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~ Our College Vision ~

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

PLEASE CHECK LOST PROPERTY AT JUNIOR SCHOOL OFFICE FOR YOUR CHILD'S MISSING CLOTHING, ETC.

ITEMS NOT COLLECTED AT END OF TERM WILL BE DONATED TO CHARITY

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From the College Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

A number of our Year 12 students sat the QCS test on Tuesday and Wednesday and I would like to pass on my congratulations on the way they went about 2 very difficult days. I thought I might share some important information QCS and its connection to Ops.



What are OPs and FPs?

A student's OP shows their position in a statewide rank order based on their overall achievement in Authority subjects. OP1 is the highest and OP25 is the lowest. In Queensland, the OP is the primary tertiary entrance rank for school

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leavers applying to university. FPs are additional rank orders that supplement OP.

Even if your child is not currently planning to study at university, sitting the QCS Test and remaining OP-eligible is recommended as it will give them more options in the future.

How do students get an OP?

To be eligible to receive an OP, students must:

- complete 20 semester units of credit in Authority subjects
- study at least three subjects for four semesters each
- sit the QCS Test
- attend school until the final day of Year 12.

How are OPs calculated?

A student's individual QCS Test result does not determine their OP. Instead, subject and school group results from the QCS Test are used as part of statistical scaling processes. Using group data enables the QCAA to make a fair and equitable comparison of the achievements of students in different schools studying different subject combinations.

How do students get the best OPs and FPs?

Students get the best OPs and FPs by performing as well as they can in each of the Authority subjects they study in Year 12. Results in Authority-registered subjects, vocational education and training and other recognised studies don't count towards the OP/FP system.

All Authority subjects are treated equally in the calculation of OPs, and students can achieve a high OP, including an OP1, with any combination of subjects. In 2012, 702 students received an OP1. They studied 391 different subject combinations.

When do students get their OPs and FPs?

Students receive their QCS Test grade, OP and any relevant FPs with their subject results in December. There are two ways that students can receive their final results. They can wait for delivery by mail or log into their student learning account via QCAA's Student Connect website (www.studentconnect.qcaa.qld.edu.au). To access results online each student must know their Learner Unique Identifier (LUI) and password.

I hope this article helps you in some way.

Together We Achieve.

Regards

Dave Bosworth

College Principal

Deputy Principal

On Friday 22 August, students attended Deadly Futures at the Brisbane Showgrounds. Deadly Futures is a community job placement event for indigenous students in years 10-12 showcasing current and future job opportunities, training and further learning, university, traineeships and apprenticeships. From the amount of information and giveaways the students came back with, they all had a great day.



Regards

Sally Dexter

Deputy Principal

Head of Department - Teaching and Learning

Kids Are Never Too Old to Be Read to by Parents

One of the most common question teachers get is, "How do I get my child to enjoy reading?"

The answer to this question is not as elusive as many people think.

The answer is simply to READ TO your child!

We parents often think that when a child is able to read by him/herself that we should stop reading to our children. We have this idea that they will automatically become **lifelong readers** who love to sit with a book and read by themselves. But, this is the furthest thing from the truth!

Anyone who loves reading knows that the BEST part of the book is sharing! Reading is not meant to be an isolating experience. We are social creatures and crave interaction with loved ones.

Think about this! When you read aloud, you are teaching your child so much more than just telling them a story. When you read to a child, you are practicing:

- Reading fluency (steady, easy, fluid pacing of the words on the page).
- Vocabulary ("Mom, what does that mean?").
- Bonding with your child (Don't underestimate the importance of bonding in developing lifelong readers).
- Critical thinking skills ("Oh my gosh! Why do you think he/ she did that?").
- Conversation starters ("This reminds me of our trip to Movieworld last year. Remember that? What was your favorite part of that trip?").
- **Relaxing your body and mind with a screen-free evening ritual.**
- Enjoying literature together.

So, if you want a child to become "a lifelong reader," try these tips:

- 1) Pick 15-20 minutes each night to read to your child.
- 2) Pick a cozy place to read.
- 3) Choose fun voices for the characters.
- 4) Let your child choose the book or choose it together.
- 5) Encourage conversation throughout.
- 6) Model great reading habits.
- 7) Let your child read to you sometimes or read together!
- 8) **Make reading fun! Don't assign comprehension questions or print quizzes.**
- 9) 10) Picture books are great literature too! Don't only read chapter books!

So, if you want your child to be a lifelong reader, ignore the reading comprehension practice books and speed-reading software. **Invite your big kid to sit next to you each night and read to him.** You won't regret it and your child won't forget it.

Adapted from http://www.huffingtonpost.com/joe-paradise/kids-are-never-too-old-to_b_4825836.html

Premier's Reading Challenge

Please return all Forms



The reading period for the 2014 Premier's Reading Challenge at Earnshaw commenced on **Monday 2nd June** and closes **Friday 5th September**.

Students who completed the challenge will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier during celebration week, 10 November to 21 November 2014.

All forms should now be **returned to class teachers**.

Regards

Kath McCann

Head of Department - Teaching and Learning

Student Services

Student Services is a very broad area covered by Education Queensland's definition of Inclusive Education, Disability and Learning Support, Student Wellbeing and Behaviour Support. Earnshaw State College is in the great position of being able to take a P-12 approach to student services allowing for continuity and greater understanding of student needs as they progress through their schooling.

This year, student services have come under the one umbrella led by the Deputy Principal. Fortnightly, I meet with the Student Services Committee to ensure student needs are being met. It is a team approach to provide quality support to students. The team is made up of our school based nurse, Guidance Officer, Chaplain, Speech Language Therapist, Youth Worker, Head of Department – Teaching and Learning and the TLC (The Learning Centre) team.

This has been an exciting year so far, with the TLC team growing and as a result, student services. Lunch time activities, homework club, assessment support, school based traineeships, guest speakers, intervention programs (academic and wellbeing) as well as one-on-one support is just a few of the activities undertaken by the team – and there is still a term to go!

Regards

Sally Dexter

Deputy Principal

Ski Trip

In week 5 of this term, twenty senior students and two teachers attended Earnshaw State College's annual school ski trip. For the first time, (much to their delight) the students travelled by plane to Canberra and then took a bus the rest of the way to Jindabyne. From Monday to Friday the students were on the slopes at Perisher for 8 hours a day; learning how to ski, stack and having lots of fun along the way. Though there were many falls, there were no serious injuries. The students were more than happy to laugh at and learn from their own mistakes and morale never faltered. At the end of the week, twenty exhausted but elated students returned to Brisbane by plane, excited to see their families, but sad that it had all come to an end. Though the ski trip is over for another year, the students that attended in 2014 will not forget what an adventure they had!

Bird is the word!



Student Support

Volunteer Profile

Here is another of the wonderful Earnshaw volunteers who gives freely of her time and knowledge to support a student on their reading journey.



Abbi!

Abbi is a proud Mum to Harley in Prep and future Earnshaw student Elysia. Abbi is a volunteer in the before school reading program. Abbi is currently reading with a Year 2 student for a couple of mornings per week. This gives a Year 2 student a wonderful opportunity to practise reading skills and build confidence at the same time. It is great to watch a quiet student read with confidence. Abbi has developed a wonderful rapport with him and he really enjoys reading with her.

Thank you so much, Abbi!

Regards

Donna Whitson

Teacher – Literacy and Numeracy

Sporting News

Interschool Sport

Just a reminder that students need to be sun-safe and should take with them a hat, sunscreen, water bottle and lunch.

Interschool Sport Results for Friday 29th August

Soccer Game 1

Earnshaw v Geebung 2

Juniors lost 6-1.... Most Improved Aaliah Jacob, Most valuable Mohammed Alam.

Seniors won 4-0.... Most Improved Thomas Darben, Most valuable Joshua Herbert

Soccer Game 2

Earnshaw v Geebung 1

Juniors lost 3-0.... Most Improved Dominic Lyons, Most valuable Zafar Alam.

Seniors lost 2-0.... Most Improved Max Gray-Claveria, Most valuable Gurshrn Gosel.

Rugby League Game 1

Earnshaw 1 v Bald Hills

Won 8-4

MVP Rhys Flavell

MI Sefo Faautuono

Earnshaw 2 v Taigum 1

Won 5-2.....**MVP** Jayden Jackson **MI** Jayden Holdsworth

Rugby League Game 2

Earnshaw 1 v Bracken Ridge

Lost 7-4.....**MVP** Rhys Flavell **MI** Luis Becerra

Earnshaw 2 v Aspley East

Won 8-1.....**MVP** Sione Kivalu **MI** Memphis Tongue

Netball

Nipper A beat Aspley East 1 6-3..... **MVP** Izzie Green

Nipper A defeated by Bald Hills 3-2

Nipper B defeated by Aspley East 6-2.....**MVP** Jamelia Power

Nipper B defeated by Bald Hills 6-2

Junior defeated by Norris Rd 9-2.....**MVP** Natalie Saxvik

Junior drew with Bald Hills 5-5

Senior defeated by Norris Rd 12-8.....**MVP** Shaniqua Murry

Senior defeated by Bald Hills 11-9

P & C News

HURRY, HURRY, HURRY

TICKETS ON SALE NOW - Buy for one or a table to Earnshaw's Trivia Night!

TRIVIA night

@ Earnshaw State College (in the Sports hall access via Earnshaw Rd, Banyo) doors open 6pm for 7pm start

Saturday 13th September

Please join us at Earnshaw State College P&C's major fundraiser for 2014

Teams of 8-10 Tickets \$10

Grab your order form at school or online

BAR OPEN from 6pm

Test your knowledge

Challenge the teachers

Enjoy a fun, social night out

Grab your friends or meet some new ones

Winning team \$250 cash

Massive Raffle

Lucky door prizes

AUCTIONS

Novelty games

food, drinks & dessert available

Earnshaw STATE COLLEGE

Ray White Nundah Ph 3286 2055

Thank you also to the continued support from various local businesses.

