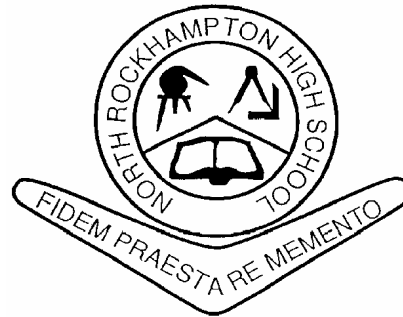


# North Rockhampton State High School

## PROSPECTUS 2007



*"An excellent school for the Rockhampton Community"*



North Rockhampton State High School will work within its school community, with parents and with the wider community to develop students who:

- are happy and self confident
- are able to communicate well with others
- have essential skills including literacy and numeracy
- can think divergently and creatively
- show respect for self and others
- can adapt to a changing world
- use their individual talents positively
- value learning
- have high expectations, and work consistently towards achieving them

**LEARNING**

**CONFIDENCE**

**COMMUNICATION**

**CARING**

**A CHANGING WORLD**



## **NORTH ROCKHAMPTON HIGH'S CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

Our Code of Behaviour sets out to encourage positive behaviours so that our school is a pleasant, productive and safe place in which to work.

Underpinning our interactions is the principle of mutual respect and this is reflected in the Code:

### **At North Rockhampton High all members of the school community have:**

- The right to a teaching/learning environment free of disruption
- The right to be treated fairly and their property respected
- The right to work in a clean and safe environment
- The right to contribute as a valued member of the school community.

### **At North Rockhampton High all members of the school community should:**

- Be responsible for their own behaviour
- Be responsible for learning to the best of their ability
- Treat each other with courtesy and consideration
- Not touch the property of others
- Use their common sense
- Be co-operative at all times
- Follow safety rules
- Keep the school clean
- Contribute to the best of their ability and allow others to do likewise.

**Put simply, at North Rockhampton SHS, Learning is our priority.**

To ensure this, we must always:

- (1) Be safe
- (2) Be prepared
- (3) Let others learn
- (4) Follow instructions
- (5) Respect people's property



**Students, in your early years at North Rockhampton High you should be:**

- wearing your full school uniform neatly and proudly;
- getting to know the school's expectations and procedures;
- being actively involved in class;
- behaving and playing safely;
- looking after your classroom and playing environment;
- being respectful to staff and other students;
- becoming involved in the activities the school offers;
- feeling proud of your successes;
- feeling pleased by the successes of others;
- accepting that others may be different from you.

**Students, in your middle years at North Rockhampton High you should continue to do what is expected of younger students, but also by:**

- setting your own priorities;
- identifying your own strengths and weaknesses;
- accepting responsibility for your own behaviour;
- reminding others of their responsibilities;
- seeking out opportunities for success;
- seeking to understand the opinions of others.

**Students, in your later years at North Rockhampton High, you should be striving for all of the above, but also by:**

- demonstrating leadership and team membership qualities;
- balancing the commitments of study, work and social life;
- accepting challenges;
- seeking and using the advice of others;
- modelling behaviour for younger students;
- encouraging younger students to contribute in a positive way.

Specific school rules based on our Code are outlined in the information given to students and will be discussed and reinforced by teachers

The implementation of the **Responsible Thinking Process** is an important aspect of North Rockhampton State High School in encouraging appropriate behaviour and responsibility among students.



## COURSES

**Please note:** The school is currently undertaking a comprehensive review of the junior and senior curriculum.

### **YEAR 8**

All students study the following subjects:

English  
 French or Japanese  
 (ie continuation of Year 6/7 LOTE)  
 Study of Society and Environment  
 Mathematics  
 Science  
 Art  
 Music  
 Health & Physical Education  
 Manual Arts  
 Home Economics  
 Business Education

This is a six-month course, which leads in to students choosing options from Semester 2 onwards.

### **YEARS 8, 9 AND 10**

Students will select subjects for a one year course (July of Year 8 to June of Year 9) and then reselect a further one year course (July of Year 9 to June of Year 10). The course is divided into a group of CORE subjects plus ELECTIVES. All students will undertake CORE subjects of English and Mathematics.

1. **English**
2. **Mathematics**

In addition, students are to choose **FOUR (4)** subjects from the following list:-  
 (Some conditions apply and will be detailed at interview)

Art	Industrial Skills B
Business Enterprises, Environments & Procedures	Industrial Skills Systems
Document Design I & II	Information Technology
Drama	Japanese
Food, People & Technology	Music
Graphics	Science
HPE	Studies of Society and Environment
Industrial Skills A	Textiles & Technology
	Technology & Design



## **THE SENIOR PHASE OF LEARNING**

The final semester of Year 10 (July – December of Year 10) will include English and Mathematics core, as well as bridging subjects for transition to the senior school, consolidation of subjects. These elective subjects are designed to clearly link to Year 11 and 12 subjects.

In the Senior Year, Years 11 and 12, a student must choose **SIX (6)** Subjects.

Students should be aware that Authority-Registered subjects aren't used in the calculation of an Overall Position, which is used for Tertiary Entrance.

Students must study an English subject and at least one Maths subject.

### **AUTHORITY SUBJECTS**

English	Accounting
Japanese	Business Communication & Technology
Ancient History	Physical Education
Modern History	Home Economics
Geography	Senior Graphics
Economics	Technology Studies
Legal Studies	Tourism Studies
Mathematics A	Information Processing & Technology
Mathematics B	Information Technology Systems
Mathematics C	Drama
Chemistry	Film & Television
Physics	Music;
Biological Science	Senior Music Extension/Performance (Yr12)
Multi-Strand Science	Visual Arts

### **AUTHORITY-REGISTERED SUBJECTS**

Hospitality Practices	Consumer Mathematics
Business Procedure (Administration)	Trade & Business Mathematics
Business Procedures (Retail)	Physical Recreation
Industrial Skills (Construction)	Early Childhood Practices
Industrial Skills Engineering	Media Studies
Industrial Skills (Furnishing)	Visual Art Studies (Craft)
Industrial Skills (Practical Applications)	Visual Art Studies (Design)
English Communication	Tourism Training & Guiding
Literacy	Information & Communications Technology
Social & Community Studies	Work Readiness

*Given the changing nature of the senior curriculum across the State, some offerings may vary.*



**CO-CURRICULAR AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

- **WORK EXPERIENCE**

This is made available to individual students on a needs-basis. In many cases, students are required to undertake industry placement as a compulsory part of their course.

- **SPORT**

In addition to physical education classes, students have the opportunity to play representative sport, at school level and beyond.

North Rockhampton High fields teams in such sports as cricket, netball, volleyball, basketball, rugby league, soccer, hockey, and others. Most interschool sport is played outside of school hours.

In 2006, the S.T.E.P. (Hockey Excellence program) was introduced.

During each year, three major Carnivals are held on an Interhouse basis - Swimming (Term 1), Cross Country (Term 2) and Athletics (Term 3). Age Champion and Champion House trophies are awarded.

- **EXTENDED LEARNING PROGRAMS**

We aim to provide meaningful extension activities for students with special interests and abilities.

Extended Learning Programs are offered as part of some individual subjects and also offered across whole year levels.

In 2006, classes for higher-achieving Year 8's will operate and in Years 9 and 10, class groupings will allow for extension activities.

We also encourage students to become involved in activities which support their learning, eg the Westpac Mathematics Competition, Australian Schools' Science Quiz, Tournament of Minds and others.

- **EXCURSIONS AND SCHOOL CAMPS**

Excursions and camps are encouraged to supplement classroom learning. Where the excursion is an integral part of the course of study, students will be expected to attend. Parents/guardians will be required to complete the necessary approvals where appropriate.

- **INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

Our school has an excellent reputation for its quality instrumental music program. Instruction is available in all areas - brass, woodwind, percussion and strings. North Rockhampton High's Concert Band, Stage Band and String Orchestra are well known for their quality performance standards. Quality Music and Performing Arts facilities provide an excellent environment for students.

- **STUDENT COUNCIL**

The primary role of the Student Council is to act as a voice for the student body and to work towards its welfare. Students from all year levels are represented; committees within the Council work in particular areas, eg environment, community service and social functions.

- **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Students are encouraged to enter such contests as Apex Debating, Lions Youth of the Year, Plain Speaking, etc.

- **SCHOOL SOCIALS**

These are held regularly in the Assembly Hall. Only currently enrolled students are allowed to attend. Teacher supervision is provided; the Social Committee is responsible for organisation.

- **CULTURAL ACTIVITIES**

School Musicals and Concerts are part of the school's traditions. Students are given many opportunities to be involved to use their talents. Our various instrumental groups perform regularly both in our Performing Arts Centre and at outside venues. Excellent facilities built in 2001 enhance our Arts programs.

- **CADETS**

Students from North Rockhampton High are invited to enlist in 14RCU which is a fully supported cadet unit fostered by 42RQR. Boys and girls, 13 years to 18 years, can enlist. Training parades are held weekly and regular bivouacs occur during the year.

- **SCHOOL MAGAZINE**

The school magazine, "Bamburu", is an important chronicle of the school's activities. Students play a part in its production.



## **STUDENT SUPPORT**

### **SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES**

The Junior and Senior School assemble once per fortnight in the Assembly Hall to promote a sense of community and to herald the successes of the school. Each year level also meets once per week for the discussion of matters relating to individual groups of students.

### **LEARNING SUPPORT**

Students who require additional learning support may be given this in class via a support teacher, teacher aide, parent volunteer or student tutor. On occasion, students are withdrawn from class to be given more-individual tutoring. Courses are modified where appropriate.

Students with Education Adjustment Plans are accommodated through our large Special Education Unit.

### **HEADS OF DEPARTMENT**

North Rockhampton High has Heads of Department whose responsibility it is for all activities pertaining to his/her subject area. Heads of Department should be contacted by parents if there are any concerns regarding their student's progress in that subject area.

### **YEAR CO-ORDINATORS**

A Year Co-ordinator oversees the general progress and welfare of students within a particular level. Parents with a concern about the general progress, attitude or behaviour of their child should contact the Year Co-ordinator in the first instance.

### **GUIDANCE OFFICER**

North Rockhampton High has the services of a full-time Guidance Officer, five days per week.

The Guidance Officer assists students in the areas of educational and career planning, emotional and social support, and classroom learning guidance. She is available to meet with both students and parents and appointments can be made either directly with her or via the office or the school Administration team.

### **COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNSELLOR**

Aboriginal and Islander students in our school have the support of the Community Education Counsellor who works at North Rockhampton High up to four days per week. The Counsellor provides assistance to students both in and out of class and is an important contact for parents and community members.



### **SOCIAL WORKER**

The three State High Schools in Rockhampton share the services of a full-time Social Worker. The Social Worker is available to provide advice and support to students, to parents and to staff. Activities such as parenting and social skills programs are also coordinated by the Social Worker.

### **YOUTH WORKER**

In 2006, a Youth Worker joined our Support Team, and currently is employed for approximately two days per week to service student needs.

### **SCHOOL CHAPLAIN**

In addition to the Religious Education program which is available to students, our school has the support of a Chaplain. He is active in school life and is available to provide support and advice to students and school community members.

### **SCHOOL NURSE**

A school-based Youth Health Nurse is based at the school and is active in health promotion, working with teachers and classes. She is also available for individual consultations about health matters.

### **SCHOOL-BASED POLICE OFFICER**

A School-based police officer attends North Rockhampton State High School for 2.5 days per week. The officer works in a range of educational programs in consultation with school staff, providing a valuable community link for our students.

The school-based police officer has been supported by a Police Liaison Officer in 2006.

### **BURSARIES**

Bursaries are offered to students entering Year 8 and Year 11 and are awarded in academic, cultural and sporting fields. Bursaries cover resource scheme, school magazine, ID card, uniform and presentation folio. Applications close late in the year.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### **CARE OF STUDENTS**

#### **Sickness:**

Any student becoming ill at school must report first to Sick Bay or the Office. It is imperative that the school has a contact phone number for such emergencies. Generally, students who are admitted to Sick Bay will be sent home as soon as parents/guardians have been contacted.

#### **Accident:**

In the event of a serious accident, the ambulance will be called and, where necessary, the student will be transported either to the Base Hospital or a private doctor.

In cases where the ambulance is required, the student will be given necessary first aid and then transported. Parents will be contacted as quickly as possible.

#### **Medication:**

School staff are not permitted to administer unprescribed medication. This includes headache tablets such as Panadol, Disprin, etc.

If a student needs to take medication prescribed by a doctor during the school day and you wish school staff to administer this medication, the following procedures must be followed:

1. A parent or guardian must request the Administration, in writing, to administer the medication.
2. The dispensing pharmacist's directions for administration of the medication must be written on the container.

If these procedures are not followed, the school staff may not give the medication.

#### **Emergency Contact:**

It is important that we have current information about addresses, telephone numbers, etc. Please advise the office of any changes as soon as possible.

### **RESOURCE HIRE SCHEME**

Students are not required to purchase textbooks and equipment as the relevant books and equipment are provided on loan.

Each year, the State Government provides financial assistance to help offset textbook charges. The North Rockhampton State High School P & C Association has taken the decision to have State Government Textbook Allowance cheques paid directly to the school. As a result of this decision, parents are asked to contribute a set amount per student to enable the book and equipment hire scheme to proceed.

Full details as to how the scheme operates will be issued at the start of the school year or upon enrolment.

### **ATTENDANCE**

At higher levels, regular attendance is essential in order to satisfy course requirements. All students are to attend school on all days the school is officially open. **No student is permitted to leave the school grounds before the official end of the school day without first gaining the permission of the Administration.** Students who are absent for any period of time or are late to school **must** bring a note explaining their absence or lateness.

**A Student Absence Line has also been established so that parents can phone in information to explain absences – Phone 4924 7860 (any hour).**

**Home Groups** were initiated in mid-2006 to further monitor attendance and student progress.

### **LUNCH PASS**

All students wishing to go home for lunch require a Lunch Pass which will only be issued when requested in writing by a parent. Lunch passes should be carried by the student at all times and must be available for checking. No student may go anywhere but to his own home during the lunch hour, without the express permission of the Principal or his representative and a special pass will be issued on such occasions. Lunch passes are issued for the 10.50am – 11.30am break, but **NOT** for the 1.20pm - 1.45pm break.



### **STUDENT CONTACT DURING CLASS TIME**

Individual classrooms are not linked to the front office via an intercom system. Therefore, Administration Assistants cannot contact students during class time to deliver parental messages without leaving the office. This means that messages may take a considerable time to reach the students, especially if they are at an outside venue (eg HPE) or, in some cases, may not reach the students until the next day. In cases of extreme emergency, however, all attempts are made to contact the students as soon as possible.

### **COMMUNICATION**

Whole school assemblies are held on special occasions. Each year level holds an assembly once each week.

Newsletters are produced each fortnight. Every student is issued with a copy to take home to parents or guardians.

**A Procedures Guide is issued to each student; these guides contain information such as communication procedures, assignment policy and Code of Behaviour.**

### **REPORTS**

Interim reports are issued to students at the end of Term 1 and at the end of Term 3. A parent/teacher afternoon is held in mid Term 1 and Term 3 to enable parents to discuss their student's progress with their student's teachers.

More detailed progress reports are issued at the **end of each semester**. Parents who wish to discuss their student's progress with their teachers are invited to contact the Office to make an appointment.

### **TUCKSHOP**

The school Tuckshop operates every day; it opens from 8.30am and at break times. There is a comprehensive range of food available and so there is no need for students to leave the grounds.

Revision of tuckshop menus will be in accordance with the State Government Guidelines in nutrition and health.

Uniforms are also sold from the Tuckshop.

Parent assistance is always needed.

### **PROPERTY**

Students must not bring valuables and large sums of money to school. Money should not be left in bags.

Special storage facilities are available for instrumental music students.

A lock-up area for bicycles is provided but students still need to provide their own bike lock.

### **SCHOOL HOURS:**

#### **Please note:**

Structure of the school day is currently under review. In 2006, school hours were as follows:

#### **SCHOOL HOURS - YEARS 8, 9 AND 10**

Students should be present at school by 8.55am. Lunch hour is from 10.50 am to 11.30 am and the school day ends at 3.00pm. Only students granted special permission by the Principal or his delegate should be in the grounds prior to 8.30am or after the close of classes.

