9 February 2018

Principal’s Message

Newsletter 1, 2018

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2018, and a special welcome to all new families to the Marsden SHS community in 2018. The first three weeks of school have been a positive start to what will no doubt be another outstanding year for our students.

With official student numbers calculated on the eighth day of school our student numbers for this year are at our highest ever levels. Our Yr. 7 cohort is the biggest group of students that the school has ever seen, and their start to the year has been highly successful with the students adjusting to secondary school quickly and effectively.

2018 Student Numbers

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With the start to the year it is also important to note a number of key staff across the school. Below are the 2018 Year Level Heads of Department who are excellent initial contacts for families.

- Year 7 Head of Department: Michelle Hutchins
- Year 8 Head of Department: Uvette Johns
- Year 9 Head of Department: Felicity Symko
- Year 10 Head of Department: Sean Curtis
- Year 11 Head of Department: Jesse Maclean
- Year 12 Head of Department: Ian Carapeto

Our Curriculum Heads of Department and Deputy Principal team can also be of great assistance and I would encourage all families to seek high levels of communication with your child’s teachers.

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend our initial Junior Secondary Parent Meet and Greet on Wednesday afternoon. Our Year 12 parents will have the opportunity to attend an information session next Thursday February 15th. The session will provide the chance to meet key staff and help prepare your child for their final year of study this year.

The start to the year has also seen the introduction of Binders across the school. We will continue to take feedback regarding this new initiative, but it appears that the focus on supporting Organisation across the school has had a positive impact. Our P&C Meeting on Tuesday February 13th from 5pm will provide an opportunity for parents to engage with our school and our processes and if you have feedback regarding the start to the year this would be an ideal opportunity to come along to share your views.

The P&C Uniform Shop is continuing to work with our suppliers to restock all sizes of our Formal Uniform for students. Thank you to all families and parents for your patients with this disrupted start to the school year. We will continue to work with families as stock arrives over the next few days. Excellence Uniform stock has also arrived, with pre-orders distributed to students and available for purchase via the Uniform Shop.
Over the holiday period we have begun establishing a stronger connection with our Alumni group. Former students are able to register their interest in remaining connected to our school at the following link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mshsalumni

On Thursday March 1st we will hold our first Alumni Event for the year from 5pm in the School Library. Guests are also welcome to attend Restaurant Marsden after the event, with the following link providing the opportunity to register your attendance on the night.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8GCHV3F

Congratulations to our Food Design and Technology Department who have supported our students in gaining paid employment at the Commonwealth Games. The proactive approach to work with Delaware North will lead to real world learning experiences and opportunities for our kids that will provide an outstanding start for future careers in the Hospitality industry. Keep posted for further information over the next few weeks about opening times for Restaurant Marsden, with this arm of our school going from strength to strength.

Congratulations also to our Rugby League Excellence Students who travelled to Sydney last week for their pre-season tour. The team were outstanding representatives of our school, with feedback from all involved exceptionally positive. It is pleasing to see the leading role our students continue to play in the demonstration of our school values, and this group of young men were fine examples of this. Their on field performance was also of a very high standard with a convincing victory over a Penrith Panthers U17 team and a close match against the West Tigers U17.

Our Student Leadership program is also underway, with Mrs Johns leading our first event for year level Advocates and School Captains at The Commonwealth Bank this week. Rene Janssen from Commonwealth Bank continues his excellent support of our school and we look forward to another strong year of leadership development through this partnership.

Next week we welcome Dr John Collins back to our school. This will be the third visit by Dr Collins, whose writing program is taught across schools in the United States of America. Dr Collins teaches at Harvard University’s Graduate School of Education to educators from across the globe and we are fortunate to be in partnership with Rockhampton Girls Grammar School and the Southport School to bring Dr Collins to Australia. We will also have a number of staff from other schools join us next week to work with Dr Collins and we look forward to further development of our practice and processes in the key area of writing in 2018.

Finally, thank you to Mrs Ding and her team of staff and students for supporting our guests from China during the week. It is always pleasing to be hosts to such enthusiastic visitors to Australia and I’m confident that the experience that they have received at Marsden State High School enables them to go home with positive and lasting memories of Australia.

**Andrew Peach**  
**Executive Principal**
**Finance Update**

Invoices for the 2018 SRS have now been raised against all student’s accounts. Fees this year remain at $200 per student plus the binder $15. It is important if you are participating in the SRS that these fees are paid as soon as possible to ensure that your student is supplied with all required resources. If you are intending not to participate, please contact Amanda Chamberlain, Business Manager, as soon as possible to discuss the provision of resources for your child.

To receive the early payment discount of $50 per student, fees need to be paid in full on or before Friday 2nd March. Fees being paid by Centrepay or Payment Arrangements are not eligible for this discount. If you require a copy of your invoice please email the finance office on finance@marsdenshs.eq.edu.au or check on Qparent.

Subject and program fees will be invoiced once classes are finalised.

Statements listing outstanding amounts will be mailed at the end of each term (Yrs. 11 & 12) or each semester (Yrs. 7, 8, 9 & 10).

**Writer’s Club**

Does your child have a flair for creativity and a love of writing? Writers Club are a group of passionate storytellers who meet every week to challenge themselves and each to improve their skills, with the occasional opportunity to enter competitions and win cash prizes! We start back up in week four and meet in the Library every Wednesday afternoon from 2.30 - 3.30. All interested students across year levels are welcome.

**Leadership Development Day**

On Monday the 5th February, student leaders from across the school attended a Leadership Development Day at the Commonwealth Bank Corporate Office in the CBD. With the support of Rene Janssen students were able to spend the day building their capacity as individuals and as a team in the facilities offered by the CBA. The Student Leadership team spent the morning engaged with the Myer Briggs Type Indicator framework getting to know their strengths, communication preferences and environmental stressors, the middle session having some fun with team building and group challenges and the afternoon session engaged in year level specific problems and planning.

The day was facilitated by the Year Level Heads of Department, Michelle Hutchins, Felicity Symko, Sean Curtis and Uvette Johns.

*Feedback from students was very positive and the success of the day speaks volumes about the quality of our student leadership team this year!*

**Student feedback:**

The highlight of my day was working together with the other year levels for the activities.

The only change I would like is for the development day to go longer so we can focus on more things.

The presenters did an amazing job. I commend them highly as the day was a success throughout and I would recommend everyone to attend.

The highlight of my day was getting to work with new people in all different grades and seeing they’re outlook on how they want to make a difference at Marsden whilst being a leader of they’re cohort.

Throughout the day I learnt that it’s okay to get outside of your comfort zone and do things you haven’t been comfortable to do in the past.

It helped me discover a lot of new things about myself that I never would have otherwise discovered.

Highlight of my day? The heated toilet seats, fancy marble floors and food!

**2017 Marsden Yearbook**

The 2017 Marsden Yearbook is now available at the school office. It will be on sale for $15, and $20 if you wish to have it mailed. We have over 300 pages of student stories and activities. Check it out today or visit 2017marsdenyearbook.com.au to purchase online!
School Science Operations Officer

BECOME A SCHOOL SCIENCE OPERATIONS OFFICER

High Schools in QLD are always looking for suitably qualified Science Operations Officers to assist in school science labs. Get your qualification now and register your interest with your local school to become one of these highly sought after school support workers. Subsidies are available to assist in meeting the costs of this training with concession entry from as little as $286. Click on the link for more information about the Tafe QLD course in Laboratory Techniques.


Regular school attendance

Did you know? Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

Why is regular attendance at school important?

Regular school attendance will mean that your child gets a better chance at life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day:

- They learn better
- They make friends
- They are happier
- The have a brighter future

Do I need to let the school know if my child has been away from school?

Yes, you must let the school know the reason why your child is absent from school, if not beforehand, then within two school days of their return to school.

Absentee email: parents@marsdenshs.eq.edu.au Absentee line: 3299 0593

QParents

New Invitation Codes have been sent to Yr. 8 to 12 to encourage parents to register for the QParents app. These codes expire after 1 month so please don’t try to use previous codes. If you have not received a recent invitation & you have checked your Junk or Others email boxes, please contact the school office to check we have your correct email address and we will resend. Yr. 7 parents will be sent their invitations within the next few weeks, however if you would like yours sooner please call the office to request a code.

The QParents web and mobile application provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardians of Queensland state school students to interact with their child’s school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child’s student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer.

QParents allows parents to connect instantly with their child’s school to access and manage their child’s student information, including:

- Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence
- Academic report cards
- Class timetables
- Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history, and making payments online
- Viewing and updating personal student details, including medical conditions and address
- Enrolment details

QParents will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way.

Legal Studies Update

2018 Legal Studies – Celebrity Wedding Event

Year 12 Legal Studies students are currently studying a family and the law unit. As part of their learning they recently celebrated an in-class wedding. This activity enabled them to identify and discuss legal issues concerning marriage in an engaging manner. 12A held a formal indoor ceremony while 12B held a garden ceremony. The happy couples were Mecca Tapsell & Bashir Nur and Ashley Hopes & Bethany-Rose Davis, married by Ronan Gough and Riley Page (unregistered celebrants). There were numerous objections to the weddings from the remaining class members which were effectively addressed. Happy days!

Tony Le Couteur
Senior Experienced Teacher - Humanities

Students from China Visiting Marsden SHS

This week was a very busy week for Marsden State High School. We had about 20 Year 7 and Year 8 students from Changsha Hunan, China visiting our school.

During their visit, students joined variety classes such as menu art, art, cooking, dancing sport, of course English class. They also went to general class with their buddy which helped their
language skills a lot. Chinese students also enjoyed our welcome morning tea and farewell lunch very much.

We are very proud our hard work which made the event run efficiently at the beginning of the year. Thanks to all the HOD and teachers who are participated in this program. Also, many thanks to our buddy students. Without your help, we couldn’t present to them the many wonderful opportunities that we have here @ Marsden.

Job World

Here are students who signed on to traineeships and apprenticeships at the end of 2017 and beginning of 2018:

Congratulations to Indiana Camilleri, who signed up to become our first ever Year 9 Trainee!

He is now in Year 10, undertaking a Certificate III in Hospitality at Soul Origin – Hyperdome.

Well done Year 12 student Telena Takiri, seen here signing up to a Certificate III in Hospitality at the Coffee Club, Post Office Square, Brisbane.

Also signing up to the Coffee Club in Post Office Square, Brisbane is Year 12 student, Lachlan Sexton-Shepherd. He will undertake a certificate III in Business and we congratulate him too!

Another really keen year 9 student now year 10 – Joshua Foai. We are very proud of him as he has signed on to do a Certificate III in Heavy Commercial Vehicle Mechanical Technology apprenticeship. Many thanks to Harvey’s Mechanical and Welding.

Desmond Whakatau Year 10 has signed on with City Venue Pools. He is working at the Logan West Pool – while doing his Certificate III in Sport & Recreation traineeship.

Two Year 12 students are starting their career pathways and we congratulate them too!

Jordan Lomas is seen here with Dawn from MRAEL, Kelly (mum), Jordan and Buddy from Bud’s Custom of Slacks Creek. Jordan will undertake a Certificate III in CAD Engineering Technical. He will be involved in designing and producing working drawings of customised parts for 4WD’s – amazing opportunity Jordan!
Augustine Stowers with Bridie from Harvey’s Mechanical and Welding of Park Ridge, Dawn from MRAEL and proud mum Tufa & dad Feleti. Augustine will be doing an apprenticeship in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology with Harvey’s.

We wish them well as they work through their traineeships and apprenticeships and hope it will be of great value to them in the future.

We thank all the families of our trainees and apprentices who help them get to work and support them all the way.

We congratulate all those students who recently completed their traineeships and wish the year 12’s all the best in their chosen paths. Many will continue to work with their SAT employer while undertaking further study.

Here are a few of the 2017 Year 12 school based apprentices who have continued on full time:

Cameron Anderson – Automotive Drive Train Technology
Tye Leeding – Engineering
Damien Harnett – Commercial Cooking
Bradley Benvenuti – Heavy Vehicle Mechanical Technology
Tegan Conlan – Carpentry
Reece Clark – Engineering
Dylan Simpson – Metal Fabrication
Samuel Nyeko – Metal Fabrication

Please keep in mind that Year 12 students can only start a traineeship at the beginning of the year, as you need to have the time to complete the 380 hours in the work place. Apprentices can be signed on all year.

Please consider taking on our students for school based training in 2018 as the government pays incentives that will cover their wages.

Helen Close & Bel Brown
Industry Liaison Officers

Rugby League Update

Marsden SHS Open Rugby League Sydney Tour is now complete! What a special three days! We leave the fields with so many great memories, a broad array of skills, new friendships and some very important tools to maintain an academic, organised and professional approach to life.

As a teaching group we could not have asked for a more focused, energetic bunch of young men. We were continually blown away by the sportsmanship, teamwork and respect that they continued to show throughout an action packed three days.

Thank you to the young men who applied themselves to each and every activity and game. It was so rewarding to see the maturity on display. They represented the community with so much pride and passion!

Thank you to our major sponsors Grand Plaza and Award Trophies. Your contribution and belief in the value of this trip ultimately made it possible to create the memories that I am sure will last a lifetime for these boys.

