Because in the end we're all just dreamers in an endless universe

Graduation Week Information Booklet
Welcome

It has been an exciting year and I am very proud of how the graduating class of 2014 have contributed to our Gladstone State High School Community. They are leaving behind a legacy of “UNITY” and a positive school culture where “the brighter each star shines the more magnificent the galaxy”. I feel extremely privileged to have had the opportunity of working, together with yourselves, to help secure the best possible learning outcomes for every student in the graduating class of 2014. It is therefore extremely important that students still remain focused on their education right up until they have finished their final exam. (When that final answer is complete) With your encouragement and support I am sure that together we can ensure that every student remains focused and continues to strive to reach their full potential.

As parents and teachers we are all looking forward to the students reaching that important milestone, “Graduation”. At Gladstone State High School we celebrate this significant milestone with a series of events run over what is now known as “Graduation Week”. This information booklet outlines all of the events that will be occurring during graduation week as well as expectations surrounding student behaviour and the dress code associated with each activity.

As more than a decade of schooling comes to an end for yourself and your child I can imagine that it is not only with excitement and anticipation that you look forward to Graduation Week but also with feelings of nostalgia, as like myself, you know that within a few short weeks together we will be wishing the graduating class of 2014 “goodbye and good luck” as they move on with the next chapter of their lives. Both Ms Thompson and I, along with the staff of Gladstone State High School, look forward to celebrating this special milestone with you.

Cheers
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Don’t cry because it’s over
Smile because it happened
Celebration Service

As part of Gladstone State High School’s graduation week, a Celebration Service for our 2014 graduates and their families will be held at the Port Curtis Christian Centre, McCann Street, Gladstone on Monday 17th November 2014 starting at 10:00 am.

This service is not a church service, but an off-campus intimate non-denominational event that focuses on sharing the pride that you, as a parent/guardian, have in our graduating students. Its aim is to provide a reflective and positive start to their final week of school. This is an extremely important event in the graduation week program and, as such, is compulsory for all students to attend.

Students will attend school as normal on Monday the 17th on November and be shuttled to the venue by bus. This will allow any last minute organisational instructions to be delivered to the students, as well as for rolls to be marked and graduation rings to be distributed. Parents, family and guests are asked to head straight to the venue and find seating in the main auditorium. This event will be popular with family and friends of our graduating students so it is advisable to arrive early (prior to students) to ensure the service can begin on time.

**DATE:** Monday 17th November

**VENUE:** Port City Christian Centre, 12 McCann St Gladstone

**TIME:**
- 8:55am Extended Care Class to receive Graduation Rings
- 9:30am Students leaving GSHS by bus
- 10:00am Service Commences
- 11:30am Students return to GSHS for planned activities for the remainder of the school day.

**TRAVEL:** School bus

**DRESS STANDARD:** Full Formal School Uniform

A light morning tea will be served at the conclusion of the service. It is also at this time that the students will cut the graduation cake.

*Today you are you, that is truer than true. There is no one alive, that is youer than you.*
Port Curtis Christian Centre
Address: 12 McCann Road, South Gladstone
Time: Monday 17th November at 10.00am.

Celebration Service Map
Prom Outline

DATE: Tuesday 18th November 2014

VENUE: The Ballroom at the Gladstone Entertainment and Convention Centre (GECC), Goondoon Street, Gladstone

TIME:
3:15pm - 5:30pm Photographs at Gladstone Technical College
4:45pm - 5:30pm Marshall for Procession at Marina
5:30pm - 7:30pm Procession & Pre-Prom Function at GECC
7:30pm - 11:00pm Prom Event at GECC
11:00pm Leave GECC

TICKET PRICING:

Tickets purchasable through the GSHS cashier from the 3rd to 14th November 2014.

Pre-Prom Guests & Escort Tickets $25

Maximum of 3 guests per GSHS student. Plus, 1 approved escort.

Ticket must be presented for admission.

Canapés provided. Cash Bar available for 18+ only (non-students).

Prom Student Tickets $85

Strictly eligible GSHS students only.

GSHS ID Card must be presented.

Photo ID for Escorts must be presented.

One soft drink is included in the ticket price however, students will require money to purchase additional soft drinks/ juice from the bar (water provided).

