflection on the forthcoming State Election and its significance for education and for independent schools like WestMAC.

Parental Support for Schooling Should be Top of Mind for Politicians this Election

Amongst the busyness of end-of-year exams and events, Queenslanders will elect their next State Government.

For parents of school-age children, it's already a hectic time of year that demands every ounce of our energy and every moment of our attention. Finding time to read and analyse election policies may not be top of our priority list. Independent Schools Queensland has created a dedicated [2017 State Election web page](#) to keep independent schools and their communities informed about the latest election policy announcements on education.

The government formed after the 25 November election has an opportunity to set a new long-term education reform agenda that sets young Queenslanders and this state up for the future. Visionary reform requires political will and leadership because the fruits of change in education take time to bear.

Lifting system-level results, even incrementally, takes sustained and ongoing effort. Evidence-based education policies take time to craft, trial and implement. Queensland's major education reforms of the past decade, including the 'learning or earning' laws, the Prep Year and moving Year 7 to high school, had a four-year lead time.

The ground work needed to support the most significant overhaul of senior schooling in more than 40 years has also been extensive. Year 11s in 2019 will be the first to experience

the new system – five years after a review report and recommendations were handed to government.

Queensland has strong education foundations and a workforce of talented and dedicated educators. Policy makers should spend more time looking inward, at independent schools like ours, than outward for evidence of education practices that are driving student achievement.

Much has been made of Australia's declining results in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA). However, an examination of the results of Australian independent school students reveals they achieved results that put them first in reading and second only behind Singapore in science.

The independent schooling sector plays an important role in developing Queensland's human capital and contributing to its economic prosperity.

The value parents in independent schools place on education and the investment they make in our children's schooling reduces the tax burden and the cost impost on governments. By not taking up a fully-funded place at a state school in Queensland, children in independent schools save taxpayers in the order of \$1 billion a year in both recurrent spending and building costs. This is a critical point that is sometimes lost in education policy debates.

I encourage you to let your local candidates know about the important role played by our school in educating future generations of Queenslanders and the valuable contributions parents make to the provision of quality education choices in this state.

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Whole School

Presentation Nights

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. Please contact your relevant sub-school for further information. Please note as student attendance is compulsory, any apologies are to be forwarded 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](#)

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Whole School

Senior School

Farewell Year 12

At this time of the year there are many 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'.



It's okay to cry.

Young Sandstone Leaders Conference

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 global citizens. I encourage you to discover and celebrate the many similarities (and differences) between yourself and others from 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

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 this evening, please forward any apologies to the Head of Junior School via email.

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 Award	Presented to the two most academically 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Years 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/>

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Junior School

TAS and Junior TAS Sport

2017 Sporting highlights

2017 has seen some outstanding performances in the TAS sporting competition; achieving several TAS Premierships, Junior TAS undefeated teams and placing in the top four schools at all three TAS and Junior TAS Carnivals.

WestMAC is currently the Champion School in Girls Hockey. 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 2016) representing Metropolitan West Regional Sports Teams at State Championship level and 17 students (7 in 2016) 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 by 2 goals to 1 against eventual State Football Champions Brisbane State High, in the dying minutes of the Brisbane Regional final. It is pleasing to note that we were the closest scoring game that they played and the 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. WestMAC secured 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

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

Annie McGuire	2016 Australian All Schools Long Jump Champion 2017 Queensland School Sport Athletics Team
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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. With all 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 P & F Association for their continued support of the Sports program, and the various parent volunteers throughout the year who assisted with the catering for a significant number of sporting events.
- Mrs Karen Gough and Mr Robert Hillier for their enthusiasm and passion this year in the Sports Department.

Term 1 2018

Preparations are now well underway for the 2018 Trimester 1 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 the 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. 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 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!

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TAS Junior TAS

Creative Arts and Extra-curricular



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

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 Erin 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.

Extra-curricular Activity

Careers



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](#)

Tertiary Preparation Workshop (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 from 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.

Places in TWP 2018 are limited and only open to those students in Years 10 to 12, and adults wishing to return to study.

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Senior School Middle 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.

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. Students now purchase a new 'HPE House Polo' instead.

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Whole School

P&F Twilight Christmas Fair

Join us on Saturday 2 December from 3-8pm on the WestMAC Oval for the 2017 WestMAC P&F Twilight Christmas Fair.

The afternoon and evening will include Rides, Show Bags, Games, Crafts, Food and Beverage Stalls.

The night will conclude with an amazing Fireworks display at 8pm.

[Pre-purchase your Unlimited Rides Armbands today for just \\$35 and save.](#)

Armbands purchased at the event will be \$40, individual rides between \$5 and \$7 each.

Visit <https://www.wmac.com.au/news/>

[p-f-twilight-christmas-fair](#) for more information and to purchase your armband.