N.B. As this is a fundraising event we ask that no outside food or drink are brought into the venue. Thank you.

For enquiries email: pandc@earnshawsc.eq.edu.au For order forms go to: earnshawsc.eq.edu.au (follow links to 'our community', 'p&c', 'trivia night').

On the night - \$8 hot meals including nachos, curry and fried rice. Winning team prize \$250 cash. Raffle will be \$10 lucky squares = 1 in 5 wins. Plus novelty games, coin slide, heads & tails. Bar open, delicious desserts and snacks. Music following trivia session.

Lots of fun to be had while raising money to support our students.

Tickets available to purchase from the tuckshop. Order form available online @

<https://earnshawsc.eq.edu.au/Ourcommunity/PandC/Pages/Trivia-night.aspx>

Hair Ties now available at the Bookshop

We now stock Earnshaw coloured hair ties in a variety of styles in the bookshop. The hair ties look fantastic and complement the school uniform. Hair ties are available in both sports and formal uniform colours

Earnshaw Swim Club

Earnshaw State College Pool Open Day and Swim Club Sign on

10am -1pm Saturday 13th Sept 2014

- Free Swimming during these times
- Buy a tasty Sausage sizzle, swim gear and more
- Learn about
 - our friendly, relaxed Swim Club - join up and every Friday night during Term 4 and Term 1, the whole family can come along and enjoy some racing and meet some new friends - Membership = \$40.00 /individual or \$80.00 /family for an entire season.
 - Public Access for laps and cooling off before and after school and on weekends in a **solar heated** pool. Admission starts at \$2.40 for students, \$3.20 for pensioners, \$3.50 for adults with discounts available for multiple entry passes. **Pool is open to the public now.**
 - Learn to Swim, Squad Programs, and other great services such as Adult SwimFit, Aqua Aerobics and training programs offered by Qualified Aquatics Pty Ltd, our fantastic pool operators.

More Information?

Learn to Swim, Aquatic programs, Pool Opening Hours - www.qualifiedaquatics.com.au email: info@qualifiedaquatics.com.au

Earnshaw Swim Club earnshawswimclub@hotmail.com or call Jack (Vice-President) 0403 978 744

Bookshop News

The Bookshop has most of your school stationery needs,
and is located under D Block.

Phone: 36217326



Opening Hours

The Bookshop is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 to 9:30am.

Secondhand Uniforms

Thank you to those of you who brought in clothing for second hand sales. The following is still needed - Junior Boys Formal Shirts, Skirts and also Ties (Middle and Senior)

Regards

Nancy Thompson

Volunteer Convenor

Helping Hands

Hey Everybody

Just wanted to let you all know that our ever popular Vacation Care program is available these holidays once again. Our bookings are on a casual basis so if you only want 1 day or the full 2 weeks we can accommodate your request. To see what's on offer just check out the electronic version attached to this newsletter and keep an eye out for paper copies that will be making the rounds in the upcoming weeks! Click here to see the program.

We also wanted to share some of the Before School Care fun we have been having lately. We operate from 6.30am to when the school bell goes at 8.45am and can once again accommodate casual and permanent bookings, so if you would like to get ready for work in peace or need to leave early for work we can certainly help you out. Your session price also includes breakfast for the children and prep and grade 1 drop off service, so at a max charge \$13 it's a bargain!

Here's some of what our morning children get up to ...





[September Vacation Care.pdf](#)

Regards

Erin Watkins

Helping Hands Coordinator

Free Breakfast

We are a couple of parents who provide **free** breakfast to all students on a Monday mornings with the support of the school. We have been running this since term one and now have a steady stream of hungry students. We provide toast and a range of spreads, healthy cereals, juice and during winter months hot milo. We would very much appreciate any volunteers who would like to come and give us a hand on Mondays and if able some donations of breakfast items, paper plates or paper cups. If you have any donations please feel free to drop off at the Icafe on a Monday morning or drop into the junior school office.



 **Free Breakfast**

MONDAYS 8.00am to 8.40am

At the iCafe (end of the library)

Free cereal and toast



Regards

The Breakfast Ladies

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Closing the Gap Aboriginal Committee

Meetings will be held in the Staff Common Room at 8:30am on the following dates:

- 18 September
- 16 October
- 20 November

Earnshaw Edge

The Earnshaw Edge is usually published on the first and third Thursdays of each month. However, these times will vary, according to how they fit into the school term. Please check the schedule below, which outlines the intended Earnshaw Edge dates for the remainder of the year

Term	Publishing Date (Thursday)	Article Due (Monday)
3	4th September	1st September
	18th September	15th September
4	16th October	13th October
	30th October	27th October
	13th November	10th November
	4th December	1st December

Community Notices

Click on the links below for further details of community events and information.

[Volunteer Host Families.pdf](#)



TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 3,5, or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan and USA will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!



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