



GLADSTONE STATE HIGH SCHOOL

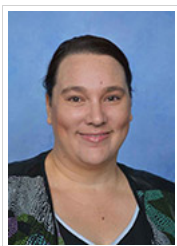
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FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM



EVERY DAY COUNTS

Our target for students is 95% attendance. Currently for this semester our attendance is 90.8%, with the Year 7, 8 and 12 students leading the way. What does 95% attendance look like? On average approximately two days absent each term.

Attendance Rate	Approximate school days missed per year
99% – 100%	0-2
95% – <99%	3-10
90% – <95%	11-20
85% – <90%	21-30
<85%	>30

Research confirms a strong link between attendance and student outcomes. While some student absences are unavoidable and understandable due to illness and the like, many are not. Poor school attendance can be linked to a number of related short and long-term adverse outcomes for students including lower academic outcomes, early school leaving, unemployment and negative health outcomes.

These outcomes can be prevented and our Year Level Coordinators and our support team work closely with parents and students each week to improve attendance. As such, we encourage parents and students to make every lesson, every day count by:

- Establishing morning routines so that students arrive at school on time.
- Planning holidays and trips away around term dates.
- Making appointments outside of school time.

- Ensuring absences are explained and where possible supported by medical certificates.
- Contacting our Year Level Coordinators or Guidance Officers if you have concerns about your student's attendance.

For the student who's attendance is 95% I encourage you to continue the great work so that you can take part in the end of term celebration activities your Year Level Coordinators have planned. Congratulations to the students who have attended 100% of school days. I commend you for this great effort.

ENHANCING AND ENRICHING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

There are many memorable events organised each term and this term is no different. The dedication of the teaching staff at our school is to be commended as they often give freely of their own time to enable students to experience the pristine ecosystems of North West Island, work together to achieve success in the Human Powered Vehicle project or develop their creativity in this year's school musical.

For activities in the local area, parents are encouraged to give permission by completing the Local Area Activities Permission Form which covers a variety of low risk excursions in the Gladstone area. This new permission form streamlines the process for parents and replaces the 'green' medical form parents were asked to complete for every activity last year. Please ensure your student has returned this form, additional copies are available from the office and will be available at Parent Teacher Interviews.



These enriching curricular and extra-curricular activities are often highlights for students as they reflect back on their schooling years. As such, the Senior Executive Team would like to take this opportunity to thank the dedicated teachers who ensure these events run smoothly and provide students with opportunities which enhance, enrich and extend students beyond the classroom. We would also like to thank our parents who support students with early drop-offs or late pick-ups!

Tameeka Schelks

Deputy Principal - Senior Secondary (11)

FAREWELL MR REARDON!

Congratulations to Mr Christopher Reardon (Year 10 Co-ordinator and Legal Studies Teacher) on his promotion to the position of Acting Head of Curriculum at Moura SHS. Friday, May 5, 2017 is Mr Reardon's last day at Gladstone SHS for the year. Ms Ellie McKenzie will be our new Year 10 Year Level Co-ordinator as of Monday, May 8, 2017. Ms McKenzie will be based in the Year Co-ordinators' staffroom (downstairs D Block) and may be contacted on 4976 6114 or elmck0@eq.edu.au. We wish Mr Reardon all the best in his future endeavours.



Q-PARENT INFORMATION



Year 7 & 8 QParents – IMPORTANT - Future Absence notifications.

QParents users: When notifying the school of a future absence using QParents, the system currently allows parents to submit reasons of up to 500 characters, with the hint text stating that there is a 500 character limit in the 'Reason' box.

This is an error and should read '100 character limit'. Absence reasons submitted with over 100 characters are too long and will not reach the school system for staff to action. This limit error will be fixed as soon as possible, however in the meantime we encourage parents to ensure reasons for absences are kept brief when submitting through QParents.

QLD SYMPHONIC ORCHESTRA

Well done to all 3 ensembles – Symphonic Band, Concert Band and the String Orchestra who participated in workshops with the Qld Symphonic Orchestra (QSO) Conductors. This is the first of the 2 rehearsals our students have prior to our combined performance on May 31st at the GECCC with members of the QSO. Thank you to our 2 conductors from QSO – Dr Rob McWilliams (Band) and Mr Mark Sullivan.



PORT CURTIS CROSS COUNTRY TRIALS

The 12 years and under Port Curtis Cross Country trials were held at Benaraby Primary school on Friday 28th April 2017. All GSHS students who attended did an excellent job placing in the middle and an 8th and 10th place as well. Well done Gladstone SHS on your efforts!



ICAS ENGLISH COMPETITION



Entry to the ICAS English competitions now open!

The English department at Gladstone State High School is taking part in ICAS for all year levels in 2017. With the move towards external assessment in Queensland, the ICAS assessment program provides an invaluable opportunity to prepare your child for what lies ahead. The best part is that there's no extra study or preparation needed! Through participating in this competition, we can help identify the true capabilities of your child so that we can work together to help them reach their full potential. Your investment in education is valuable and we want to help your child to be the best they can be. Permission forms with more details are available outside the English department and are due back by the 12th of May.

BELL SHAKESPEARE'S MACBETH



Students in years 9 – 12 are invited to Bell Shakespeare's Macbeth: The Rehearsal.

This performance complements both the Drama and English curriculums, and supports practical assessment in both learning areas. You can collect information forms from Mrs Pitt in Arts Staffroom – P Block. Payment is to be made to the cashier at the office by Monday 15th May.

If student Local Area Permission forms are not returned by Monday 15th May, students may not attend.

Show details:

- Thursday 18th May 2017, Period 1, Gladstone State High School's Hall
- Cost - \$7.50
- 50 minute performance + 10 minute question and answer session
- After Care Class, come directly to the hall – where your name will be marked off and you will be seated for the show.

DANCE PARTY



Senior students in Year's 10, 11 and 12 are invited to attend this function which is being staged by the Senior Student Council Social Committee.

Date: Monday 15th May 2017

Time: 7.00pm until 10.00pm

Venue: Mie Place Nightclub

Eligibility: This event is open to all students in Year 10, 11 and 12 who are currently eligible to attend school functions. Students will require their ID card for admission.

Cost: \$15.00 - This includes 3 soft drink vouchers. Money is to be paid to the Front Office Cashier.

Departure: Parents and care providers are requested to pick up their child (in person) from the venue. No student will be allowed to leave until 10.00pm.

Sincere thanks to Mie Place Nightclub for being a community partner for our Senior Student Council. If you have any enquiries please contact Rob Grayson via email at: rgray30@eq.edu.au.

Refund Policy:

Deposits will only be refunded after the closing date if the school cancels the excursion or there is another student on the waiting list. Refunds on future payments for this excursion will only be refunded if the final cost of the excursion does not require subsidy by the school or other students. The schools refund policy is available on the schools website.

<http://www.gladstonshs.eq.edu.au/>

Rob Grayson

Year 12 Co-ordinator

SHAVE FOR A CURE 2017



Gladstone State High School is humbled to be once again part of the Leukaemia Foundation's Shave For A Cure, on Tuesday May 23rd at first and second breaks.

Blood Cancer Fact: Everyday 35 Australians are diagnosed and over 60,000 people live

with blood cancer.

Our school's team link is as follows:

<https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?TeamID=102489>

The above link will take people directly to the team registration where you can:

1. Sign up as a team member to shave or colour their hair and support the fundraising.
2. Sponsor on line and receive a tax deductible receipt that can be used for tax purposes and matched giving.

<http://www.worldsgreatestshave.com/>

Go to sign in far right top of page.

Login ID is: rgray30@eq.edu.au

Password: sharks

State High students can be a part of this great community event by either colouring hair, having legs waxed or having their head shaved.

If parents or guardians would like any more information, please contact Rob Grayson via email at: rgray30@eq.edu.au.