OTHER:

- No food or liquids are to be brought into the venue.
- The School-based Police Officer will be present throughout the Pre-Prom and Prom functions, and will enforce the law accordingly if deemed necessary.
- Full school rules and associated consequences apply.
- The evening does not close until 11.00pm. No students will be permitted to leave beforehand.
- All students, regardless of age, will not be permitted to consume alcohol at any time during the night. Any students at formal that are under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be dealt with according to school policy.
- Students must not remove any items from the GECC (this includes prom decorations). Students found making excessive mess, may be subjected to an excess cleaning charge.
PHOTOGRAPHER: Murray Ware Photography

PHOTOS AT THE GSHS TECHNICAL COLLEGE:
Students are required to arrive at the Gladstone Technical College for photographs between 3:15pm and 3:30pm. Due to limited parking and the large number of students involved, we ask that students car pool and be dropped off in the ‘stop-drop-go’ station provided.

In order to ensure the smooth running of the official photographic session we are asking that Parents/Guardians do not park and wait for their child. Please be aware that only students will be allowed to enter the Gladstone Technical College.

Once the official photographs have been taken, the students are to be collected in their prom car and move directly to the Gladstone Marina to assemble for the procession.

This is a school event and as such all students who are attending the prom are expected to attend the official photographs. They will also receive their car number when they have checked in for their photographs.

PHOTOS AT THE GLADSTONE ENTERTAINMENT AND CONVENTION CENTRE:
Upon arrival at the venue, students will have a second official photograph taken with their car. Students will then be asked to move promptly inside the GECC for the Pre-Prom Function. Students are not to stop for photographs on the road for family and friends.

Official Photographs will be available at Jan’s Flower Shoppe (07) 4972 5445.

why fit in when you were born to stand out?
Marshalling of Procession:
Students will need to start assembling at the Marina from 4.30pm onwards. Students participating in the prom procession are required to have a driver to chauffer them. A number of S.E.S. volunteers and Workforce Road Services will be positioned on the night to assist with traffic and crowd control; all students and chauffers are requested to follow all directions given.

Due to the large cohort of students in 2014, we are advising students to car pool for the procession so all students can arrive in a reasonable time.

Order of Departure:
5.30pm  School Captains/ Vice Captains
5.45pm  Student Council (Leadership Teams)
6.15pm  General Student Population (Order will be drawn at random)

Arrival:
The first group of students will be arriving at the GECC from 5.45pm.

Other:
- All students and chauffers need to remain inside the vehicle and have seat belts fastened until they have arrived at the red carpet. Chauffers are to remain inside the vehicle when dropping off students.
- It is advised that the female student/ escort exit the car on the left hand side. The other student/ escort is to open the car door for their partner. A marshal will be available to open the car door for groups of students or unaccompanied students.
- Once students have had their official photograph taken with their car, they are to exit the road quickly to avoid traffic delays. Students are not to stop for photographs on the road for family and friends.
- Once inside, students are asked to remain inside the Pre-Prom Function room with their guests.
- Students who do not wish to participate in the prom procession may arrive at GECC at 5:30pm for the Pre-Prom Function.
**Procession Map**

**Marshalling Area:** Gladstone Marina  
**Address:** Car park area off Bryan Jordan Drive, Gladstone  
**Time:** Tuesday 18th November, Marshalling from 4:30pm and Procession from 5:30pm
Red Frogs Beach Breakfast

An important part of Gladstone State High School graduation week is the Red Frogs Beach Breakfast which is held on Wednesday the 19th of November at Spinnaker park. This has been planned to provide students with an opportunity to have access to a group of support volunteers known as the “Red Frogs”. Red Frogs are well known across popular schoolies locations for their friendly dispositions and distinctive red shirts. This breakfast will inform the students of the support services that are offered through the Red Frog organisation and allow the students to discuss any schoolies based concerns they may have in a relaxed, casual environment.

As this is an official graduation event, it is expected that all students will be in attendance at this event until its conclusion. Students will need to make their own way to Spinnaker Park in the Gladstone City marina district. At the conclusion of the event students will be dismissed for the day and will be required to make their own way home. Any student not in attendance at this event will be expected to follow the normal school procedure of explaining their absence through parent/guardian contact with the school. A summary of details are as follows:

**DATE:** Wednesday 19th November.

**VENUE:** Spinnaker Park, Gladstone Marina.

**TIME:** 9:00 am to 11:00pm.

**TRAVEL:** Students are to make their own way to the venue, and organise their own way home at the conclusion of the event. Student are *not* to drive themselves.

