~ Our College Vision ~

To excel in the art of teaching and the pursuit of learning with open hearts and open minds.

From the College Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Welcome back to 2014. I hope you enjoyed the break and feel refreshed and ready to begin the new school year. I extend a warm welcome to all our new families and to our returning families and together we will provide your child with exciting educational opportunities and experiences that will prepare them for the world that awaits them. School is a partnership between the family and the school and we invite you to be part of the “Earnshaw Family”. Together we will achieve.

This year we have installed a new computer software package called ID Attend. ID Attend is a computer software program specifically designed for tracking and reporting student attendance at schools. It will allow us to track attendance and send text messages to parents informing them that their child is absent, late or out of uniform. The school is developing a school wide-plan for this and we will keep you informed of the progress. We will also be tracking detentions and texting parents and carers that their child has received a detention. We hope to begin this program from week 2.

While the majority of students come to school ready to learn, a small percentage do the wrong thing and misbehave, which is why the Queensland Government is strengthening discipline in state schools.

Strengthening Discipline in Queensland State Schools is one of fifteen
strategies introduced under the government’s new Great Teachers = Great Results initiative to lift standards of teaching and give schools more autonomy so they can get on with the job of providing a safe and supportive learning environment.

The Education (Strengthening Discipline in State Schools) Amendment Bill 2013 provides principals with the authority to develop local solutions to disruptive or challenging behaviour. Changes under the legislation mean that from January 2014 state school principals will have greater autonomy to manage inappropriate student behaviour through firm responses in a timely manner. Red tape has been cut, processes have been streamlined and flexibility has been increased so that principals – in consultation with school communities – can determine the best range of consequences for inappropriate behaviour.

Schools want parents and carers to be aware of the behavioural expectations and the consequences for inappropriate behaviour and will talk about these at enrolment and throughout the student’s schooling. From 2014, schools will be given greater flexibility to choose additional behavioural management options.

• **Discipline Improvement Plans** which will be developed by schools with students and their parents to set out expectations for behaviour. These plans will include strategies to support students to change their behaviour.

• **Community Service Interventions** which require students to perform tasks, out of school hours, that are beneficial to the community. This exposes students to new challenging environments as well as encouraging teamwork, self-respect, commitment and confidence.

The major changes made to detentions, suspensions, exclusions and cancellations of enrolment include:

• removing prescription so that detentions can occur outside of school hours and on weekends

• shifting the suspension period for short suspensions from 1–5 school days to 1–10 school days

• removing written submission provisions against proposed exclusions

• removing the show-cause process prior to cancelling an enrolment

• expanding the grounds for suspensions and exclusions

• expanding the grounds in relation to conduct to include conduct occurring outside school.

Discipline audits will be conducted in all Queensland state schools by the end of 2014. Experienced principals from high performing schools will conduct the audits. They will assist schools to benchmark their progress in strengthening discipline and provide an independent view highlighting where there is room for improvement.

For more information on Great Teachers = Great Results visit the DETE website [www.dete.qld.gov.au/great-teachers](http://www.dete.qld.gov.au/great-teachers)

“If you can read you can do anything”
Together We Achieve.

Regards

Dave Bosworth
College Principal

Junior Jottings

Welcome back to a new school year. A special welcome is issued to all the new students and their families who have joined us at Earnshaw State College. As Head of Junior School, I oversee the daily operations within the Junior School (Prep – Year 6). My primary role is to ensure all students within the Junior School improve their education through excellent teaching and best school practice.

Classes & Staff

It’s been great to see so many students settle back smoothly into the school routines. I’m confident that all our students will quickly develop positive friendships and thoroughly enjoy their learning at Earnshaw State College.

I’d like to welcome back our Junior School staff to another exciting school year. A special welcome is issued to new & returning staff members including:

- Sarah Williamson – permanently appointed to Earnshaw in 2014
- Bec Johnstone – permanently appointed to Earnshaw in 2014
- Megan Wallace – contract teaching in 1B
- Hayley Davis – returning to permanent part-time teaching with Jo-Lene Crank in 4G

Dress Code Policy

Earnshaw State College is a uniform school and the wearing of the uniform is compulsory. Class teachers and school administration follow-up on a daily basis to ensure every student adheres to the Dress Code Policy. All students are to have their formal shirts tucked in and look smart and presentable as we foster the feeling of pride in the wearing the Earnshaw State College uniform.

No Hat = No Play

All students must wear a broad-brimmed, navy Earnshaw SC hat if they wish to play during the lunch breaks. Students without a hat will be directed to sit in the L Block covered area. All hats should be labelled clearly with your student’s name to ensure they don’t end up in the lost property basket.

Swimming Lessons
Swimming lessons commenced next week as part of an intensive block swimming program conducted by accredited swimming instructors, Qualified Aquatics. Thanks to school families for ensuring the $50 swimming levy is paid in a timely manner. **Remember, no shirt = no swim!**

**Student Behaviour**

As outlined in our Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students, Earnshaw State College will continue to operate with the successful Code of Behaviour which includes six behaviour levels. All students will begin the school year on Level 3 with aspirations to achieve Level 1 or 2 and reap the associated rewards. If students drop to Level 4, 5 or 6, consequences for their inappropriate choices may include a referral to the Behaviour Support Room during the lunch break and other ramifications.

