

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to the staff and students who have made me welcome to the school community.

As you may be aware my permanent position is Principal at Miami State High School and I am happy to support the school with leadership until a permanent Principal is selected.

The school has opened with an enrolment of 1101 with year levels as follows –

Year 8	170
Year 9	241
Year 10	243
Year 11	244
Year 12	202.

By gender, we have 560 boys and 551 girls which is a pleasing balance.

Over pursuing weeks I will be keen to talk with as many teachers, parents and students as possible to gauge school priorities for 2009. Many issues have already been identified in the school's Annual Operation Plan and rest assured these will be pursued.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to raise any issues regarding your student.

Regards
Jim Baker
Principal

SENIOR LEADER INDUCTION CEREMONY

Our Senior Leader Induction Ceremony for 2009 will be held next Wednesday 25 February at the whole school assembly. Parents of our 2009 Senior Leaders are invited to attend the Ceremony. Parents attending are asked to RSVP.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 25 February –
Senior Leader Induction Ceremony
First Round of Interschool Sport

Monday 2 March –
Canoe Camp (All Week)

Tuesday 3 March –
Student and Staff Mediation Training

Tuesday 10 March –
University Showcase for Year 12
Students

Friday 20 March –
Immunisations for Years 8 and 10



SCHOOL TRAVEL CODE OF CONDUCT

By way of example, the Codes of Conduct for both Queensland and New South Wales set our prescribed standards of behaviours and examples of how your child can meet these standards.

These areas include:

- Respect other people and property.
- Be responsible for their attitude and actions.
- Wait for the bus in an orderly manner.
- **Show their travel ticket/bus pass (and ID upon request).**
- Whilst on the bus, conduct yourself in an orderly manner (eg no use of offensive language/fighting/spitting or bullying. Do not throw any article around or from the bus.).
- Use designated stops.
- When alighting from bus, do so in an orderly manner.
- In case of emergency or breakdown, follow the driver's directions.

A brochure outlining the Code of Conduct and detailing students' and parents' responsibilities is available from Surfside by visiting the website www.surfside.com.au.

SCIENCE NEWS

Elanora State High School's first cohort of GriffChem students are well on their way to gaining early entry to Griffith University Science courses after successfully completing the first step in the GriffChem program.



Ten students gained entry to the Year 12 portion of the program by achieving at least 65% in the end of year University set test. The GriffChem concept is to build in a first year university Chemistry course into the school's own Senior Chemistry program. Students who successfully complete the course will gain automatic entry to Griffith University Science courses in 2010, and also get credit for first year Chemistry. This will save them time and stress in first year, and also HECS fees for their degree!

Congratulations to the following students:
Tayla Tatzenko, James Howie, Georgia Dal Broi, Bryce Leath, Cody Waldon, Daniela Sunde-Brown, Chris Thornley, Leigh Payne, James Bagnat and Alex Connolly.

In 2009, Year 11 students will be able to participate in both GriffChem, and GriffPhys, a parallel program for Physics students. For information talk to your friendly senior science teacher or call the school.

Cameron Murray
HOD – Science and Design Technology

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

Defence Technical Scholarships –

If you are interested in pursuing a technical trade, a Defence Technical Scholarship could be the head start you need. Not only will you receive \$2 000 for Year 11 or \$3 000 for Year 12, a DTS Scholarship also helps you study for your dream tech trade career. For more information see the Guidance Officer or visit www.defencejobs.gov.au/DTS

NEWS FROM THE INDUSTRY LIAISON OFFICER

Traineeships Available –

- ❖ Hospitality based at a café/catering business at Burleigh Heads.
- ❖ Hospitality at a local pizza business.
- ❖ Traineeships in Business Administration, Dental Assistant and Childcare at various locations.

Casual Position Available –

A local organic grocery store is looking to employ students for after school and weekend work in retail and hospitality.

Certificate III in Companion Animals –



Pacific Pines State High in conjunction with TAFE and the Animal Welfare League at Coombabah will commence this course towards the end of Term 1. As students will be required to attend on Mondays from 8.00am – 3.00pm for 2 years, **this course is only available to Year 11 students.**

Most of the course will be delivered at Coombabah, but some weeks students will attend Pacific Pines High for lessons and computer use. The cost of the course is \$300 + \$20 to Pacific Pines High for ID and printing. Students **MUST** arrange their own transport. Applications close 23 February.

For more information and application forms for any of the above, please see Jan Hargrave in G Block.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SURFING @ THE LIBRARY WITH WAYNE BARTHOLOMEW –

Wednesday 25 February 4.00pm – 5.00pm at the Elanora Branch Library, Pines Shopping Centre – book your seat now to hear world professional surfing pioneer Wayne ‘Rabbit’ Bartholomew’s insights into life on the pro circuit and how surfing has changed since his first world title in 1978. Phone 5581 1671 to secure a place.

OUTWARD BOUND AUSTRALIA – S.E. QLD ASPIRING LEADERS COURSE –



This program is designed to challenge and inspire young leaders aged 15 – 18 years to take the initiative and lead our society. The 7 day camp will be held from Sunday 28 June to Saturday 4 July at Toonumbar National Park and will consist of a combination of residential-style workshops and wilderness journeys relating to leadership. Activities covered include high ropes course, bush navigation/expeditions and a combination of other indoor and outdoor activities. Students must provide personal clothing. For further details contact Outward Bound Regional Partnerships on 02 6235 5755 or visit www.outwardbound.org.au. Applications close 3 April 2009.

IMMUNISATION PROGRAM

The Gold Coast City Council will again be conducting the annual School Based Immunisation Program on behalf of the Australian Government. This program is for Year 8 and 10 students.

Information and Consent Forms will be sent home with Years 8 and 10 students on Monday. Each pack will contain a **reply paid envelope for parents to return the completed forms directly to the Council.**

The program will commence on 20 March 2009 with the Year 8 students – Hepatitis B and Chickenpox for male students and Hepatitis B and HPV (Human Papillomavirus) for female students. Please note that students do not require the Chickenpox (Varicella) immunisation if they have already had Chickenpox.

Future anticipated dates are –

22 May 2009 –

- Year 8 female students – HPV and Chickenpox
- Year 10 male and female students – Boostrix (Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis).

9 October 2009 –

- Year 8 male students – Hepatitis B (and Chickenpox if missed first visit)
- Year 8 female students – Hepatitis B and HPV
- Year 10 – any students missed in the second visit.



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SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS**