

North Rockhampton State High School

PROSPECTUS 2015



North Rockhampton State High School has an enrolment of approximately 1000 students and a total staff of about 120.

North Rockhampton High serves its surrounding communities of the northside of Rockhampton and smaller communities outside the city. Many students from other parts of Rockhampton also attend our school.

Our major feeder primary schools are Berserker Street, Mount Archer, Frenchville, Lakes Creek and Park Avenue. Students from many other primary schools also enrol.

Opened in 1956, North Rocky High has a proud tradition of academic, cultural and sporting success.



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State High School

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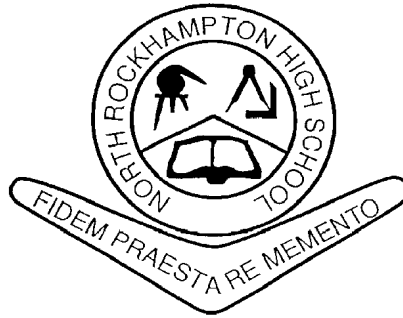
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Diversity is our strength

North Rockhampton State High School works in partnership with parents and the local community to develop students who are:

- resilient
- happy and self -confident
- divergent and creative thinkers
- adaptive to the changing world
- able to use their talents positively
- self-directed learners
- consistently working towards their goals
- demonstrating the essential multi literacy skills
- setting high expectations for themselves
- competent users of new technology
- self-disciplined and self-reflective
- OP and/or VET and/or QCE Certificate eligible

North Rockhampton State High School has a focus on the 3R's of:

- RIGOUR (Academic Depth)
- RELEVANCE (Real Life)
- RELATIONSHIPS (Social Skills)

and recognises the importance of traditional learnings grounded in a strong academic foundation.



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.




Students at North Rockhampton High should be:

- wearing 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 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;
- 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.

Senior Students at North Rockhampton High should be also:


- 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.



**At North
Rockhampton
High School**

We are learners.
We are respectful.
We are responsible.
We seek excellence.



COURSES

YEAR 7/8

All students study the following subjects:

English
Mathematics
Science
History/Geography
Health and Physical Education
Japanese

In addition to the six (6) core subjects, students will experience the following key learning areas:

Technology (*Business, Manual Arts, Home Economics and Information Technology*)
The Arts (*Music, Drama, Art*)

YEAR 9

Students will study subjects for a one year course. All students will undertake five (5) core subjects:

English
Mathematics
Science
Health and Physical Education
History/Geography

In addition to the five (5) core subjects, students will select two (2) electives from the Key Learning Areas:

Technology (*Business, Manual Arts, Home Economics and Information Technology*)
The Arts (*Music, Drama, Art*)

Each elective area will be studied for one semester.

Students will also have the option of selecting Japanese.

YEAR 10

Students will study subjects for a one year course. All students will undertake four (4) core subjects – English and Mathematics, Science and History/Geography. In



addition to the four (4) core subjects, students will select two (2) electives. Subjects offered will be introductory courses to senior schooling subjects.

WELL BEING PROGRAM

All students at North Rockhampton State High School participate in a life long learning program 7 – 12 which is underpinned by values and framed in ethics. This program helps shape the character and social fibre of our school community.

THE SENIOR PHASE OF LEARNING

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

Students should be aware that Authority-Registered subjects are not 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	Information Processing & Technology
Geography	Information Technology Systems
Legal Studies	Drama
Mathematics A	Film & Television
Mathematics B	Music
Mathematics C	Senior Music Extension/Performance (Yr 12)
Chemistry	Visual Arts
Physics	
Biological Science	

AUTHORITY-REGISTERED SUBJECTS

Hospitality	Early Childhood Practices
English Communication	Media Studies
Functional English	Visual Art Studies (Craft)
Functional Mathematics	Marine & Aquatic Practices
Pre-Vocational Mathematics	Recreational Studies
Tourism	Information Communications and Technology

VET CERTIFICATES

Certificate I in Construction
Certificate I in Furnishing
Certificate I in Engineering

Certificate II in Business
Certificate II in Hospitality

Multi-pathways individually tailored

- Completion of six (6) Authority subjects
- Authority subjects and Authority-Registered subjects
- School Based Traineeship, TAFE day, four (4) subjects
- School, TAFE, structured work experience.

CO-CURRICULAR AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- **WORK EXPERIENCE**

This is made available to individual students on a needs-basis.

- **SPORT**

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

North Rockhampton State 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.

The Sporting Talent Extension Program (STEP) is aimed at students who have shown an aptitude for training and athletic development. Sports represented, but not limited to, are hockey, rugby league, touch football and athletics. The program is based on the Long Term Athletic Development (LTAD) model that focuses on building the physical attributes of endurance, speed and core strength. STEP also assists students to balance school work, training and competition.