If you have any queries, please don’t hesitate to contact me via the Junior School Office on 3621 7440 or email. I am available by appointment and/or email to discuss a matter relating to the Junior School operations and/or your student’s education.

Warm Regards

*Brendan Forbes*

Head of Junior School

[his@earnshawsc.eq.edu.au](mailto:his@earnshawsc.eq.edu.au)

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**Head of Department - Teaching and Learning**

*If you can read you can do anything.*

Welcome back to the 2014 school year. Our [Home Reading Program](#) has begun for all Years 1-6 classes and is already proving to be very successful in motivating our students to read.

**Our aim:** to work together with families to promote a **LOVE OF READING**

Research has shown that the amount of free reading done outside of school has consistently been found to relate to growth in vocabulary, reading comprehension, verbal fluency, and general information. Students who read independently become better readers, score higher on achievement tests in all subject areas, and have greater content knowledge than those who do not (Krashen 1993; Cunningham and Stanovich 1991; Stanovich and Cunningham 1993).
As a support to Home Reading, the college purchases an annual subscription to Reading Eggs and Reading Eggs Express. All students Prep – Year 5 have access to Reading Eggs – at home and at school. Class teachers will provide your students with a logon and password.

For further information:


Kind Regards

Kath McCann
Bookshop Convenor

News from 4G
We have had a wonderful start to our year. We are really excited about our Geology Unit. On our first day of 2014 we went on a geology dig. We had to find rocks around the school, sketch a picture of them 'in situ', excavate them and when we came back into class we studied the colours and texture.

We discussed the three types of rocks: igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary. We then tried to classify the rocks that we had found.
P&C News

We would like to extend a big welcome to all the new families who have come to our school this year and welcome back to all our regular families. We have already started the year with a welcome morning tea at the icafe where we had a number of parents sit back and relax after their hectic morning of getting their little ones and not so little ones off to school. We would like to extend an invitation to all who would like to have a chat and cuppa on Monday mornings 8am-9.30am at the icafe. Breakfast is also available for the children. The Bookshop and Tuckshop are run by your P&C and they have already made a busy start to the year.

Tuckshop Helpers Wanted

Our canteen can always use a little extra help. If you can spare a couple of hours especially on Fridays we would love to hear from you.

Other areas in need of volunteers is the bookshop (open 8.30-9.30am), Fundraising Group (Trivia Night is on this year) and Grants Group.

P&C Meetings

Our P&C meets every 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 7pm in the McKitrick Centre near the Senior School Office.

Everyone is welcome, especially new members. Bring along a friend. First meeting is Tuesday 18th February and the AGM is on Tuesday 18th March.
If you would like to volunteer please respond via email pandc@earnshawsc.eq.edu.au

We look forward to seeing you around the school, at a meeting or helping out at events.

Regards

Earnshaw P&C Committee

Child and Adolescent Oral Health Service News

The Child and Adolescent Oral Health Service will be offering treatment to the students early 2014. Dental Van Consent/Medical forms were issued late last year to students currently in Year 7, 8, 9 and 10. If you wish your child to be treated please return the fully completed consent form (3 pages) to the Junior or Senior office ASAP so they can be processed. Due to the demands on our service, parents who return consent forms late will not necessarily have their children treated on site and may be offered treatment at another site. Once dental staff receive a completed form your child will be examined. If your child requires further dental treatment, a ‘consent to treatment’ form will be issued for your signed consent. Forms for Year Prep - 6 will be issued soon. You will be notified via the school newsletter of the date the school dental program commences treatment at this school.

Van Hours will be Monday - Thursday 8am-4pm.

For any enquiries, please contact staff on 0408 721 589. If in an Emergency please phone 1300 300 850.

Order Your 2013 Yearbook Now
2013 Yearbook Orders

Order now!

Over 70 full colour pages
Available February 2014
Collect an order form at either college office
Orders accepted until the end of the school year

Quality printer ...
Great price!

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Scholastic Bookclub

Welcome back everyone. I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday and have come back ready for a fabulous year. The first issue of Bookclub is here and all orders need to be back by Thursday, 13th February. All orders need to go to the Junior Office (P-6) or to Mrs Werner in the Library (yr 7 +). Please try to include the exact amount of money in Australian Currency. Cheques are acceptable. Credit Card payment is good too, but please remember you need to pay this either over the phone or on-line with Scholastic. Phone numbers and web address are on the back of the catalogue. If paying by credit card you need to record the payment reference number in the space provided. I do not have anything to do with the credit card, other than to record the payment ref. number. A receipt will be issued within a few days of order being placed.

Remember, every order earns bonus points that we are able to use to purchase resources for our school library, so everyone can benefit from your order.

Thank you for your support in the past and looking forward to a great year ahead.
Safe School Travel

School Parking

The traffic signs or traffic lines on the road are in place to ensure the road environment around your school is safe and traffic flows as freely as possible.