Thank you to Patrician Brothers College Blacktown and the generosity they showed to the trip. Not only did they provide the field and facilities for both games, but also provided transport for day 2 and dinner across both nights. The outstanding students from the College sent goosebumps across the crowd with a remarkable haka! To Santo Passarelo, Steve Mulligan, Kim Antonelli, Paul Out, Nathan Campbell, Heath Borg, Denise Grezjl, Adnan Saleh and all the staff at Patties, your efforts were a testament to the culture that exists in the community.

Thank you to Khalil, Zehra, Alex Simon and the Bodyfit team for an amazing experience at Bodyfit Auburn. The boys were so grateful for the breakfast, facilities, shirts, towel, bag, water bottle and community initiative with TJ and his Flourish Australia team. You now have 26 boys who have joined Team Bodyfit!

Thank you to the NRL clubs who assisted in spreading the love that exists within this great game. More specifically thank you to:

- Adam Hartigan and the Sydney Roosters
- Steve Antonelli, Josh Jackson, Marcello Montoya, Clay Priest and the Canterbury Bulldogs
- Ben Harden, Matt Cameron & the Penrith Panthers
- Nathan Mailleitner & the Wests Tigers
Matthew Desira & the Parramatta Eels
Jim McClelland & the Souths Logan Magpies

Finally, thank you to Mrs Hartigan for assisting to wash the jerseys and also to the parents and fans who attended the game and supported with great voice!

Rugby League Sports Excellence is so excited to start 2018 with a BANG! Thank you to everyone who has supported our journey thus far. We can’t wait to see what the rest of the year has install for us! It is the young people who make Marsden so special.

Visit the website below to stay up to date with everything Rugby League at Marsden SHS.
http://marsdenrugbyleague.com

Deadly @ Marsden

The Marsden Indigenous Unit starts 2018 with a total of 179 students. 36 of these are year 7.

Another amazing artwork was completed by artist Chad Briggs in the Unit now of which the names of all Graduating Indigenous Seniors for 2017 have been added.

The Indigenous School Captains for 2018 are, Liam Eagle, Kande Vesper and Mata Moana-Lee.

Back for another great year are our Artie and Bronco team, which between them look after the attendance and mentoring of our Indigenous students.

S4S – Students for Students

"This group of grade 10, Students For Students (S4S), was formed last year after it was decided that sometimes students may need someone to talk to but may want to start with someone closer to their own age. They agreed that sometimes young people are not quite needing to talk to a staff member, but do want to talk to someone. The group was brought together to give the opportunity to develop the skills to actively listen to their peers in times of need. They have been given the tools to offer a friendly ear, and when to ask a member of the support staff for advice if they are unsure how they can help, or believe the problem is outside of their ability to help effectively. If a student is wanting to talk to one of the S4S, there is forms in the MAD room they can complete and place in the box provided. This will be checked frequently and one of the students will organise a time to chat. We are hoping the group will be given opportunities to become more visible around the school, and work collaboratively with Marsden’s fantastic existing support services!"

Logan Hospital Classroom

Marsden SHS supports the operation of the Logan Hospital Classroom and making a Big Difference in Students Lives.

History of the Hospital School at Logan

Logan Hospital School was started in 2001, by Ms Vicki Barnes whose passion was to help support Students at Risk. She was a teacher at MSHS and her Legacy is a work in progress in the Adolescent Mental Health Unit at Logan Hospital.

Thank you Vicki.

Located in Ward 2A at the Logan Hospital, our school is an integral part of the Adolescent Mental Health Facility.

As a teacher currently facilitating the education program in the Hospital school, I believe that Education is a Human Right. My mission is to help kids succeed and reach their full potential no matter what life situation they are going through! I deliver the Education program full time with a Teacher Aide, Milena Aleksic who is also very passionate to support all the students. We have high expectations that every student can learn and
achieve their Goals. We follow the Australian Curriculum and Marsden SHS has continued to support the Hospital School with Resources and Leadership.

The Hospital Classroom is welcoming to all inpatients in the Ward. It is well structured and it also provides a safe as well as a peaceful learning environment.

As a Multi Disciplinary Team of Ward 2A, we saturate the mental health environment with inclusiveness, dignity and respect.

A unique partnership between Education Queensland and Queensland Health.

From Left to Right. Mr Andrew Peach (Exec. Principal MSHS), Dr Sean Hatherill (Consultant Psychiatrist QH), Ranji Goundar (Teacher, MSHS), Paula Shean (HR Marsden SHS), and Claire Loynd (Nurse Unit Manager QH)

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Making a Difference in Students Lives Every day.

Waterford West Sports Park