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## Principal

### WestMAC's 25 Year Anniversary Celebrations

At our annual Founders' Day ceremony, held in July each year, we mark a special day in the College's history. On Sunday 18 July 1993, the foundation stone was laid. This is the date that has been adopted over the last 25 years as the College's official birthday. These celebrations have played a major role in the life of the College from the beginning, and have grown into a palpable reflection of the 'WestMAC spirit'.

In July 2018, we will celebrate our 25th anniversary – a very special birthday. As the 25 year celebrations rapidly approach, there is an increasing sense of expectation in our community as we look forward to marking this important milestone. There is something significant about a silver anniversary; something solid and substantial. As a school community, one way we are realising this is through our alumni. Those who graduated in the earlier years of the College's history are now coming into their own as professionals, business owners, and contributors to the local, national and international community.

After 25 years, we are starting to see the fruits of our labour. Each year at our academic assemblies, I look forward to our alumni returning to tell their stories to our current students. Some of these stories, and the related insights and advice, are reflective of WestMAC as an emerging and maturing community that has well and truly taken its place as a key contributor to Ipswich, its surrounding areas and beyond.

I extend a warm invitation to all members of the WestMAC family both past and present to join us on Thursday 26 July 2018 at our Annual Founders' Day ceremony in the Lostroh Centre from 11.00am. In addition, we would love to have many current and former staff, students, parents and families join us on the night of Saturday 28 July 2018 at the 25th Anniversary Dinner Dance as we celebrate by The Light of the Silvery Moon.

This gala event promises to be a fitting way to celebrate the many achievements and contributions over the last 25 years.

### 2018 Open Day

Ahead of tomorrow's Open Day, I would like to offer my thanks to the many staff, students and families making significant contributions to this event. We expect up to 1000 visitors during the day and there are literally hundreds of students participating in the many activities on the Open Day program. We have been overwhelmed by student volunteers to host tours of visitors to the campus – around 150 students in all.

The Open Day Program is available at <https://www.wmac.com.au/news-events/open-day>.

### Farewell to Amanda Houston

Next Thursday will be Mrs Amanda Houston's (Director of Marketing and Business Development) final day at the College. Amanda is taking up the position of Director of Communications and Admissions at Somerville House. This is an exciting and challenging career direction for Amanda and we are delighted that this professional opportunity has come her way.

Since joining the WestMAC community at the end of 2015, Amanda has been instrumental in leading a range of projects including our recent brand revitalisation. With her very capable team assisting her, the College has seen significant growth in our enrolments, increasing sponsorship, fundraising and profiling through community partnerships during Amanda's time with us.

We are grateful for her contribution and I extend the WestMAC community's warmest wishes to Amanda for every success in her next endeavour.

**Geoff McLay** - Principal  
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## 25 Year Birthday Dinner Dance

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You are warmly invited to the...

### 25 Year Birthday Dinner Dance

Celebrating our silver anniversary and honouring 25 years of community and educational leadership.

Please join us 'by the light of the silvery moon' for this special night to remember.

Saturday 28 July 2018, from 6.30pm

\$99 per person. All inclusive dinner, drinks (beer, wine and bubbles), dancing and live music. Tables of 10 available. Tickets available until midnight Monday 16 July, unless sold out sooner.

Click [here](#) to purchase your tickets!



## Chaplaincy

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By the time you read this, I will have been to see the lovely Meg from the Leukaemia Foundation, who assisted with cutting our students' hair at the shave. I should be less grey and may even have ever such a slight 'style'. Our World's Greatest Shave activities are almost at an end, with the Reds' Jersey Raffle coming to a close in the next day or two. We'll publish the winner soon. Thank you once again for your support of the Leukaemia Foundation. They serve an incredible need in our community and we, as a College, should be proud of the way in which we've been able to contribute to that work.

We recently held Worship@WestMAC at Cormorant Bay, and was truly a memorable occasion. We held a short, simple service on the grass, under a perfect climbing tree and shared a picnic and various outdoors activities together. The climbing tree was very popular. As you might expect, there were bubble prayers which every member of the community took part in. I felt so blessed to be part of this large, happy family gathering. I may live on my own but this community ensures that I'm not alone. I think a worshipping community should have this inclusive, family aspect to it, as well as reaching out to others in the wider area and sharing the love of God with all whom we meet. It really is a place where "Everyone belongs."



Sunday just gone we celebrated the Feast of Pentecost, often regarded as the birth of the Jesus Movement. We celebrated in style with Reverend Brenda leading us in an array of exciting activities for Messy Church. We were also lucky enough to celebrate the Baptism of Pearl, one our Kindy Students. Esther, her big sister is in Year 6 and Mum, Lucy, is a WestMAC Alumni. It was a joyful service, with a beautiful atmosphere and some lovely interactions.

Next week we'll be celebrating National Reconciliation Week in each of our chapel services. The theme is "Don't Keep History A Mystery!" Mrs Phyllis Marsh, our Indigenous Liaison Officer, will be working with our Chapel Captains and Senior Cultural Attaché to help us produce some meaningful, educational and inspirational liturgies to help us rejoice in our cultural history and move forward in understanding to heal wounds and encourage new and respectful relationships.

At the beginning of next month, the Rector of St Paul's Ipswich, Reverend Steve McMahon, will be helping to facilitate a day retreat for members of the ELT and College Council. We've put quite some energy into it and I think it will be a special and inspiring day, in which relationships should grow and our sense of mission will be strengthened.

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## From the Heads of School

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### Student Protection – Cyber Safety

A couple of weeks ago the College invited Mr Brett Lee, from Internet Education and Safety Services, to address the staff, followed by an evening workshop for parents. Brett spent 5 years working as an undercover investigator in the online world, so is a leading expert in cyber safety. As we know, technology is now an essential part of our children's lives and can provide many positive experiences for families. Children are starting to use technology at a younger age. More and more children have 24/7 access to technology. Without parental involvement,



children are left to self-regulate in a world that is not moderated. Brett offered some invaluable advice to both the staff and parents who attended his workshops. For more information visit the Internet Education and Safety Services website <https://www.internetsafeeducation.com/>

In addition, if you haven't already done so, we recommend you complete the series of online courses Brett has developed for parents. This was an initiative of the Anglican Schools Commission and is accessible via <http://cybersafe.ascqld.org.au/>, and the login password is **westmac**. There is no cost to WestMAC parents to complete these courses.

Another useful Anglican Schools Commission cyber safety resource is, the Cyber Safety and Digital Wellbeing website, <https://www.anglicancsaw.org/>

Keeping young people safe online is the responsibility of the adults in their world.

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Senior School

## Creative Arts and Extra-curricular

### Term 2 Extra-Curricular Events

Saturday 2 June	Brass Ensemble at Salvation Army Band Concert, 6pm for 7pm start
Tuesday 5 June	Years 11 and 12 Music and Music Extension Recital, 6pm MD17/18
Tuesday 19 June	FOTA Meeting, 5.30pm Staff Common Room
Thursday 21 June	Years 5 and 6 IP Concert, 2pm OLA
Thursday 21 June	Studio and Small Ensemble Recital #2, 6pm MD17/18

### Dance

On Thursday 3 May, Dance Company and Dance Troupe competed at the Combined Teachers' Dance Festival. The dance teams came away with wonderful results (see below) in some quite large sections of competitors, and truly did WestMAC proud as ambassadors for the College. WestMAC consistently work together as a team at these performance events despite feeling nervous, and perhaps not being 100% confident in their dance routines yet. They also show fantastic

sportsmanship to other teams and maintain a very positive frame of mind within such a competitive environment.

Huge thanks are due to the wonderful staff who helped backstage: Mrs Cahill, Mrs Gibb, Mrs Strohben and Ms Morris and, of course, to Miss Judd who inspires our students to amazing heights of excellence.

Results:

- 1st - Dance Troupe Musical Theatre 'High School Musical'
- 1st - Dance Troupe Lyrical 'Hallelujah'
- 1st - Dance Company Musical Theatre 'Newsies'
- 1st - Dance Company Hip Hop 'Freedom'
- 2nd - Dance Company Girls Hip Hop
- 2nd - Years 11 and 12 Classes Lyrical 'Grandma's Hands'
- 3rd - Dance Troupe Hip Hop 'Harry Potter'
- 3rd - Dance Company Contemporary 'Light of the Seven'
- 3rd - Years 11 and 12 Class Musical Theatre 'The Greatest Showman'

Dance Company Boys Hip Hop did not place; however, I think it's the best boys team we have ever had, as their performance was extremely well-rehearsed, which is a testament to how hard they worked to choreograph, teach and rehearse it by themselves!

On Friday 18 May, Dance Company competed at the Brisbane Dance Eisteddfod. It was a massive day with sections of up to 38 competitors!

Our dancers did extremely well to achieve the following results:

- 2nd place 'Newsie'" Musical Theatre (25 competitors)
- 3rd place 'Grandma's Hands' Lyrical (24 competitors)
- 10th place 'Freedom' Hip Hop (32 competitors)



### Equestrian

On the long weekend of Saturday 5 to Monday 7 May, our intrepid Equestrian Team competed at the Interschool QLD Regional Championships at Beaudesert.

WestMAC won overall Reserve Champion highest point scoring school. WestMAC Showman team (Asha Crane-Winters, Emily Davis and Sarah Stewart) also won Reserve Champion. Three of our riders won individual championships or reserve championships:

- Siena Fisher-Peters competed in the primary events and was Champion in the 80cm combined training and both the 60cm and 80cm show jumping and was Reserve Champion in the preliminary dressage, the 45cm working hunter and the 4 phase Showman.



- Freya Domrow was Champion in the secondary senior novice dressage and Reserve Champion secondary 60cm combined training.
- Asha Crane-Winters was Reserve Champion in the secondary 45cm four-phase Showman.

Our Equestrian Team continues to represent the College with distinction, grace and poise. Well done to all riders.

## Music

On Saturday 12 May, Big Band performed at the Marburg Show earning rapturous applause from the audience and the gratitude of the show organisers. Well done to Mr Hannan and the musicians in Big Band.

On Friday 18 May, 20 of WestMAC's finest student musicians participated in the 3rd biennial Anglican Schools Music Festival. They spent the entire day rehearsing with 300 students from 14 Qld Anglican schools in a program of works for choir, string orchestra and symphonic band under the direction of specialist conductors. The day culminated in a concert on the stage of

the Concert Hall of the Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC) featuring a massive combined finale specially commissioned for the festival composed and conducted by internationally renowned Australian composer, Sean O'Boyle. It was a magnificent event that will live in the memories of the students for years to come.

## Cattle Show Team

On 12 May, our Cattle Show Team had its first taste of competition for 2018 at the Marburg Show. The students performed with their customary professionalism and discipline. Thanks to Ms Edwards, Mr Elliott and the parents who assisted with catering.

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Senior School Junior School Middle School Music  
Dance Extra-curricular Activity

## Sport

### TAS and Junior TAS Sport – Pink Round

Saturday 26 May will see the College hold its annual 'Pink Round' for Breast Cancer Awareness. The purpose of this round is to raise valuable funds for Breast Cancer research as well as to remember the work and dedication of Mrs Andrea Graham, who volunteered on the College's Rugby Support Committee.

This a charity driven event and all proceeds from sales go towards the Breast Cancer Foundation, so your support is encouraged.

### TAS Sport Trimester 2 Results

A reminder that results and competition ladders for TAS Sport can be found at <http://www.theassociatedschools.com.au/>

### Junior TAS Netball and Rugby Results

Round 3 & 4 Netball Results:

Year 4 Red	Year 4 Navy	Year 5 Red	Year 5 Navy	Year 6 Red	Year 6 Navy
V TSAC Blue	V Faith Won	V TSAC Won- 11-3	BYE	V Sheldon	V Rivermount
Lost 2-6	7-0			Won 19-0	Lost 1-13



Year 4 Red	Year 4 Navy	Year 5 Red	Year 5 Navy	Year 6 Red	Year 6 Navy
V TSAC White	V St Paul's	V CHAC	V St Paul's	V St Paul's	V Sheldon Blue
Lost 3-9	Lost 4-6	Won 16-2 UNDEFEATED	Won 22-0 UNDEFEATED	Won 18-0	Lost 3-19

#### Round 3 & 4 Rugby Results:

Under 10	Under 12
V Redeemer Won 74-21	V Redeemer Lost 28-7
Under 10	Under 12
V St Paul's Won 80-19 UNDEFEATED	V St Paul's Lost 21-19



## 2018 Athletics Carnival Results

Well done to all students who recently participated at the Interhouse Athletics Carnival. A summary of the results and photos will be in the next edition of the newsletter.

## Prep to Year 3 Eaglets Sporting Program

The Prep to Year 3 Eaglets Sporting Program officially kicked off this week. A massive 64 enthusiastic Prep to Year 1 students participated in a multi-skills program on Tuesday afternoon. Students participated in a range of activities including relay and hurdle races, stuck-in-the mud, ball games as well as striking and throwing activities.

30 Year 2/3 students also attended the netball and rugby Eaglets Program on Thursday. This is a great opportunity for

our young Eaglets to try their hand at sports that are offered at the College from Year 4 onwards. The Sports Department hope that all students enjoy the programs and look forward to seeing our young Eaglets learn to fly in their chosen sport.

## Communication of Sporting Information

The communication process is vital in ensuring that students and parents are kept up to date with the variety of sporting information, particularly at the start of a new year. Apart from this section in the newsletter, sporting information is also passed on or can be accessed in a number of other ways.

- WestMAC College App
- Daily Notices which are read to students each morning
- Sports noticeboard at the Lostroh Centre as well as other noticeboards around the College, particularly in each sub school.
- Sports Reception on 3813 4534, or in person in the Lostroh Centre.

If you have not recently updated or downloaded the College App, we encourage all College community members to do so for access to the most up to date WestMAC Sporting Information.

## Representative Sport (District and Regional)

We would like to reiterate that it is College procedure that parents/families inform the College when their son/daughter is absent from school for representative sport. Though the College does sign off on the required paperwork to allow students to attend these sporting trials, we cannot assume that they attend as WestMAC staff are not present at every trial to confirm our student attendance. This has been College procedure for many years and has not changed. We ask for all families' cooperation in ensuring that student absence due to representative sport is communicated appropriately.

District Swimming, District Cross Country and District Athletics are the only exceptions to this as we send larger teams of students and will always send WestMAC staff to supervise students at these events. A WestMAC team manager will inform the College as to which students are attending those events as a part of the team on the day.

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Senior School Junior School Middle School Junior TAS  
TAS

## Speech and Drama

## Congratulations Dramatically Speaking Students!

Several private drama students recently competed at the Ipswich Junior Eisteddfod in the Speech and Drama section. They all performed wonderfully and gained a lot from the experience. Special congratulations go to:

- Austin Rumbelow and Jamie and Louie Adams, who took 2nd Place in the Group Drama (under 12 years) section,
- Elise Clarke and Lara Hogan, who took 1st Place in the Duologue (11 and 12 years) section,
- Darcy McCormack and Ruslan Reeves who took 3rd Place in the Duologue (11 and 12 years) section,
- Erin Williams, who took 2nd Place in the Character Recital (13 to 15 years) section, and
- Victoria Barns and Indigo Corben, who took 1st Place in the Duologue (13 to 15 years) section.

Tricia Clark-Fookes

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Whole School

## Debating and Public Speaking

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### Apex Debating

Six teams competed across the three sections of the Apex Debating competition on Monday evening. Congratulations to all students competed on the time and effort they put into their preparation.

Four teams will now progress to the semi-finals in week 8. Well done to those teams and their coaches.

### Ipswich Primary Schools' Debating Competition

The second round of the interschool primary debating competition was held on Wednesday evening. This year, we are hosting five other schools for this competition, The focus is on developing students' confidence and skills in a friendly and supportive environment.

We would like to thank FOTA for providing a sausage sizzle at the debates, and the volunteer adjudicators who have made this competition possible.

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Whole School

## Languages

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## Effective learning strategies

Each week our Japanese and Chinese language students in Years 7 to 12 are sent emails with links to vocabulary revision work set on Education Perfect.

Revision of vocabulary is an essential part of language learning cycle because each lesson we build on what was taught/learned in the previous lesson. Education Perfect provides an interactive and engaging way to consolidate vocabulary learned and includes opportunities to improve recognition of characters, listening and speaking.

Students should be accessing their set lists two to three times each week for approximately 10 to 15 minutes at a sitting to gain maximum benefit.

For some students computer based learning is not their preferred method and they develop their own but for the majority of students, the proof of its effectiveness is in the positive correlation between completion of Education Perfect tasks, student participation in classroom activities and improving results.

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Whole School

## Library

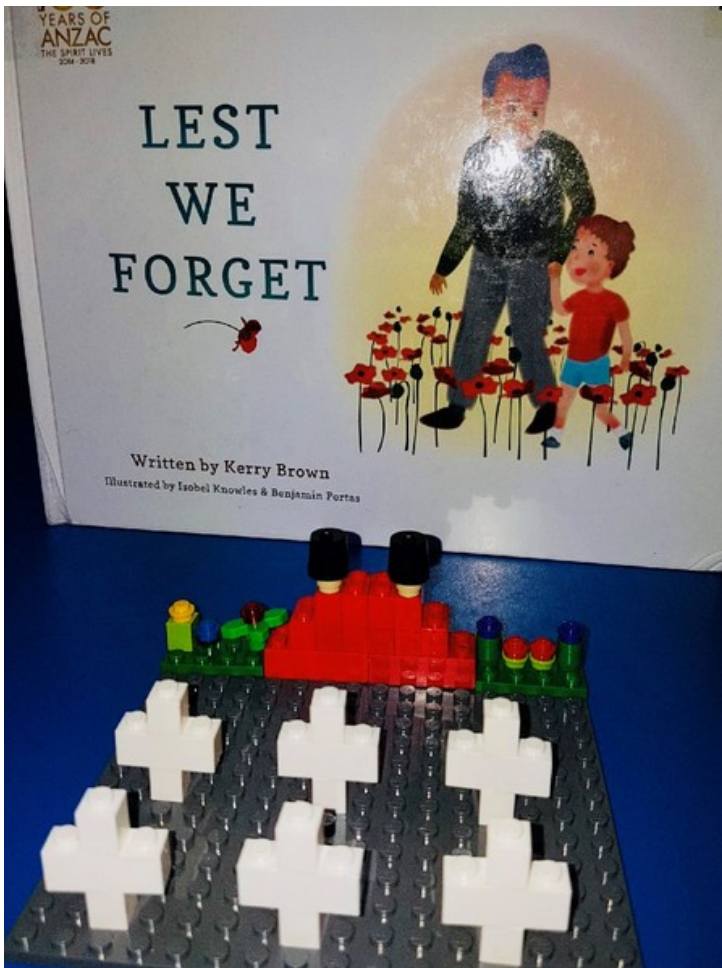
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### Library Services

The first half of Term 2 has been a busy one in the WestMAC libraries! We have welcomed of two new staff members, the new Head of Library Services Ms Tehani Croft, and Library Technician Mrs Evelyn Neilson. Ms Croft and Mrs Neilson join Mrs Kate Govier and Ms Kym Brinkley in the library team, staffing the Claridge Centre and Junior School libraries each day, and are looking forward to getting to know the staff and students of the West Moreton Anglican College community.

Already this term, the libraries have commemorated Anzac Day, had some fun with Star Wars Day (May the Fourth), and celebrated Library and Information Week, including Library Technician's Day on Tuesday 22 May and National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday 23 May. We were very proud to present our traditional NSS video to share with the students, this year beautifully read by WestMAC staff and their children, and edited by Mrs Govier. You can check it out at our YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/z60JQabQIn0> We hope you enjoy!

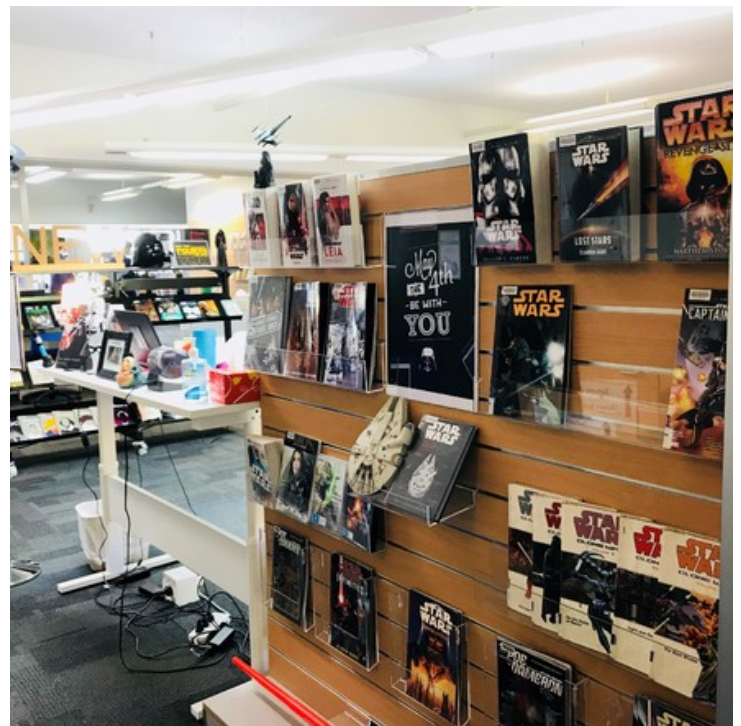




ANZAC Day Lego Competition – Laura Brown (6C)



Recycling Competition Lego – Isaac Olsen (5S)



Star Wars Day Display by Ms Brinkley

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Whole School

## College Nurse

With the cooler weather we are beginning to see more students presenting with winter illnesses including coughs, colds and sneezes.

Your child should stay home or may be sent home if they have:

- A fever over 38C
- Any single incident of vomiting or diarrhoea in the last 24hrs, or 48hrs after a prolonged episode of gastro symptoms
- A rash, unless confirmed non contagious by a health practitioner (eg eczema)
- Severe nasal congestion, are continuously sneezing and/or have a productive cough (especially if they are unable to manage safe hygiene with these)
- Signs of generally being unwell in themselves making it difficult for them to participate in usual school activities (such as needing more sleep than usual, lethargy, tiring easily, complaining of persistent headaches etc)

They may come to school if:

- They are feeling well and able to participate in usual school activities
- Have had no fever for 24hrs (not masked by medication)
- Are able to safely and independently manage hygiene such as covering a mild cough and disposing of tissues being used to blow a clear runny nose

Whilst you may like to send a little pack of tissues and some lozenges with your child, please remember that any prescription medication such as antibiotics must be handed in at in the Health Centre (ideally by an adult) along with a completed Medication Administration form.

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Whole School

## Uniform Shop

### Uniform Shop Opening Times – School Days only

Day	Term 2
Monday	7.30am to 3.30pm
Wednesday	7.30 to 11am
Friday	7.30am to 3.30pm

The Uniform Shop will:

- close for Term 2 trading on Friday 22 June 2018 at 3.30pm
- only be open over the school holidays on Friday 13 July between 7.30am to 3.30pm
- open for normal Term 3 trading from Monday 16 July 2018 (first day of Term 3) at 7.30am

## Blazer pockets

The cutoff dates for embroidery this term are:

- Monday 21 May, back Wednesday 30 May
- Monday 11 June, back Wednesday 20 June
- Friday 22 June (last day of Term 2), back at start of Term 3

## Gloves & Scarves

Only plain navy scarves and gloves are allowed to be worn with a College uniform. The Uniform Shop sells plain navy scarves for \$10 and gloves for \$7. Supporter scarves are also available for \$30.

## Second Hand Cut-off date

Please note that proceeds for secondhand items left at the Uniform Shop after Friday 1 June 2018 will not appear on Parent Fees' Account until Term 4 2018. Please ensure that any secondhand uniforms left for re-sale at the Uniform Shop are:

- The current style
- Clean and in good condition
- Have no ink and/or paint marks, perspiration stains, holes, fading or broken zips

Unless a request for notification of rejected items is indicated on the "Second Hand Items" form any unsatisfactory items received will be disposed of.

## Junior TAS and TAS Sport Borrowed Uniforms

Any outstanding Junior TAS and TAS sport uniforms borrowed for Term 1 must be returned as soon as possible otherwise students could be charged \$75 for each item not returned.

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Whole School

## Career's Advisor

### University of Queensland

#### New minor helps create game-changing UQ Arts graduates

Students now have the chance to complete a new minor designed to enhance their employability as part of the Bachelor of Arts program.

Professional Pathways: Humanity and Society is made up of four courses that will allow students to develop skills such as intellectual agility, textual and digital literacy, creative and critical



thinking, collaborative and communication techniques, all of which will make them more competitive in the future job market.

Throughout the courses students will build interdisciplinary and employability skills, and will also identify how the skills they learn in their degree can be useful in a professional setting. Courses will also include engagement with industry and alumni.

[Discover more here.](#)

### [Economics Schools Day at UQ - register now](#)

The annual Queensland Economics Teachers' Association Schools Day will be held at UQ St Lucia on Thursday 19 July 2018.

Economics Schools Day gives Years 11 to 12 students a taste of life as a UQ Economics student. Students will learn from a range of leading lecturers and get an on-campus experience, including a BBQ lunch.

Interested schools should register through the [QETA website](#). Registrations close late June, or when places are filled.

As Year 10 students across the state commence subject selection, we would like to remind you that our [Year 10 Subject Selection Guide](#) is available now. Additional quantities can be ordered free of charge by emailing us on [school.liaison@uq.edu.au](mailto:school.liaison@uq.edu.au)

National Curriculum isn't the only change to UQ Admissions this year, with changes to [Medicine admissions](#), the introduction of [national admission terminology](#), and [how UQ recognises diploma and certificate qualifications for school leavers](#). Should you have any questions about any of these changes please contact us on 07 3346 9649.

There has also been a release by UQ's Faculty of Science of a range of videos showcasing the daily life of a UQ Science student. [These videos](#) explore the studies, opportunities and experiences of real-life students in Advanced Science, Marine Biology, Equine Science and more!

Finally, our school booking calendar is filling fast - if you would like to request a visit from UQ, or learn more about what information we can provide students please email us on [school.liaison@uq.edu.au](mailto:school.liaison@uq.edu.au)

### [Apply now for the UQ Young Scholars Program](#)

UQ's Young Scholars Program (YSP) provides high achieving secondary school students with an opportunity to discover, learn and engage with UQ's academic community and like-minded students from across QLD and NSW. Designed to nurture and develop future leaders, the Program also presents students with a unique opportunity for academic extension and enrichment. Applications close Friday 10 August 2018. [Discover more here.](#)

#### Key Dates

- [TSXPO, Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 July](#)
- [St Lucia Open Day, Sunday 5 August](#)
- [Gatton Open Day, Sunday 19 August](#)

- [OP Results Advice Night, Monday 17 December](#)

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### [Experience Science - register now](#)

Experience Science is an on-campus experience providing students in Years 10 to 12 the opportunity to discover what studying Science is like at UQ.

With programs occurring across Friday 13 July to Thursday 19 July 2018, this free event is facilitated by experts from UQ and industry, and provides hands-on, interactive Science workshops.

Registrations close Friday 6 July 2018 or when places are filled.

[Discover more here](#)

### [UQ Earth and Environment Day - register now](#)

UQ Earth and Environment Day, held on Friday 20 July 2018, is an opportunity for students in Years 10 to 12 to experience the applications and relevance of geography, planning, earth sciences and environmental management.

This full day, on-campus experience provides careers sessions hosted by UQ graduates, interactive workshops exploring environmental and earth science themes, a tour of the St Lucia campus, and networking with other students.

Get in quick - there are only limited places for school groups available!

[Discover more here.](#)

### **Pharmacy Experience Day - save the date**

Pharmacy Experience Day is an annual UQ showcase which invites students to discover where a Bachelor of Pharmacy can take them.

Throughout the day guests will take part in a range of hands-on laboratory activities, meet and quiz current students, and participate on a guided tour through the world class facilities.

All members of the public are invited to attend the Pharmacy Experience Day being held on Sunday 19 August 2018.

[Discover more here.](#)

### **Campus tours at UQ Gatton - book now**

UQ's Gatton campus provides tours for school groups with a general interest in the programs and facilities on offer, sightseeing tours highlighting the historically significant campus structures and the Past Students' Museum, and individual tours for students wishing to study at the UQ Gatton campus.

These tours occur throughout the year and can be tailored to suit a particular area of interest in Agribusiness, Equine Science, Horticulture and Agronomy, Production Animals, Veterinary Science and Wildlife Science.

[Find out more and book here.](#)

## **Griffith University**

### **Parent and Student Advice Nights**

**22 May, Nathan campus/15 May, South Bank campus**

Designed for Years 9, 10 and 11 students, our Parent and Student Advice Nights will help answer your students' questions about the change from the OP to ATAR system, how to choose senior high school subjects, and how to decide on the right university degree. Parents or guardians and students can talk to our academic staff and expert study advisers, take a campus tour and get the right advice and information they need on what to expect on their journey to university.

Register at [griffith.edu.au/advice-nights](http://griffith.edu.au/advice-nights)

### **Pathways to Medicine Information Evenings**

**14 May, Gold Coast campus/15 May, South Bank campus**

For Year 12 students and their parents or guardians, this event provides an overview of medicine at Griffith University including advice about the pathway degrees that best prepare students to gain a place in the Doctor of Medicine.

Register at [griffith.edu.au/medicine-information-evenings](http://griffith.edu.au/medicine-information-evenings)

### **GUESTS applications for Trimester 2 now open**

**Applications close 30 May**

Griffith University Early Start to Tertiary Studies (GUESTS) on-campus and online applications are currently open to high achieving Years 11 and 12 students for Trimester 2, 2018. Students can apply to undertake a first year university course from most Griffith degrees. Students who successfully complete their university course (subject) are eligible for two adjustment ranks towards their OP/ATAR when applying for Griffith and credit transfer once they commence their related degree.

Find out more at [griffith.edu.au/guests](http://griffith.edu.au/guests), p: 1800 677 728 or email [guests\\_enquiry@griffith.edu.au](mailto:guests_enquiry@griffith.edu.au)

### **Tertiary education experience for students with a disability**

**Thursday 31 May, Logan campus**

High School students in Years 10 to 12, and students who have recently completed high school are invited to explore their tertiary study options at Griffith University's annual Tertiary Education Experience.

[Find out more and register](#)

### **Griffith STEM Showcase**

**Touring in May and June**

The Griffith STEM Showcase is for students, parents and teachers interested in learning more about the exciting career and study opportunities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Hear from Griffith STEM researchers and lecturers about the range of STEM degrees and experiences offered at our Brisbane and Gold Coast campuses and receive advice on how to best position yourself in the future job market.

Find out more at [griffith.edu.au/stem-showcase](http://griffith.edu.au/stem-showcase)

### **GriffithBUSINESS Ambassador Program**

**Registrations open**

The GriffithBUSINESS Years 10 and 11 Ambassadors Program offers students their first real look at university life, whilst providing them with a greater understanding of social innovation and social enterprise through working with academic staff from Griffith University.

Students completing the Ambassador program attend campus to experience life as a university student. A Griffith Lecturer hosts the day conducting a lecture presentation and interactive activity. Students work in groups with students from other schools, concluding the day with a group presentation.