If you would like to discuss a maintenance issue regarding traffic signs and lines at your school, email Council or phone 07 3403 8888.
The various signs around schools include:

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<td><img src="image" alt="No parking sign" /></td>
<td>The driver of a vehicle must not stop on a length of road or in an area to which a no parking sign applies, unless the driver is dropping off, or picking up, passengers or goods; and does not leave the vehicle unattended completes the dropping off, or picking up, of the passengers or goods, and drives on, as soon as possible and, in any case, within the required time after stopping.</td>
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**Loading zone, 2 minutes maximum**

Between 8am-9am and 2.00pm-3.00pm on school days you can only park for two minutes. Enough time for your child to exit/enter the car or fit seatbelts but not enough to leave your car and go into the school or stand on the footpath talking.
## How to use 2 minute zones

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<td>Use the zone like a quick moving taxi rank</td>
<td>do not park for more than two minutes - you can be fined</td>
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<td>Move forward as space becomes available.</td>
<td>do not leave the vehicle, except to help load or unload. This is an offence during the hours of operation</td>
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<td>Children to watch for their ride and move promptly to the vehicle</td>
<td>do not reverse into the zone you’re putting other children in danger; join the queue</td>
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<td>Load and unload passengers only at the head of the line</td>
<td>do not call children to the bottom of the queue or across the road. This is extremely dangerous</td>
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<td>Driver is to stay in the car unless loading baggage or passengers</td>
<td>If you reach the top of the queue and your child is not there, follow the instructions of the traffic supervisor. This may mean returning to the end of the queue</td>
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<td>avoid stopping to chat to other parents while in this line. This causes delays in the flow of traffic and frustration by others.</td>
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## School parking issues

Phone Council on 07 3403 8888 for issues such as:

- illegal parking
- dangerous parking
- infringement of two minute passenger zone

Phone your Policelink 131444 for issues such as:

- speeding
- illegal u-turns
- dangerous driving

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**Earnshaw Edge 2014**

**After School Sport**
After-school sport stars next week. On Wednesdays, Years 1-3 will be doing soccer and on Mondays, Years 4-6 will be doing baseball. Please have forms back as soon as possible. We'll meet in the undercover area at 2.45pm for afternoon tea. Sessions start at 3pm and finish at 4pm.

Kind Regards

Kerrie Lovell
Co-ordinator After School Sport

Earnshaw Swimming Carnival

Swimming Carnivals kick off this week for years 4-12.

These are inter-house carnivals and students should show their support for their house by wearing house colours on the day.

This is also a trial process for Districts and students interested in these events are to nominate in Division 1 races.

Junior Swimming Carnival, Years 4-7, is on Thursday 6th February, and is an all day event.

Senior Swimming Carnival, Years 8-12, is on Friday 7th February, and is from period 2 onwards.

Students to wear: House coloured shirt, sport shorts, bathing cap, goggles, hat, sunscreen, Swimmers (girls in one-piece), towel.

NB: Please have all items clearly labelled!

All welcome. Please come along and join in the fun.

Community Notices

VIPERS NETBALL CLUB ASPLEY SIGN ON DAY

When: Saturday 8th February 2014

Time: 9am - 12pm

Where: Aspley State Primary School

Cnr Maundrall Terrace & Horn Road Aspley

Multi Purpose Hall top car park off Horn Road
Hook in2 Hockey

Kedron Wavell Services Hockey Club invite children to participate in a fun, exciting, inexpensive introduction to hockey.

2014 Hook in2 Hockey Program. This program has been arranged specially for boys and girls (primary school age) who have never played hockey.

Cost: $50/player
When: Saturday’s 8, 15, 22 February 2014
Time: 10am – 11:30 am
Where: Turf Field, Burringbar Park, Kittyhawk Drive, Chermside (Behind Westfield Chermside)

What to Bring: Drink Bottle, Hat

What do you get?
- Equipment Pack - Hockey stick, Shin pads, Ball, Mouth guard
- Accessory Pack - Replica of Australian Team Singlet, Medal
- Coaching from professional coaches.
- Learn how to play hockey, have fun and make new friends.
- Fee relief on 2014 season fees if you sign on with a Kedron-Wavell team

Positions will fill quickly so get your registration in early to avoid disappointment. Pass this information on to your friends.

For more information email learnhockey@gmail.com
Registration forms are to be completed by Sunday 2nd February 2014 to assist with planning.
KWSHC Sign on Day will be held 2nd February 2014 10am – 2pm at the Burringbar Clubhouse.
Cash payments will be accepted on the first day of the program.

Please return completed form to: P O Box 1074Stafford Qld 4053
Email: learnhockey@gmail.com

To download your registration form please click here
Banyo/Nundah Catholic Church are opening enrolments for children who are in Year three or older to receive the Sacraments of Penance, Confirmation and Holy Communion this year. Please phone Angela Greathead at the Parish Office Ph. 3266 1444 on Thursdays 9.30-11.30am (or email greatj@westent.com.au) if you would like to book in your child. On Enrolment parents must present the child’s baptismal certificate.