#### **SCHOOL HOURS - YEARS 11 AND 12**

The senior school will operate from 8.25am to 3.00pm. Students will be free to leave the school and pursue a range of vocation/academic interests after 1.20pm. However, some activities, eg tutorials, will be offered at the school from 1.50pm to 3.00pm. On Wednesdays, Year 11 and 12 students will work an extended day until 3.00pm. **Students in Years 11 and 12 need to be aware that things such as committee meetings, rehearsals, etc, will be held during the afternoon session (after 1.20pm). Students who expect to become involved in such areas should leave this time free from other commitments.**

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Students must wear correct school uniform when in attendance at school. Should for some reason this not be possible, a brief note of explanation is expected. The school stocks a range of uniforms and students who persistently fail to meet uniform requirements will access these uniforms on a short term loan. On certain occasions such as excursions, permission will be granted to wear appropriate clothing other than the uniform.

The full range of the correct school uniform is available at the school tuckshop. Details are outlined below:-

<b><u>PRICE LIST</u></b>	<b>(2005 Prices Shown)</b>
SCHOOL POLO (Maroon)	\$30.00
SCHOOL SHORTS (Maroon)	\$ 22.00
GIRL'S BLOUSE            10 –22	\$ 10.00
GREY SKIRT (Limited sizes)	\$ 10.00
NRHS BOMBER JACKET	\$ 35.00
NRHS SPRAY JACKET	\$ 60.00
NRHS CAPS	\$ 10.00
SCHOOL BADGES	\$ 3.50
TRACK PANTS	\$ 25.00
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CALCULATORS ( <i>Sharp EL531LHB</i> )	\$25.00
FLOPPY DISKS	\$1.00

For those parents who wish to purchase uniforms elsewhere or to make their own, a full, detailed description of the correct school uniform is available at the Tuckshop or the school Office. Secondhand uniforms are sometimes available at the Tuckshop.

Make-up and jewellery are not part of the school uniform and must not be worn. Safety and presenting oneself in a business-like manner are always considerations.

In the interests of health, safety and tidiness, students with long hair are asked to wear it tied back.

### **FOOTWEAR**

Departmental regulations forbid entry to certain classes if students are not wearing adequate footwear. All students are exposed to work in curricular areas where they may encounter serious injury to their feet either through a sharp instrument falling, or by the spilling of hot or corrosive liquids. Such areas are Manual Arts workshop, Home Economics rooms, Science laboratories and Art practical areas. In terms of Safety Standards prescribed by legislation, the Department of Education has indicated that, when working in these areas, students must have footwear providing adequate protection and covering the entire feet. Footwear such as thongs, sandals or shoes with openings at the toes or heels shall not be worn. Shoes having predominantly canvas uppers are inadequate protection.



Because students need “runner” type soles for physical education and sports, the footwear requirements in this school are a compromise ensuring safety, comfort and suitability for all school activities. Hence, the footwear requirements are runners with either leather or solid vinyl top to ensure usage in all areas as well as safety provisions. Black is the preferred colour.

### **HATS**

Caps in school colours are available at the Tuckshop.

Students should have hat protection while playing sport or doing outdoor activities. Sunscreen is available for students who request it.



## ENROLMENT PROCEDURES

With the exception of Year 7 students enrolling from primary feeder schools, all students must be enrolled via an interview with either the Principal, Deputy Principals or Guidance Officer. Present at the interview must be the student and a parent/guardian; in the case of students over 18, the presence of a parent/guardian is not essential.

Students over 18 years of age must provide a completed police check notification prior to enrolment.

Arrangements regarding Yr 7 enrolment for 2007 including issuing enrolment forms, will be organised in Term 4 in consultation with local primary schools.

A strong transition program will continue for the 2006/7 Year 7/8 group.

Students repeating a year level or enrolling after a period of absence from school or enrolling from other Rockhampton high schools must meet with the Principal.

Parents are encouraged to make appointments for interviews so that delays are avoided. Appointments will be available in the last week of the summer vacation.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

North Rockhampton High has a School Council. This Council monitors the broad direction of the school and approves key policies.

It is made up of parents, students, staff and community members.