**COST:** No Cost (Breakfast is being provided by the Red Frogs).

**DRESS STANDARD:** School free dress policy applies to this event.

**FINAL SUBJECT GRADES:**
After the beach breakfast, students are required to return to school and discuss final subject grades with their teachers. This is the last opportunity to appeal any final exit grades with the relevant Head of Department. It is imperative to touch base with their teachers, otherwise they will not know final grades until they receive their statement of achievement.
Spinnaker Park

Address: SP Area B, Spinnaker Park, Alf O’Rouke Drive, Gladstone

Time: Wednesday 19th November from 9:00am - 11:00am.
As a reward for their efforts throughout their final year of study at Gladstone State High School, and end of term activity has been organised as part of graduation week activities.

To celebrate this special occasion it has been decided that nothing would be more perfect than the graduation class of 2014 gathering together and celebrating with a “Hawaiian Luau”. This celebration will be held on Thursday the 20th of November at the Canoe Point Recreational Reserve, Tannum Sands. Students will travel to the venue and return by bus. They will also be provided with a fully catered lunch, including drinks.

Upon arrival students will receive a Hawaiian flower lei and a personal coconut cup. They will then have a choice of participating in activities such as best dressed competition, limbo challenge, coconut roll, hula mania, Hawaiian musical towels, tropical volleyball, tacky tourist relays, sandcastle building competitions, flip flop flippin and mango battle. It is going to be a memorable day for everyone involved.

A summary of details are as follows:

**DATE:** Thursday 20th November

**VENUE:** Canoe Point Recreational Reserve, Tannum Sands.

**TIME:**
8:45 am to leave school at 9:00 am, return by 3:00pm

**TRAVEL:** Bus Transport (Students are not to drive themselves)

**COST:** $30 per student for bus, catering and activities on the day.

*Please pay at the cashier by COB 14th November 2014.*

**DRESS STANDARD:** School free dress policy applies - Hawaiian theme clothing, beach towel, swimmers, hat, sunscreen, enclosed footwear is required travelling to and from school.

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*Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory*
Gladstone State High School Graduation Ceremony is a key highlight of Graduation Week. It is a moment in time when students, teachers and families stop to reflect and celebrate the journey that the students have travelled over the past 5 years. Family and friends are invited to attend this wonderful culminating celebration of the graduation class of 2014.

DATE: Friday the 21st of November
VENUE: Gladstone State High School Hall
TIME: 
8:30am Students arrive at the GSHS Hall (students to go directly to the hall on arrival at school)
9:55am - 10:00am Parents and guest will be allowed to enter the hall and to be seated
10:00am - 11:20am Graduation Ceremony
11:20am - onwards A light morning tea provided for the students and their invited guests

DRESS: As this is a formal occasion, students will be required to be in full formal school uniform. Smart casual dress is recommended for invited guests.

We look forward to celebrating this memorable milestone with you all.

For catering purposes we ask that you please RSVP via emailing klamb22@eq.edu.au by the 14th of November stating the number of people attending the ceremony.

Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not!
Key Dates

PAYMENTS:
Due by COB 14th November 2014
⇒ Prom and Pre-Formal Function Tickets (Strictly eligible GSLS students only.)
⇒ Canoe Point - Hawaiian Laua Ticket (All graduating GSLS students)

PERMISSION FORMS:
Due by COB 14th November 2014
⇒ Green Graduation Week excursion form

RSVP:
Due by COB 14th November 2014
⇒ RSVP number of guests attending Graduation Ceremony Service.

FEES AND LIBRARY BOOKS:
Due by COB 14th November 2014
⇒ All outstanding fees paid.
⇒ All library books and resources returned to the resource centre.

CASHIER INFORMATION:
The Gladstone State High School Cashier is open from 8:00am to 3:45pm Monday to Friday. Payment options include:
- In person at the cashier (cash and eftpos/credit card facilities available)
- Cheque payable to "Gladstone State High School"
- Direct Deposit to the school account
  BSB 064 705
  Account 000 902 35
  Reference “Student Surname and Initial GRAD” (ie. "Lambert K GRAD")

Please note: Failure to pay fees or return library books and resources will make students ineligible and therefore unable to attend events. This could result in invitations for the prom being withdrawn.

You’re off to great places! Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting. So... get on your way!