



GLADSTONE STATE HIGH SCHOOL

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FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

FINISHING STRONG



We are racing towards the end of the year at a furious rate. This week we have celebrated a huge week with our Year 12 students. A Celebration Service at Port City Christian Church, Prom, Beach Day and Graduation Parade; giving us all the opportunity to celebrate their successes and create special memories that will remain in all our minds and hearts forever. They have been a sensational group of young people and will be missed around the school. Good luck and best wishes always Year 12s.

As we celebrate one year level, others need to remain focused. This is the time of year when our energies are low and many of us feel we are running on empty. It is fantastic to see the students remaining focused in class and working toward achieving their learning goals and completing assessment pieces to the very best of their ability.

It is important that the children remain engaged in the last few weeks of school and parents are encouraged to ensure that their children are attending school on time, and prepared to actively participate in class lessons. With report cards being written and finalised by the class teachers, I am really looking forward to seeing the level of improvement from each child based on these reports.



It is not just the work load we need to find energy for but we are more likely to be emotional as we become tired and are looking

for that well-earned holiday break. The important thing is HOW we respond to this challenge.

Monitoring our self-talk and our sensitivity are particularly important at this time of the year. We are far more susceptible to allowing irritations that would not normally have an effect on us to get to us. Our resistance is low and we are vulnerable. Now is the time to watch our words and reaction to situations.

A harsh word or inappropriate comment can undo all our good work in the building of our relationships during the year. It is important that we aware of our moods and to think before we act.

It is important to finish strong, just like we started the year. Even though our reserves may be running low we need to remain focused and finish the year well. Our credibility in the eyes of others is based on results, not only academic results but our ability to complete our assignments, meet deadlines, commitments and follow-up on tasks.



SENIOR SCHOOLING

APPRENTICESHIP

Jenmick Gear Cutting & Engineering maintains a firm commitment to apprentice training and development.

Jenmick Gear Cutting & Engineering is offering a full time apprenticeship in the following trade:

- **Engineering Mechanical Trade (Fitting & Turning)**



It is necessary for the applicants to have the following requirements:

- Minimum education requirement is that the applicants are currently completing Year 12.
- The ability to understand general mechanical principles and their application.
- Sound to high level of numerical ability.
- Effective written and verbal communication.

Please email resume, including covering letter and report cards to Sandy Dimitrov – sandy@jenmick.com.au

The selection process will include aptitude testing, interviews and reference checking.

GUIDANCE OFFICER NEWS

Important Dates for Year 12 Students Applying to University

10 November	QTAC closes for Open (non-OP) courses and due date to submit documents for these courses.
14 November	Last day to change QTAC preferences for Open (non-OP) courses.
15 November	QCS test results available in student learning accounts.
17 November	Final day for Year 12 students. They must stay at school up to this day to be eligible to receive a QCE and OP. QTAC university offers start for Open (non-OP) courses for Semester 1, 2018.
8 December	QTAC closes for all other courses and due date to submit documents for these courses.
16 December	Year 12 results and OPs published in student learning accounts on the Student Connect website.
18 December	Last day to change preferences for offers from 21 December.
21 December	QTAC University offers start for some other courses and early offers for Semester 1, 2018.
Late December	OP ineligible selection ranks available on QTAC applications.
9 January	Last day to change QTAC preferences for offers from 16 January.
16 January	QTAC major round university offers for Semester 1, 2018.

TECH COLLEGE AWARDS 2017

Tech College would like to congratulate all of the award winners for 2017. Special congratulations to our Year 11 student of the year Nate M and Year 12 student of the year Deanna P.

Tech College would also like to thank all of those that presented awards on the evening and their sponsorship of many of the awards given out.

Rick Hansen – Gladstone Regional Council

Bob McCosker – McCosker's Contracting Ltd

Jenna Aylmer – MRAEL

Craig Dawes – Bechtel

Jo Bates – QAL

Craig Dawes – Rio Tinto

Trevor Davis – ADF Representative

Nicola Curtis – Site Skills Training Gladstone

Tom Kirchner – Guest Speaker – BETTA Home Living Gladstone



2017 TONKA

The 2017 Tonkas have arrived and are available for collection from the front office for students who have ordered them. We have limited extra copies available for sale. Any student wishing to purchase one can pay \$20 to the cashier and collect the Tonka from the office.

WHITE RIBBON DAY

White Ribbon Day on Saturday 25 November 2017 highlights the importance of providing programs that challenge gender stereotypes and that build social and emotional functioning, self-awareness and self-management.

Parents and carers play a critical role in modelling and teaching respect.

Our school is committed to ensuring all students have an equal opportunity to learn and to succeed.

For more information visit the White Ribbon Day website.

#ipledge

#ipledge campaign kicks off again for 2017

Year 12 students are urged to say 'No to Violence' at Schoolies and into the future.

The successful #ipledgeqld campaign will be run at Schoolies events again this year, highlighting the anti-violence message and encouraging our teens to make safe choices.

The Department of Education and Training will have a stand at the Gold Coast wristband distribution centre on Saturday 18 November 2017, where school leavers will be able to take a photo with their mates and upload their picture to social media using the #ipledgeqld hashtag.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR YOUR 2017 SCHOOL LEAVERS?

With the Queensland Government funding more than 300 vocational education and training (VET) qualifications, now is the time to explore training options available at little or no cost.

School leavers can register with a texting service that links them to state-subsidised programs and services.

School leavers can stay in the loop and opt-in and out anytime by texting YES to 0476 850 648. Read the disclaimer at the Training website.

Need help? Students can request more individualised information about training options that meets their needs.

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.
- **DIRECTIONS TO THE UNIFORM SHOP DURING CONSTRUCTION:** For parents trying to access the Uniform shop the easiest way to get there will be via the Tech College side of the school (Boles Street) and follow the footpath to the Trade Skills Centre. The Uniform Shop is on the right hand side of this building.
- **MEDICATION AT SCHOOL:** Reminder to parents that any medication that your student takes at school must come through the office or first aid. A letter from your GP needs to be provided along with the chemist labelled medication. Each time a student takes the medication it is recorded. Ventolin is the only medication a student is allowed to administer and carry them self.

Payment options at Gladstone State High School

- **BPOINT:**

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete>

- **PHONE PAYMENT THROUGH BPOINT**
Call 1300 631 073. Please quote CRN and invoice number
- **BANK ACCOUNT TRANSFER:**

Gladstone State High School

BSB: 064-705

Account: 00090235

Reference: *Insert debtor ID here*

- **CENTREPAY DEDUCTION**
Payment by Centrepay deduction can be arranged through the school office.
- **IN PERSON AT GLADSTONE STATE HIGH SCHOOL**
You can pay: Cash, Eftpos, Money order or a cheque payable to "Gladstone State High School"
Note Payment plans are available at Gladstone State High School as per approval process.

School Calendar

Year 11 EXAM Block	21st – 24th November 2017
Year 10's and 11's Finish	24th November 2017
Year 6 into 7 2018 Transition Day	27th - 28th November 2017
Years 7, 8 and 9's Finish	8th December 2017