A sincere thank you to those corporate and community minded businesses for their ongoing support of our school.

Corporate Sponsors:

1. McCosker Contractors
2. Office Works Gladstone

Small Business Sponsors:

1. Stefan Gladstone
2. Hair House Warehouse Gladstone
3. Sharalee Corowa

Rob Grayson.
Year 12 Co-ordinator

WALK AWAY, CHILL OUT – ONE PUNCH CAN KILL



All year 12's are cordially invited to attend this session on Thursday May 11th from 9am to 10am (during class time)

In 2016 the Minister of Education and Training launched these anti-violence information sessions for year 12 students. Last year these information sessions were delivered to more than 200 State

Secondary schools.

The Information sessions will allow students to hear directly about the impact of violent assaults on victims and perpetrators and encourage students to make safe choices about their behaviour and that of their peers.

The session will be delivered by Paul Stanley from The Matthew Stanley Foundation who will share a very personal story of the impact of losing his son to a one punch assault. For further information you can access their website.

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

If parents or guardians would like any more information, please contact Rob Grayson via email at: rgray30@eq.edu.au.

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13 REASONS WHY

Caution – Netflix TV series 13 Reasons Why



HeadSpace School Support is urging school communities and parents to be aware of the risks associated with children and young people watching the newly aired Netflix TV series, *13 Reasons Why*.

Due to the sensitive nature of the show's content and its focus on suicide, there are concerns that the show may trigger high levels of distress including suicidal thoughts or feelings amongst its viewers, particularly children and young people. Parents are encouraged to be aware of the risks associated with their child viewing the series.

For information about ways to support your child should they express concerns around their own mental health, refer to the following:

<http://www.eheadspace.org.au/>

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

<http://www.headspace.org.au/assets/School-Support/How-to-talk-about-suicide-with-young-people.pdf>

<http://www.headspace.org.au/assets/Uploads/Corporate/Grief-How-young-people-might-respond-to-a-suicide-web.pdf>

WELL DONE DEANNA!

Deanna P at the Technical College has formally signed into a traineeship with 91.9 Fresh FM

Deanna will be undertaking Certificate III in Screen and Media School Base Traineeship.

Congratulations to Deanna!



Quick News

- Parent of GSHS student are asked not to park on the grounds of the Potters Place Art Gallery on Dawson Road, This is private property and parking is intended for their customers only. This is not a council carpark.
- PLEASE NOTE: Blue (Tylan) hats have arrived and will be given to students this week. You may also purchase these hats for \$5.50 if you need a replacement.

School Calendar

29th April – 6th May 2017	North West Trip 1
6th May – 12th May 2017	North West Trip 2
9th May – 11th May 2017	NAPLAN
11th May 2017	Walk away, Chill out, One Punch Can Kill session
15th May 2017	Dance Party
15th May – 19th May 2017	CPA work experience block 1
23rd May 2017	Shave for a Cure
3rd June 2017	MABO Day
12th June – 16th June 2017	EXAM BLOCK WEEK
20th June – 21st June 2017	Athletics Carnival
20th June – 21st June 2017	Red Food Day
23rd June 2017	Year 7-9 End of term celebrations
23rd June 2017	Last day of Term 2 2017
10th July 2017	School returns for term 3

2017 GLADSTONE

CAREERS EXPO

WHAT'S YOUR NEXT CHAPTER?



Students, come along to the Gladstone Careers Expo to speak with the experts about your further study and career pathway options following school. The event hosts 43 exhibitors across a range of sectors including education and training, local government, local industry, retail, apprentice & trainee services, employment services, tourism, defence forces, police recruitment, and community services.

Students, we encourage you to make the most of this opportunity, which comes around once a year. Speak to your school today to organise your attendance!

9TH MAY 2017 | CQ UNIVERSITY, MARINA CAMPUS

www.gladstonecareersexpo.com

CAREER EXPO PARTNERS AND EXHIBITORS:

