



PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Our gala night of the year Celebration Showcase was held on Tuesday evening 28th October. This very special night enabled us as a learning community to recognise outstanding performances of students from Year 8 to 12. We recognised and celebrated the wonderful achievements of students and staff in all areas of endeavour including the academic areas, vocational programs and the arts. There is so much to be proud of at Narangba Valley High!

Congratulations also to all the award recipients! We as a school utilize a vigorous behavioural support policy with a focus on maintaining an effective learning environment, quality relationships, school uniforms and issues of punctuality and attendance. Parents are required to actively engage with the school's policies in these areas and ensure your child is prepared with the correct attitude, resources, uniforms and organisation to meet school policies and expectations. I would be pleased to discuss these with you if clarification is required.

Parents also please note that as we start to wrap up the 2008 school year, thought should be given to preparing for 2009. This would involve ensuring subject requirements are understood so that materials and resources may be purchased in readiness for the school year to begin. Also uniforms may need to be upgraded in readiness. Students must have the full formal and sports uniforms prior to starting the school year. Best to get this organised now while our uniform shop is open for business and avoid the rush at the end of the holidays.

Also any outstanding fees and charges should be addressed to ensure there are no issues with your being able to be part of our Textbook and Hire Scheme in 2009.

Have a great fortnight!

Ross MacKay
Principal

DEPUTY NEWS

We have been back four weeks already and the time has certainly flown. It is therefore timely that I remind students that the uniform and attendance expectations have not changed and that, exams will soon be upon us and our year 12 leaders will be beginning their new journey. Still there are many fantastic events to experience over the coming weeks.

Celebration Showcase has come and passed however the sports awards will be on next Thursday 6th November from 12:45pm. Please contact the office if you would like to attend this event or return the slip in this newsletter.

The 'Endpoint' exhibition to showcase student art work is on this coming Monday from 5 to 7pm, followed on Wednesday by Music night and then on Friday our prestigious 'eNvy' awards.

Adam, Cathy, Jennifer and Sean

CANTEEN ROSTER



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| Monday - | 03/11 | Cathy & Judy |
| Tuesday - | 04/11 | Julie & Chris |
| Wednesday - | 05/11 | Sue & Betty |
| Thursday - | 06/11 | Carol, Kharla & Kaylene |
| Friday - | 07/11 | Liz |
| Monday- | 10/11 | Gayle |
| Tuesday- | 11/11 | Julie & Chris |
| Wednesday- | 12/11 | Sue & Diane |
| Thursday- | 13/11 | Carol, Kharla & Heather |
| Friday- | 14/11 | Liz |

EVENTS

SCHOOL EVENTS CALENDAR - 2008

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| 3 RD November | Yr12 Art Exhibition |
| 5 th November | Music Awards Night |
| 10 th November | SEU Transition Day |
| 10 th -17 th November | Yr12 Exam Block |
| 11 th November | ILC Maths Excursion |

CASH RECEIPTING PROCESSES FOR PARENTS

For your convenience parents payments are now only accepted at the main office Parent Foyer between the hours of 8.00am - 3.00pm.

Between 1.30pm – 2.30pm we cannot accept Direct Credit through Debit Card accounts on EFTPOS.



Students will continue to make payments at the cashier window before school, and during first and second break.

UNIFORM SHOP

Get in early for 2009. Most uniform items are in stock for you to purchase now and beat the price increase that will happen in 2009. Please read the Uniform Policy carefully before purchasing items. This can be found in your child's diary or a copy is available from the Uniform Shop.

The Uniform Shop is open at the following times.

UNIFORM SHOP CLOSED THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER

REGULAR HOURS

TUESDAY
8.00 — 10.00
WEDNESDAY
1.00 — 3.00
THURSDAY
1.00 — 3.00

BACK-TO-SCHOOL HOURS

2008

SAT. 6 Dec.
9.00 — 12.00

2009

TUES/WED 20 & 21 Jan.
9.00 — 3.00
THURS. 22 Jan.
9.00 — 3.00
SAT. 24 Jan.
9.00 — 3.00
TUES/FRI 27 & 30 Jan
8.00 — 10.00
WED/THUR 28 & 29 Jan
8.00 — 10.00
and 1.00 — 3.00

There are various ways uniforms can be purchased these are:-

Uniform Shop is open for parents in the hours mentioned above.

Students can access the Uniform Shop at 11.00am (first break) every day.

Parents can phone 3385 4502, order and pay by credit card for student to collect.

You can order online

(www.narangbavalleyshs.eq.edu.au). Payment can then be made in person or over the phone as above. Ordering for back-to-school can be done on an order form available from the Uniform Shop.

STATIONERY

Stationery lists for 2009 have now gone out to students. Please complete the appropriate form and return **with payment** to either the Uniform Shop or the office. Payment can only be made by credit card, cheque or money order. **NO CASH CAN BE ACCEPTED.**

If your child did not receive a stationery list, copies are available from the Uniform Shop or the office.

If you require a Year 8 stationery list these, are available from the Uniform Shop, Office or the Office of your Primary School.

If you have any queries regarding uniforms or stationery please phone 3385 4502.

Thank You
Robyn

YEAR 12'S SET TO RAAP UP THEIR SCHOOLING

Recently, Year 12 students participated in the RAAP (Road Awareness and Accident Prevention) Program. Members of the local Fire and Rescue Service came to the school and gave a presentation showing students what really happens in road accidents.

A 'jaws of life' demonstration was followed by group workshops in which students were able to ask questions and gain insight into the work performed by the Rescue Services, as well as the importance of road safety.

This eye-opening presentation had a profound impact on many students, confronting them with the realities of dangerous driving. As our Year 12 students prepare to begin their lives after high school, we hope they will take the lessons of the RAAP program with them and stay safe on the road.

PARENTS TAKE NOTE - IMPORTANT!

Textbook & Resource Hire Scheme Fees and Agreements.

Could all families please return the consent forms promptly if you wish to participate in the scheme for 2009. Those families who do not return their forms or notify the office that they do not wish to participate will be required to provide all textbooks and resources that are included in the scheme for their child's class subjects for the 2009 school year. These textbook lists will be available upon request prior to the end of term.

The various curriculum departments have been busy ordering textbooks for 2009. Some are new titles and others are to replenish old stock in preparation for 2009. The fees for the Textbook & Resource Hire Scheme cover the expense the school outlays to purchase the text. Families who have payment plans in place for 2008 are asked to finalise these as soon as possible; parents who have indicated that they wish to be a part of the scheme for 2009 are asked to pay the fee as soon as possible.

Statements of fees will be sent home at the commencement of November with new Textbook & Resource Hire Forms for those families the school has not received a response from. All families have been invoiced for the 2009 scheme and this will be on the current statement unless the fee has already been paid in advance.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

SENIOR SCHOOLING NEWS

Term 4 is a very busy and important time for students in the Senior School. It is vital that students put in their best effort right up until the end of the year. If you are feeling the pressure of exam stress or are considering your career options, there are plenty of support people you can talk to and websites you can access. The Senior Schooling department wishes all students the best with their up-coming exams!

Support for Senior students:

There are a number of online resources available to support Senior students manage the stress of studying for their end-of-year exams and planning for their futures and careers.

To access these articles go to:

Beat exam stress

http://www.careerfaqs.com.au/studentcentre001_survival_guide.asp

The holidays can wait ...

http://www.careerfaqs.com.au/studentcentre002_holidays_can_wait.asp

'My first resume' and 'Resume writing tips for teens' which could be useful for students who might want to apply for jobs over the holidays.

http://www.careerfaqs.com.au/getthatjob_my_first_resume.shtml

http://www.careerfaqs.com.au/getthatjob_after_school_work.asp

According to some of the top recruiters in Australia, one of the most important things that a person can do is present a professional, well designed resume. It doesn't happen that often – so resumes that are well prepared work wonders!

You can also make an appointment with the Guidance Officer, school nurse or Senior Schooling HOD if you would like to talk about any of these issues.

It's not too late for university scholarships:

Any Year 12 student who is thinking of going to university next year should apply for an equity scholarship, preferably before the end of October.

These scholarships are specifically targeted at students who might struggle with the costs of study; they are available at all universities; there are many thousands available; and there's only one form to fill out (on the QTAC website).

(For example, at QUT alone, there will be about \$9m in scholarships and bursaries for low-income students in 2009, and over the last 2 years, about 80% of scholarship applicants have been successful.)

Go to www.qtac.edu.au and click on the scholarship tab.

It's also not too late for the QUT OP bonus:

If any Year 12 student has QUT listed as one of their choices for next year, they should apply for an OP bonus (of an additional 3 OPs). Subject prerequisites apply.

Called the Q-Step program, QUT advises that applications are still being taken and that they are keen for you to make contact. Email gstep@qut.com; phone 3138 3731; website – go to www.qut.edu.au and search for "Q-Step".

(Application forms are also available from the Guidance Officer.)

As well as the OP bonus, successful Q-Step applicants are also guaranteed a scholarship at QUT.

Miss Bratby,
Senior Schooling Head of Department.

VET SCHOLARSHIP SUCCESS

Congratulations to Claire Wendt (Year 12) who was the successful recipient of the Hospitality Training Association (HTA) Scholarship for 2009 to study a Diploma of Hospitality Management. The recipients were announced during a formal dinner held in Illusions Restaurant at the Hospitality Training Association on Tuesday, 28 October.



The HTA is one of Australia's most respected and successful Hospitality training providers and therefore will provide Claire with great training and fantastic career opportunities.

The successful scholarship recipients addressed a selection criteria and were interviewed by a three-person panel of industry professionals which was quite a rigorous process. The scholarship is worth \$18000 and covers all course work, uniforms and tools.

Congratulations Claire, and best of luck in your career in the Hospitality Industry.

Carolyn Speers
HOD Senior Schooling (Home Ec/VET)

NVSHS SPORTS AWARDS

On Thursday the 6th November we will be acknowledging the success of our students in the sporting arena. This event will start at 12:45pm in the PALACE. Parents of award recipients are more than welcome to attend and would have recently received their invitation. Please notify administration staff of your intention to attend.

Students who have been involved in school sport throughout 2008 are also invited to support their fellow athletes; however students wishing to attend

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who are not receiving an award must return the RSVP to the administration by the 4th November.



SPORTS AWARDS RSVP

STUDENT NAME:

SPORT:

TERM:

TEACHER:
