Welcome back to the 2015 school year. A special welcome to our Year 7 and 8 students. Our recent results at North Rockhampton High have been terrific.

98% of our students in Year 12 exited with a qualification. The QCE is higher than it has ever been – over 90%. Improvements in relative gain in NAPLAN results and a great number of school based trainees and apprentices over the year. Our OP students achieved well and 70% of our students achieved an OP 1-15. The university intake was extremely successful.

This year our school priorities and programs include:

- Year 11 and 12 Bring Your Own IT device starting in Term 2. This will roll out to other cohorts next year.
- Football academy.
- Read for learning program.
- Attendance incentives and officer.
- Employment of Master Teacher and Teaching and Learning Coach
- Well-being centre
- Honours classes for academically gifted students.
- Gifted programs with the local university.

A reminder that all students need to be wearing covered black leather or vinyl shoes with short white socks. The uniform is to be worn as it was designed and unmodified. No expander piercing is accepted. Hair must be tied back from the face and not in the eyes. Students will be given detentions if they do not follow school instruction as discipline, pride and self-respect is very important to North Rockhampton High School.

Our new Year 7 and 8’s will enjoy a junior high precinct especially designed for their care and well-being. They will have their own play-ground area, fewer teachers and in most cases, a home room. Two deputy principals and a year coordinator will be looking after our younger students. If you need to talk to them please do not hesitate to contact our staff. We want your child’s experience to be filled with happy, safe and successful school memories.

I look forward to meeting as many new parents as possible over the coming weeks. Good luck to our Year 12 students who are in their final year and will be working hard to make it count. We are here to help you achieve. Please work with your teachers to make this a great year for you.

New Principal

It is with mixed feelings that I introduce a new phase for North Rockhampton High School. I have been appointed Principal Coach for the region. This position is based at District Office, Rockhampton. A letter was sent home with students informing parents/guardians of this. The new Principal will be Janet Young. Janet was a Deputy Principal of North Rockhampton High before taking on the role of Principal at Glenmore High. Janet is very familiar with our school and staff and will continue our good work here. I know you will make Janet feel very welcome in our school community.

Thank you to everyone who has worked with me throughout the past 8 years to make this the best school it can be.

JUDI NEWMAN
PRINCIPAL

New Staff Roles

Welcome to Aaron Harmsworth who will be Acting Deputy Principal for 2015. Aaron is replacing Jackie Sinclair who has relocated to Yeppoon High School.

Year level coordinators are as follows:

- Year 7/8 - Lesley Race
- Year 9 - Mycha Woodward
- Year 10 - Gailyn McCaul
- Year 11 - Deb Addison
- Year 12 - Greta Doherty

Welcome also to new staff that have joined North Rockhampton High School.

- Jeni Mair-Peut – Master Teacher
- Jo Emmerson – Pedagogy Coach
- Adam Moore – Teacher
- Rebekah Shearman – Teacher
- Samantha Heam – Teacher
- Amy Challacombe – Teacher
- Petrina Numadate – Teacher
Danielle Radel – Teacher
Gemma Donovan – Teacher
Tony Kodel – Teacher
Anne Maree Scott – Teacher
Karen Berbridge – Teacher
Sharon Stuart – Teacher
Sooraj Fowder – Teacher
Leah Vea Vea – Teacher
Paulo Picoto – Acting HPE HOD

2015 NEWSLETTERS

We are proud to inform you that we will be producing a new eNewsletter format with Schoolzine in 2015. The purpose of moving to this new format is to engage the school community more effectively and provide parents, students and the community with a more effective and content rich newsletter format.

This new format will include video, image galleries, online bookings and feedback forms, calendars and much much more.

You can subscribe to receive the eNewsletter here: http://nthrckhs.schoolzinenewletters.com/subscribe

VET

From 1 January 2015 if you are undertaking nationally recognised training delivered by a registered training organisation you will need to have Unique Student Identifier (USI). This includes studying at TAFE or with a private training organisation, completing an apprenticeship or skill set, certificate or diploma course.

Why do students need a USI?

Students will need a USI:

- so that an RTO is able to issue a statement of attainment, or certificate, for nationally recognised accredited training
- for online access to their record of enrolment and achievement for VET learning to provide evidence of their accredited VET, for example when applying for a job or further study.

To help facilitate this process, your child will need to obtain one of the following forms of evidence and provide a copy, or photograph of this, for their VET Teacher/Coordinator that clearly displays the identification number. Forms of evidence include:

- Driver’s Licence
- Medicare Card
- Australian Passport
- Visa (with Non-Australian Passport) for international students
- Birth Certificate (Australian)

VET teachers will support your child in registering for their USI during class time, however students will require one of the forms of evidence listed above to complete this process. A specific date for this information will be organised with each class, however we aim to have all USI registrations completed by the end of February.

ASSESSMENT PLANNERS

Students can now access their assessment planners by logging onto their One School account. Steps to log on:

- Log on to the One School website – https:\oslp.eq.edu.au
- Click on the dropdown box below ‘Welcome’
- Select ‘Student Course Planner’
- Select ‘Assessment’
- Select ‘Generate Report’

The Assessment Planner is a guide for when assessment is due and some dates may be changed due to unforeseen circumstances. Please contact your child’s teacher if you have any questions about assessment.

CYNTHIA O’SULLIVAN-DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

P&C NEWS

ANNUAL AGM

The P&C AGM in 2015 will be conducted on Monday 23/2/15 at 5pm in the meeting room of the Administration Block. At this meeting all current positions will be declared vacant and nominations will be taken for the executive positions for 2015.

The Annual General Meeting agenda consists of:

1. Minutes from Previous Meeting
2. Reports
3. Election of Office Bearers & Auditor
   a. President
   b. Vice President
   c. Secretary
   d. Treasurer
   e. Tuckshop Committee
   f. Auditors
4. General Business
   a. 2015 Fundraising Calendar
   b. Endorsement of new model constitution
   c. Endorsement of 2015 school levies/fees/hire agreements
5. General Meeting Agenda, following AGM
**SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS**

**Yr 10 Coordinator**

Welcome Year 10s of 2015. What an exciting year, the first year of Senior Schooling. My name is Gailyn McCaul and I am your Year Level Coordinator. I have been teaching at North Rocky for over 10 years and am passionate about our school and students. I am an approachable and fair teacher who thoroughly enjoys working with students so they can achieve their best. As coordinator, I am available to support the students with their schooling and overall wellbeing. My staffroom is situated in M block and I can be contacted by phoning the school or email gmmcca35@eq.edu.au. 2015 is going to be a great year for the 10s as they do work experience, complete their set plans and begin their journey for career development. I look forward to working with you and your students this year.

**GAILYN MCCAUL – YR 10 COORDINATOR**

**Year 11 News**

Welcome back and I hope that the first few weeks were a success. A few notes for Year 11 parents and caregivers.

*Please make sure your details are up-to-date with the school, especially email and contact number.*

*Look out for information in your emails, via text or every fortnight in this newsletter.

Any questions or concerns please contact me at daddi4@eq.edu.au or 49 247 834.

**DEBORAH ADDISON – YR 11 COORDINATOR**

**Year 12 News**

I would like to welcome all Year 12 students back for their final and most important year of school. It is going to be a busy year but hopefully a very successful one.

Our first exciting event is the Year 12 Investiture Ceremony on Friday 13th February at the Performing Arts Centre on Simpson Street. Parents and Caregivers are welcome to arrive from 9am for a 9:20am start. This event will see the Senior Leaders presented with their badges and the year 12 cohort will take the Leadership Oath.

There will be a Meet and Greet Evening for the entire Senior School (years 10-12) on Wednesday 4th February from 5:30-6:30pm at the Performing Arts Centre. I would hope that this event is supported by our year 12 families. This is the best way to get to know your child’s teachers and open up regular communication between school and home. Teachers with specialist roles will also be introduced so you know what programs are on offer to our senior students here at school and in the community.

Senior jerseys that were ordered last year were due to arrive on the first day back at school for 2015 however they have been held up but should arrive by week 3 at the latest. If students did not order a senior jersey last year and would like to purchase one they need to see Mrs Doherty before the end of week 2 (6th Feb) to complete the order form and try on the sizing kit. Payments can then be made until the 20th February.

**GRETA DOHERTY – YR 12 COORDINATOR**

**NORTH ROCKY HIGH UNIFORM**

Students proudly wearing their uniform

Costs: Senior Polo’s $39 and Long Sleeve Knit Jersey’s $71. Remember that all outstanding school fees (up to the end of year 11) must be made prior to purchasing a jersey.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate the 2015 Senior Leaders. I am sure the following students will work hard in their roles to ensure NRHS continues to be bigger and better in 2015.

**School Captains-** Laura Gilbar and Brin Lorien

**Vice Captains-** Abby Biles and John Breet

**Executive Committee-** Brooke Tranent, Sashreeka Karthi, Cameron Sanderson and Joshua Slatter


**Junior House Coordinators- Archer: Madison Barton and Beaudi Craven, Berserker: Sarah Hampton and Tristan Hodda, Fitzroy: Karla Parker and Gareth O’Dowd, Keppel: Tegan Wheeler and Nathaniel Robertson.**
**IMMUNISATION CLINICS FOR 2015**

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- dtpa (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough) |
| Year 10 | - dtpa (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough) |

| ROUND | 19/5/15 | Year 8  
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| 2 | 5/15 | - HPV (2nd dose)  
- Chickenpox  
Plus any students requiring HPV catch-up vaccinations |
| Year 10 | Plus any students requiring catch-up vaccinations |

| ROUND | 13/10/15 | Year 8  
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| 3 | 15/10/15 | - HPV (3rd dose)  
Plus any students requiring catch-up vaccinations |
| Year 10 | Any students requiring catch-up vaccinations |

Forms have been distributed to students. These forms need to be returned to Student Services by Friday 13 February.

**INFORMATION EVENING**

For parents of students wishing to attend North Rockhampton High School Year 7, 2016, an information evening will be held in the school’s library on Thursday 19 February from 5-6.30pm.

**YEAR 5/6 ENRICHMENT AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS**

Information has been sent to the primary schools regarding the Enrichment Workshop being held on Wednesday 25 February from 3.40 – 5.15pm in the Performing Arts Centre. This afternoon highlights the subjects available at North Rockhampton High School and is a fun way for young students to experience these subjects. Ask your Principal for more information.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**AUSTRALIAN NADEVY CADETS-TRAINING SHIP ROCKHAMPTON**

Recruiting for 2015

Are you between the age of 13 and 19, interested in having a go at a few new challenges, like the water, like adventure, work together in a group? Then come along and see the Navy Cadets at Training Ship Rockhampton show YOU, what YOU can get involved in. Interested students, and parents, can come along any Wednesday night, 6pm – 9pm, during the month of February, to see what they can become involved in.

Open Day will be held on Sunday 1 March, 9am – 1pm. Recruit Camp will be weekend 17-18 March.

Address details are:-  
312 Quay Street  
Rockhampton, 4700.

For more information, contact the Ship on 0417 704 580.  
Email:- co.tsrockhampton@cadetnet.gov.au

**Rockhampton Panthers AFC**

2015 sign on – Get Stated Registered Club  
Sunday 8 and Sunday 15 February  
Stockland Rockhampton (near Jay Jay’s) between 10am-4pm  
For junior boys and girls U7-U17 any new and old players welcome  
Junior training will commence Tuesday 10 February  
Rockhampton Cricket Ground 5pm-6pm

**Junior Tennis**

Rockhampton Junior Tennis Association’s coaching ($12/lesson) and fixtures ($10 weekly) commence Saturday, January 31, from 8.00 – 11.00am. Register any Saturday at Rockhampton Regional Tennis Centre, Victoria Park, or by phone on (07) 4927 1436.  
Qualified coaches and experienced supervisors employed.

**FUN KEYS**

- Piano/keyboard lessons; music theory  
- Many years teaching experience  
- Available times before and after school  
- Saturday lessons by arrangement  
- Beginners aged 5 and upwards  
- Adult lessons also welcomed  
- 30 minute individual lessons

Contact Pam Garven 0439 766 710

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*For more details, please refer to the original text.*