[Registrations now open at all campuses](#)



## GriffithBUSINESS Year 12 Program

### Join us for workshop 2!

The GriffithBUSINESS Year 12 Program aims to support students in their transition from the supported framework of school, to the flexible and autonomous nature of tertiary studies. The goal of this program is to support vibrant, connected and resilient communities through the development of social entrepreneurship and innovative skills to enhance students learning, engagement and employability.

Students who complete the Year 12 program have an opportunity to apply for a bursary specifically linked to the program, receive a certificate of completion and celebrate their achievement at a graduation ceremony.

\*students already enrolled are not required to reapply

[Find out more and apply](#)

## Queensland Conservatorium Year 12 Experience Days

### 20 and 27 July, Gold Coast campus

If you are a Gold Coast student interested in studying music, come along to our Experience day to learn about all about what the student experience will be like, talk to Bachelor of Music lecturers and students whilst taking part in exciting music-making activities.

This experience day will prepare you for the Popular Music major (offered our South Bank campus from 2019) as part of the Bachelor of Music degree.

A light luncheon is included. Please note due to the popularity of these programs, numbers from each school will be limited. Registrations open until 25 May.

Contact Julie Sutherland for more information (07) 5552 9036

## After the Siren Elite Athlete Workshops

### 31 July, Gold Coast/2 August, Brisbane

After the Siren is a free program designed to offer student athletes in Years 10 to 12 the unique opportunity to learn first-hand about life as an elite athlete, from a range of current industry professionals and to help them prepare for a successful life on and off the sporting field.

Registrations for After the Siren workshops are now open and you are invited to register up to 4 elite athletes from your School to attend.

All events run from 8.45am to 3pm and places are limited. Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

Email [gsc@griffith.edu.au](mailto:gsc@griffith.edu.au) for registration forms

## Interested in studying Film? Join us for Griffith Flicks!

### 17 May, 5 to 7pm, Garden City Shopping Centre

The Cannes Film Festival is the largest film festival in the world and each year a group of Griffith Film School students are selected to attend and present their graduate films. This year we have twelve students at Cannes between the 14 and 19

May screening films. Griffith Flicks is your opportunity to see these films.

Registrations are essential as space is limited. Be first in with your friends to enjoy a night of film and animation.

[Find out more and register](#)

## Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University

### Tertiary Preparation Workshop 2018

Monday 2 July to Friday 6 July 2018

Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University  
South Bank campus, Brisbane

[Register Here](#) to get ahead of the auditioning pack!  
Registrations close shortly.

Kym Hayes - Career's Advisor

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Email: [khayes@wmac.com.au](mailto:khayes@wmac.com.au)

## Senior School

# Defence

## Boots on the Ground

Defence Community Organisation is hosting a creative up-cycling family function.

ADF members and families are invited to join us for an afternoon of family fun. Come and take the opportunity to decorate a recycled black boot.

Share experiences and enjoy a chat and a laugh whilst decorating a used military boot to take home. Due to expected popularity of this event there is a limit of one boot per family.

WHERE Amberley DCO, B726, Hudson Rd, RAAF Base Amberley

WHEN Friday 8 June 2018, 4pm

RSVP ESSENTIAL by Monday 4 June 2018 to [dco.amberley@defence.gov.au](mailto:dco.amberley@defence.gov.au) or 07 5361 1678

MORE INFO <https://www.defence.gov.au/dco>



Defence Community Organisation - RAAF Base Amberley  
Phone: 5361 1678  
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VIA THE KINDY TO GAIN ENTRY:**  
Contact: Carolyn Symonds 38134540

Carolyn Symonds - Director/Teacher - Kindy  
Phone: 3813 4540  
Email: [csymonds@wmac.com.au](mailto:csymonds@wmac.com.au)

Whole School

## Independent Schools Queensland encourage you to be heard!

WestMAC is one of more than 70 schools participating in the Independent Schools Queensland (ISQ) What Parents Want Survey.

Thank you to those parents who have responded to the longitudinal research since its launch two weeks ago. With independent schools catering to more than 120,000 students, we urge as many WestMAC parents to respond with what

motivates and is important to you when choosing a school for your child/ren.

The survey questions are predominantly in a simple multiple-choice format and cover a diverse range of topics, including deciding factors for enrolment; the importance of academic programs, holistic education, class sizes, religious affiliation and diverse learning pathways; and the impact of academic results and the financial commitment to school choice.

The survey will close on 8 June. In the meantime, please participate in the survey if you have not already done so via this link:

[http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4279373/  
What-Parents-Want-2018-Survey](http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4279373/What-Parents-Want-2018-Survey)

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