Dear Parent/Caregiver

Please become or remain involved with your student’s education. Your involvement will make a difference to their achievements.

Gladstone State High is a learning organisation and parents and caregivers are encouraged to form a partnership with the school and together we can make a difference.

Because of this important partnership, we are committed to keeping you well informed at all times.

As part of this partnership we ask you to:

- Talk with your student about what they are learning/or what is going on at school
- Help them set daily routines and schedules.
- Monitor progress
- Encourage and support extra-curricular activities
- Participate in school events
- Visit the school
- Read report cards
- Attend parent-teacher interviews
- Provide support, become involved with your child’s Education
- Provide the best learning environment possible
- Discuss career information
- Model learning habits
- Hold realistic, but high expectations
- Praise and encourage effort and success
- Show interest in their goals and plans for the future
- Ensure your student complies with the School Dress Code and Responsible Behaviour Plan
- Support the School Community Rules
- Ensure your student attends school regularly and arrives on time, and
- Support the Parent Contribution Resource Scheme.

I need you to understand that, I believe when a student enrols in a course of study, especially for the Senior Phase of Learning, that, that becomes their highest priority, and it can become nearly impossible to balance ‘a job’ and the study necessary to complete a course of study successfully. Please consider this issue and how it may impact on your student’s learning in particular an academic course.

This debate becomes more open-minded with the present education and training agenda. It is becoming more critical to individually clarify the issue of work and its place within the bigger picture.

- Is it part of a training package?
- Is it a need?
- Is it a want, (something that allows for the non-essentials in life and tips the scales away from the real game, successful attainment and a pathway to future study and/or training)
At best, not always a black and white debate. We would like to continue to work closely with parents to help support each student move effectively through their phases of learning.

I look forward to establishing a productive partnership, or strengthening an already established partnership with you so that your student can achieve quality outcomes through attending this school and the opportunities we are able to create, together for your son or daughter.

Finally, thank you for giving us the privilege of ‘making a difference’ and contributing to your student’s future.

As Principal, I want students to:

- Accept responsibility for their future, hitch a ride on the road to success by appreciating that their potential is boundless and the only limit to how far they go is how far they think they can go.
- Appreciate that they have unlimited potential and remove any self-imposed limitations on their performance levels. Believe strongly inside that they are capable of much more and set forth on an exciting new journey of development.
- Ignite their desire to confidently and continually test themselves, tread new paths, realise that ultimately how successful they become in any endeavour is in their hands.
- Take charge of their lives. Accept responsibility to work hard and plan to accomplish their dreams. Welcome help and guidance from those that they trust and overcome whatever set backs or disappointments they encounter with a burning desire to constantly improve themselves.
- Challenge themselves daily by establishing an ongoing expectation that a maximum effort today will serve to be the benchmark for tomorrow, and
- Never underestimate the value of achieving successive small goals or targets for their self-confidence and personal development.

I want students of Gladstone State High to be able to lead responsible and productive lives in their local and global society with a disposition to life-long learning. We are a school that values both parents and students. We are open, approachable and willing to discuss any issues and concerns, so as to find appropriate solutions to challenges that may arise as together you travel a learning journey.

The communication and the productive partnerships you can develop with the staff of this school will allow you to achieve quality outcomes. When you graduate from Gladstone State High you will be able to and will want to lead responsible and productive lives in both the local and global community.

You will be enterprising and have the skills that will allow you maximum flexibility and adaptability for the future. You will be a critical thinker, able to work in a team. You will have the skills to solve problems and manage new technologies.
You will have a positive attitude towards further training and continuous learning.

At Gladstone State High, all these opportunities are available to you:

-As long as you get on the bus and choose your ticket wisely.

A coach is a way of taking people from where they are to where they want to be.

- They still have to….
  - Buy their ticket and
  - Choose the destination

Yours in learning,
Reach for the Stars
“Together Everyone Achieves More”

Sally Thompson
Principal