



Issue 2014-25 ~ Thursday 30th October 2014

~ Our College Vision ~

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

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From the College Principal's

Desk

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

“PDC” for Earnshaw in 2015

We are working very hard on a project I am calling

“PDC” (Personal Device Challenge) for Earnshaw in 2015. It simply means a

personal device for every Year 1 to 12 Student.

We are working with a business, Computers 4 Learning to provide to the College several hundred laptops that will be made available to students in Years 4 to 12. We are also in the process of having enough Ipads for every student in Years 1 to 4.



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The ipads will be owned by the school but every class in Years 1 to 4 will have enough for every student.

The laptops will operate in the same way in Years 5 to 12. We are looking at options that parents may purchase these laptops from the school at a cost of \$80.00. These are not new laptops but laptops that are faster and newer than laptops currently owned by the school.

Ipads will be made available to Prep teachers and their students as a year level set.

This is an exciting and challenging time for us at Earnshaw and I ask parents and our community to support such a unique opportunity.

To help with the day to day running of the program a \$30.00 Technology level is needed. In return your child has access to a personal device.

We are still working out the final details and anticipate challenges and hurdles to overcome. Our commitment is to provide the very best education possible to all students at Earnshaw and this step is a move that catapults' Earnshaw well into the 21st Century.

I would love to hear from parents so please email me on the.principal@earnshawsc.edu.au

Together We Achieve.

Regards

Dave Bosworth

College Principal

Senior Scene

Year 12 Graduation Ceremony

The College Principal, Mr David Bosworth and Head of Secondary School, Mr Richard Tweney cordially invite parents and caregivers of year 12 students to their graduation ceremony. This special event will happen on Friday 21 November commencing at 9.00 am in the sports hall. A light morning tea will be served after the ceremony in the McKitrick Centre.

Regards

Richard Tweney

HOS - Senior School

Junior Jottings

ENROL NOW FOR PREP

An invitation is extended to all parents, who are considering a quality educational environment for their children, to contact the college to arrange an enrolment interview and personalised tour.

Children born 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 are eligible to enrol in Prep 2015

Children born 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 are eligible to enrol in Prep 2016

Phone: 3621 7440

Email: hjs@earnshawsc.eq.edu.au

www.earnshawsc.eq.edu.au

Prep Transition Mornings

An opportunity for your child to meet our caring staff and other prep students as well as participate in the prep classroom; while parents enjoy an information workshop on Literacy, and a coffee, in our ESCape Cafe.

All children who have enrolled in Prep for 2015 will receive an invitation.

Wednesday 12th November 9am–11:20am

Wednesday 19th November 9am–11:20am

Regards

Brendan Forbes

HOS - Junior School

Deputy Principal

College Awards Night

Our College Awards night provides a great opportunity to celebrate our students sporting, academic and cultural achievements. This year, our awards night will recognise student achievements from Prep to year 12. The event will be held on Wednesday 5 November starting at 6.30 pm. Invitations have been sent home with students achieving an award on the night. Our college community is welcome to attend this event and celebrate the achievements of Earnshaw students.

Regards

Sally Dexter

Deputy Principal

Head of Department

IF YOU CAN READ YOU CAN DO ANYTHING

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE CELEBRATION



On Monday during Assembly, we celebrated our participation in the Premier's Reading. It was exciting to hand out almost 100 certificates to students who completed the challenge. Next week we will hand them out to Years 4 and 5 students who participated as they were away on camp this week.

CHRISTMAS READING

Christmas holidays are just around the corner.

That's six weeks of fun – but it can also be six weeks of no reading, unless we as parents make it **IMPORTANT**.

Not reading for six weeks will have a negative impact, not just on your child's reading ability and stamina, but on every aspect of their learning. Reading is a part of every subject area – and life!

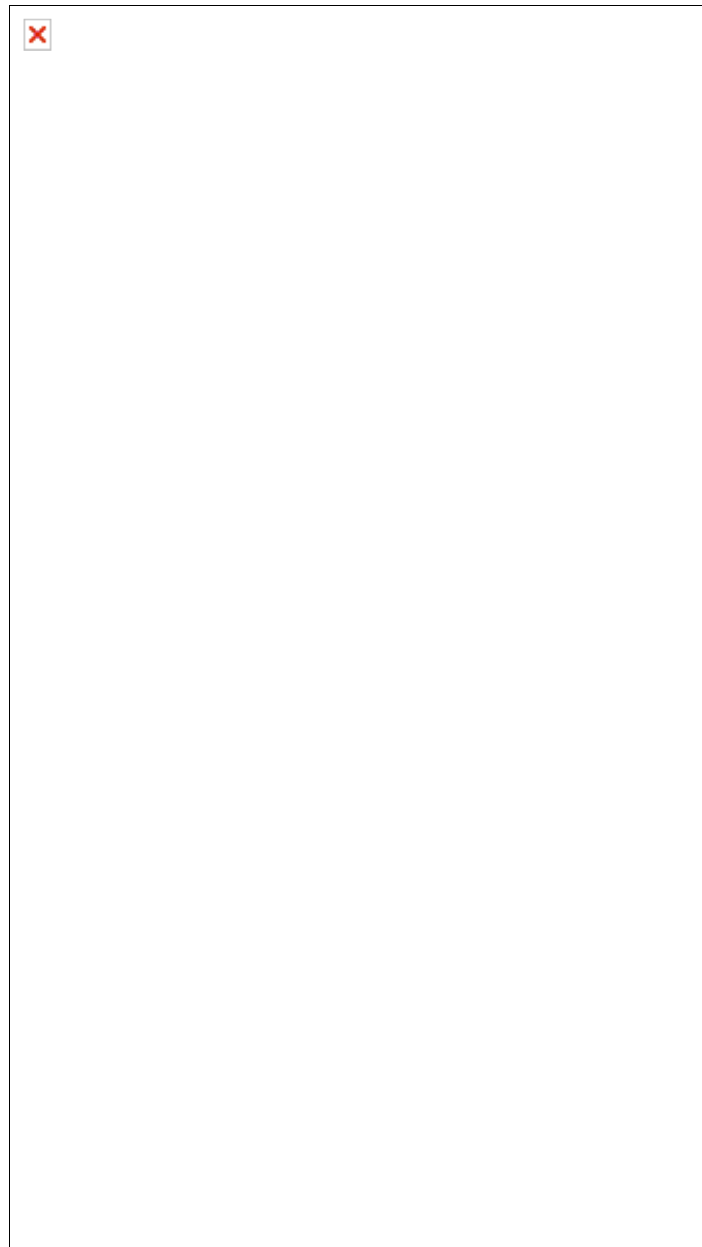
The benefits of reading throughout the holidays are well researched and documented..

- Summer days are hot! Encourage active and creative play during the morning cooler, and make it a **family routine to lay down after lunch with a book**. Great way for you to model reading to your kids – and a great excuse to spend time with your favourite novel or magazine.

- Get out of the heat – and into the coolness of the **local Library**. If your kids don't have their own library cards. Now is the time to join.
- Cook! Let children **read ingredients** from holiday recipes while you bake together. It's a great way for them to learn measurements and temperatures.
- Even if no books make your child's wish list, make sure you **give at least one as a gift**, and encourage them to read it.
- Find **books that focus on an interest your child has**.

For great tips on **Helping your Child with Reading**, go to

http://www.fortheteachers.org/parent_involvement.htm#.VFF-4Ypk7o for the following infographic.



Regards

Kath McCann

Head of Department - Teaching and Learning

Daniel Morcombe Day

On Friday the 31st of October, we will be participating as a college to raise awareness to keep kids safe through the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. All students are encouraged to wear a red T-shirt to spread awareness throughout the community. There will also be ribbons sold for 50 cents each on the day. A disco will be held in the sports hall for grades Prep to year 6 for the first half of first break, then years 7 to 12 for the second half of first break. All disco entries are a gold coin donation and will be going toward the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. We hope to see lots of red T-shirts and as many people as possible attend the disco!

QSchools App – Download or Update

The latest version of the QSchools app means you can now receive important school notifications directly to your mobile device.

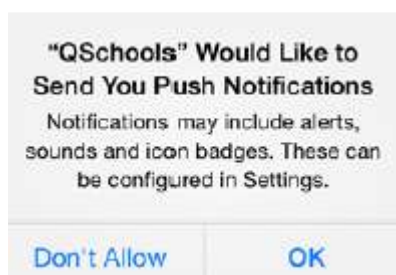
What is the QSchools app? The QSchools app integrates with school websites and is a convenient way to access news, calendar events, newsletters and documents as well as contact details, class times, uniform and tuckshop information.



What is a push notification? A push notification is a short message that pops up on your phone screen without needing to open the app that it comes from. It looks similar to a text message that pops up on your screen.

How do I get the latest version of QSchools so I can receive these notifications?

1. Download, or update to, the latest version of the QSchools mobile app
2. Enable notifications - make sure you choose "OK" when prompted with this message.



3. Favourite Earnshaw State College

See the flyer which follows for more information on the QSchools app. [QSchools Flyer.pdf](#)

Instrumental Music News

Instrumental Music News: AWARDS NIGHT

Members of the Senior Concert Band are required to perform at Awards night on Wed 5 November. Students are to arrive at the Sports Hall no later than 5:45pm for tuning and to sit in their positions on stage. FULL BAND UNIFORM is required including black shoes and socks. This is an important event on our school calendar. If you are unable to attend please advise Mrs Schick in writing at least one week prior to the event.

Regards

Julianne Schick

Teacher - Instrumental Music

Music Notice

MUSIC COUNT US IN!!!!

A day where we show all of Australia that we can ALL join together through music!

All students from Preps to Year 6 have been learning "Let Me Paint You a Song" in their music class.

Please join us at Junior School Assembly on Monday the 3rd of November to hear their wonderful voices unite!

Parents are welcome to sing with us at the assembly – you can find the song on YouTube!

Junior Secondary News

On Monday October 13, year 8 students participated in a "Graffiti Education" presentation. This occasion was presented by Warner Youth Education and sponsored by the Brisbane City Council and the Queensland Police.

The programme used music and humour to make students aware of the negative effects of graffiti in the community. It also outlined Queensland Graffiti Laws and included specific offences and penalties, e.g. fines and up to 7 years imprisonment. Students were made aware of the importance of respecting other people's property in addition to issues relating to bullying and peer pressure.

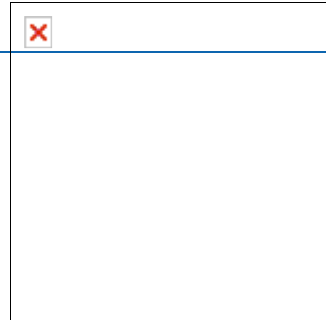
See the flyer for more information on Graffiti Education [Graffiti Ed Parent Information Sheet.pdf](#)

Regards

Jonathan Chapman

Junior Secondary Co-ordinator

School Chaplaincy News



Coolness Under Pressure

During term 3 Coolness Under Pressure was run with a group of year 8 boys

The purpose for this program was to encourage making positive choices, increase responsibility and develop self-awareness in young people.

The outcomes for these students included improved communication skills, greater understanding how they are influenced by their emotions, stress management, anger management, improved class behaviours and working on conflict resolution skills.

The effectiveness of this program equates to the variety of methods which are used to enhance young peoples skill development including discussion, games, activities, role-playing, positive reinforcement and role modelling.

Girls with Big Dreams

We have also initiated an exciting new program with grade 5 girls called Girls with Big Dreams. This program gives the whole class an opportunity to discuss some of the real life issues girls face whilst also preparing them for their future years in high school and beyond.

A special thank you to parent volunteer Melynda, for generously giving her time to make this program happen. She has taken on a massive role as program facilitator.

The Unique Role as a School Chaplain

School chaplaincy is here to provide social, emotional and spiritual support to students, regardless of whether students have a particular faith. Promoting positive spirituality for children and young people is important for their overall development. This is recognised in state education department wellbeing frameworks.

Spirituality is not meant to be something strange or foreign to us, but something vital that pulls together the various facets of our lives in meaningful ways. Spirituality is about a way of seeing the world and, even more importantly, being in the world.

As part of this initiative each year The Gideon's International visit the college to present year 8 students with a copy of the Bible. We understand that some families would not want their child to receive a copy of the bible. If you do not want your child to attend the session please contact the college (letters have been sent home to parents prior to the holidays).

In a follow up of this event there will also be a **Understanding Faith** lunch time group running this term for students in years 8 -12. This will be an opportunity for students to engage together around questions of beliefs, values and ethics. Any students who wish to participate will need parental permission to attend. These forms will be available from the senior school office.

iSeeCare Food Hampers Program

iSEE CARE is a non-profit organisation which operates locally within our school community. Each week iSEE CARE helps to support school communities by providing food assistance hampers to families. Several grocery bags of non-perishable food items and toiletries can now be delivered and distributed to the school during the term helping to supplement a family's weekly groceries. iSEE CARE understands that sometimes we find ourselves in tough situations and we all from time to time need a helping hand.

If you require one of these hampers please don't hesitate to contact me through the school office.

For more information on iSEE CARE and the services they provide please email us at info@iseecare.com.au

Regards

Gideon

College Chaplain

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

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.



Regards

The Breakfast Ladies

Twitter

Closing the Gap Aboriginal Committee

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

- 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) |
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| | 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.

[WEP Student Exchange Information Evening.pdf](#)



Resilience Skills for a Happy Life!

Final program for 2014! Limited places available

Confident Kids ® + teens is a fun and innovative coaching program for kids 5-14yrs that aims to boost confidence, emotional resilience, social skills and brain power. Students discover their strengths, and develop resilient thinking skills to reduce stress, anxiety, worry, or negative thinking.

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