Term 3 Week 10 19th September 2019

Principal's Message

Last week we celebrated our amazing support staff with morning tea in the Library. As a school we are very fortunate to have such dedicated and caring support across our school who really do make a difference to the efforts of our staff and students, and help to ensure that our school is in such a great position year on year. Thank you to our support staff for all that you do for our community.

We have a number of staff and students in China to finish the term as part of our China Study Tour. Well done to Mrs Ding on another well organised opportunity for our students to deepen their learning and understanding of Chinese culture. I’ve no doubt that all of the students and staff will return with a strong perspective on our future engagement with China.

Congratulations to our Yr 12 students, Mrs Marsh and her team for our final QCS last week. The work to help prepare our kids and the support and organisation on the days were outstanding. I know our students have had the best chance for success in what will be the final ever QCS processes. It is important to note however that we will be entering a new phase of external exams next year where many of the skills of the QCS test will now transfer to the subject specific testing of the new system.

Thank you to Mr Patterson, Mr Shanks, Mr Troyhan, Mrs Williams and Mrs Croker for their efforts with the Mana and Junior Indigenous Camps last week. I was able to get over to Stradbroke for an action packed 24 hours to see our students in action. It was exceptionally pleasing to see the pride and respect of our young people on display in all that they did – adding to an excellent week of positive feedback from members of the public about the performance of our students.

This Friday will see our Body, Mind, Character Day for Yr 7 to 10 students. The day will include an opportunity for student reflection on their own learning along with sessions focus on our Body, Mind and Character focus areas. Thank you to Mrs Bogicevic and her team for organising the day.

Thank you to Mr Maclean, Mr Hartigan and all of the staff who supported our Rugby League students last week. Whilst it was not the result we were looking for, the outstanding community support was a massive boost for our school. To be able to see the range of current, former and future members of our community supporting our school was very pleasing, as was the fact the team made the Queensland Grand Final in a highly competitive competition. Well done to all involved.

This week our Basketball Excellence Students begin their charge in the All Schools Basketball State Championships. Please keep an eye out on our Facebook page for updates on our team’s performances and updated playing venues and times over the weekend finals.

Good luck to Mr Coppola who will be finishing at Marsden at the end of this term. Mr Coppola is moving to Yarrabilga State Secondary College as Deputy Principal and will no doubt continue to make a difference across their community in years to come. Congratulations also to Mr McPherson and Mrs Lynch who have been appointed to Marsden SHS permanently as Deputy Principal and Head of Department Science.

To conclude the term I will be attending the Schools Plus Conference in Brisbane. This is part of our successful grant program with Schools Plus and will enable us to develop our work with our feeder primary schools that are part of this project.
Finally, thank you for your efforts to support another outstanding term of learning at Marsden SHS. I trust everyone in our community gets the opportunity to enjoy a relaxing and safe holiday as we prepare for another action packed term four to finish the year.

Andrew Peach
Executive Principal

Marsden Makos Mentor Program (MMM)

Year 7

This term’s focus was entitled “Organise Me”. Students will be exploring what it means to be an organised student and understand why this is so important. Management of time and energy and learning to set priorities assists students in achieving success in school, in further education and in the workplace. Over the next fortnight, students will:

- Complete study/assessment organisation, reflecting on current study practices, and complete follow up survey on your own organisation skills.
- Create an updated design of Marsden’s planner that utilises organisational elements that you feel are important to all students.

Andrew Cooke
Year 7 Head of Department

Year 10

Welcome to week 10! As we head into the last week of school before a well deserved break, I would like to keep you all updated on upcoming events in Term 4. Next term our focus will be on students reviewing their SET Plan and Subject selection as they continue their Senior Schooling journey at Marsden. Throughout the Term, students will have the ability to discuss future pathways through ‘lunch box’ sessions. These sessions will consist of people from the world of work coming into the school during lunch times to present about 21st Century skills, the future world of work and their journey in the world of work.

Another reminder that in Term 4, students will place their focus back on attaining their Middle School Certificate (MCE). This certificate is part of their Makos Journey at Marsden SHS and is targeted at Year 9/10 students. All students enrolled will be eligible to attain their MCE across the two year period.

Students are required, at the end of each year, to have an attendance rate of 92% or above, accumulated 20 points across the two years (10 points at the end of Year 9) and have completed a minimum of 5 hours of work experience this year.

If your student would like to know more information about how to gain work experience please email Amanda Augustine, Career Engagement & Transition Officer – aaugu3@eq.edu.au or contact the school on 3299 0555.

Further information will be provided in the first week back at school to both parents and students so please keep a look out for this information! If you have any concerns or questions about the MCE please contact Mr Leong at lleon35@eq.edu.au

I hope everyone has a fantastic holiday spent with family and friends! I look forward to seeing everyone back at school at the start of Term 4.

Lachlan Leong
Year 10 Head of Department

Year 11

Over the last three weeks students have been working on a budgeting program which is recommended by the Australian Security & Investment Commission which will help them as they become young adults and begin to work either part time, casual or full time over the next couple of years. Students also completed the QCAA Academic Integrity course which has helped strengthen their knowledge around risks of cheating/plagiarism as well as appropriate forms to submit assessment. With the help of their learning mentors, students have also confirmed or amended their desired pathways post senior schooling.

In Term 4, MMM will be used to assist upskilling and consolidating skills students will need to achieve their goals, by having students grouped in pathway composition classes rather than their Line 1 class. Over the two week break please have a discussion with your child about their goals and plans post-schooling, as it will come around very quickly in 2020.

When you receive your child’s Term 3 interim report, please go over this report with them; discuss positives and/or concerns and feel free to make contact with teachers of your child or myself. Unit 2 for year 11 will end at the end of the exam block in week 4, Term 4. Unit 3&4 will commence immediately in week 5 until the end of week 8. Students are required to have an attendance rate of 92% or above, submit all assessment items on or before the due date, and accumulate a minimum standard of 20 points (across the two years of senior schooling).

If you have any concerns or questions about the QCE, ATAR eligibility or pathway attainment for your child please contact Mr Maclean jwmac0@eq.edu.au
Year 12

Congratulations to all students who completed the QCS Test. They conducted themselves in an exemplary manner and as a result this was a smooth and efficient process.

In week 10, classes for year 12 students will conclude on Wednesday 18th September. Some students may be required at school to catch up on missed work and work towards VET completion. These students will be notified with a letter and parents will receive a copy (by email) if they are required to attend. Students also have the opportunity to complete work experience on the last 2 days of term and should see Mrs Augustine if they are interested in doing so.

Meggin Bahr
Year 12 Head of Department

Marsden All Rounder

Congratulations Kevin Lor from Year 11, you have been selected for our Marsden All Rounder award. Kevin has been selected from our ICT Department for displaying our Marsden values, pride, passion and persistence. Kevin studies both Digital Solutions and Information Technologies and has been a keen contributor to our eSports team. Kevin is leading the eSports M Line class in their tournament project. Well done Kevin, keep it up!

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Camp Troyco 2019

Last fortnight 16 indigenous junior students set out for a 3 day camp at North Stadbroke Island, the first ever Indigenous Camp held by the Deadly Unit.

Students spent 3 days experiencing Indigenous culture and the amazing history of the Island.

The kids did hiking, sand boarding, kayaking and were told stories of the history of the Islands people and animals from local traditional land owners. Students were lucky enough to witness whales, dolphins and sea turtles in their natural habitat.

The camp created new friendships, brought out the natural leaders in students who thrived being in the surroundings of nature. They discovered who we are as Indigenous Australians and where our Mobs are from and their stories.

Overall camp was an amazing experience for students and staff and I can’t wait for our next camp. Thank you to the Deadly Unit Team, Coen and ARTIE, Indigenous Student Leaders, Beyond the Broncos, Mr Troyahn, Mr Patterson and Mr Shanks all of who made this Camp possible!

Wildsharks Cheerleading

Congratulations to our Wildsharks Cheerleading team, who competed at the AASCF State Championships, bringing
home 2nd place and performing a zero deductions routine (which is a big deal in the cheer world)! The team were only 0.9 points away from 1st place and were also the 3rd overall highest scoring scholastic team from the whole event (and all levels). The coaches received lots of positive feedback about the team’s performance, so the athletes should be very proud their professionalism, effort and the improvement they have shown since the beginning of the year. Congratulations Wildsharks!!

Job World

Grace Keegan is now working for The Grand Plaza Centre Management as a school based Cert III in Business trainee. The job will provide a wonderful basis for a future in management. Well done Grace!

Cooper Croaker-Williams has signed on to a Cert II in Warehousing Ops with Reece Plumbing at Beenleigh. Hopefully this traineeship will lead on to an apprenticeship in plumbing – all the best Cooper!

Helen Close
Industry Liaison Officer

Enable Debating Semi-Final

The Enable Debating Semi-Final was held on Tuesday 10th Sep. We were lucky to have one junior and one senior debating team that completed in the semi-finals. As this was an impromptu debate, both teams had to construct an argument in only an hour. They had to think quickly and critically about the topic and work collaboratively to ensure that their argument was organised and coherent. Our junior team came out on top which places them in the ENABLE debating Grand Final. Our senior team lost by only 2 points in what was a strong debate; this puts them in third place of the entire competition which is an outstanding result. Congratulations and well done to both teams!
Civics and Justice Excursion

Year 10 Civics and Justice students participated in a crime and justice trail throughout the city. They experienced a mock trial in the Supreme Court where they prosecuted one of their peers, acting as the prosecution, defence and jury members. We then headed down to the police museum where students learnt about the processes of investigating a crime scene and the history of the Queensland Police Force. We then finished up at Boggo Road Gaol where students experienced first hand what prison cells and prison life must have been like for prisoners held in this facility between 1901 - 1989. Students will be able to draw on the knowledge they have learnt in their upcoming assessment for their Criminal Law Unit.

Community News

Park Ridge Panthers Cricket Club

Player Sign-on is in final stages via playcricket.com.au and training is starting this week, U10-U11 Monday, U12-U13 Wednesday, U14-U15 Tuesday night from 6-7.30pm at Hubner Park, Park Ridge. Everyone are welcome to attend, first game is Saturday 12 October, interested players can contact Lewis Mills on 0413 656 058.

Australian Red Cross

Red Cross wants everyone in our school community to be prepared for any emergency, large or small. It has been an early start to the summer disaster season, but there are simple ways your family can be prepared.

Three simple tools to help your family get prepared:

1. Create an emergency plan
2. Download the "Get Prepared" app
3. Prepare your emergency survival kit

You can’t always prevent an emergency, but by being prepared families can reduce their stress and cope better afterwards.