During each year, three major Carnivals are held on an Interhouse basis - Swimming (Term 1), Cross Country (Term 1) and Athletics (Term 2). 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 2015, classes for higher-achieving Year7/8'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, Opti-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, Middle School 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.

- **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.

STUDENT SUPPORT

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 Program.

HEADS OF DEPARTMENT

North Rockhampton High has Heads of Department whose responsibility it is for all activities pertaining to his/her subject area as well as either the Junior School or Senior School. 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 School. The Counsellor provides assistance to students both in and out of class and is an important contact for parents and community members.

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

Our school has a full time Chaplain. The Chaplain is active in school life and is available to provide support 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

At North Rockhampton High School we have a full-time SBPO appointed to our school to assist the school community and police in a variety of tasks not limited to, but including:

- *promoting positive relationships between the school community and police*
- *developing crime prevention and problem orientated initiatives, engaging community and inter-agency partnerships*
- *assisting with the understanding of law/legal process and procedures, particularly in relation to young people*
- *attending to police-related matters within the school community, where appropriate.*

BURSARIES

Bursaries are offered to Junior and Senior students and are awarded in academic, cultural, sporting and 'all rounder' fields. Bursaries cover resource scheme, 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 at Student Services. 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). Alternatively, an email can be sent to absences@nthrckshs.eq.edu.au.

Text messages are sent home when your child has been marked absent from home group without an explanation. Home group is from 9am to 9.10am every morning and this is the official roll. At around 11am, once all home group rolls have been marked and our absence lines cleared, the Rolls Officer will start the process of sending out text messages. If your child has been marked absent, you will receive a text message like this:

North Rockhampton SHS “today’s date” “student name” was absent from home group.

To explain this absence you can email or phone the absence line OR you can press REPLY on your text message. If replying to the text message, type in the student’s name and reason for absence. eg John Doe is sick.

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 her representative and a special pass will be issued on such occasions. Lunch passes are issued for the 11:05am – 11:45am break, but NOT for the 1:35pm – 2:05pm break.

STUDENT CONTACT DURING CLASS TIME

Individual classrooms are not linked to the front office via an intercom system. Therefore, Administration Officers 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, all attempts are made to contact the students as soon as possible.

PHONE POLICY

Phones, MP3 players and other technological devices can cause significant disruption to the learning and teaching rights of others.

This situation has led us to put in place firm rules and boundaries around the use of recording devices and phones (refer separate brochure).

COMMUNICATION

Each year level holds an assembly once each week.

Whole of School Parades are held regularly to celebrate individual and school successes.

Newsletters are produced each fortnight. Newsletters are available on the school website - nthrckshs.eq.edu.au. There are also hard copies available at Student Services.

A Student Planner is issued to each student; these planners contain information such as communication procedures, assignment policy and Code of Behaviour.

REPORTS

Mid Semester 1 progress reports are emailed at the end of Term 1. A more detailed report will be emailed at the end of Semester 1 and 2. Hardcopies will be available for students' without email access. Parents who wish to discuss their student's progress with their teachers are invited to contact the Office to make an appointment.

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.

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.

Parent assistance is always needed and appreciated.

SCHOOL HOURS:**LESSON TIMES**

Lesson	Time
Home Group	9:00 – 9:10am
Lesson 1	9:10 – 10:10am
Lesson 2	10:10 – 11:05am
First Lunch	11:05 – 11:45pm
Lesson 3	11:45 – 12:40pm
Lesson 4	12:40 – 1:35pm
Second Lunch	1:35 – 2:05pm
Lesson 5	2:05 – 3:00pm

SCHOOL HOURS

Students should be present at school by 8:55am. Lunch hour is from 11:05am to 11:45am and the school day ends at 3:00pm. Only students granted special permission by the Principal or her delegate should be in the grounds prior to 8:30am or after the close of classes. After school schedule includes eg music practice, sports coaching, tutorials, Homework Club, etc.

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. Students who persistently fail to meet uniform requirements will access these uniforms on a short term loan. On certain occasions such as excursions, permission may be granted to wear appropriate clothing other than the uniform.

North Rockhampton High School uniform includes the following items:

- Unisex polo shirt and unisex sport shorts – can be worn any day
- Day pants as another option to wear with polo shirt
- Formal uniform for girls and boys
- Tracksuit
- Jumper and long pants
- Bucket hat

Uniforms are available at the North Rockhampton State High School Uniform Shop between 8:00am – 10:00am daily.

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, Hospitality areas, Science laboratories and Art practical areas. In terms of Safety Standards prescribed by legislation, the Department of Education and Training has indicated that, when working in these areas, students must have footwear providing adequate protection and covering the entire feet. Closed leather shoes or joggers are appropriate footwear for school life. 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 eg Jiffies, tennis shoes.

ENROLMENT PROCEDURES

All students must be enrolled via an interview with either the Principal, a Deputy Principal or Year Coordinators. 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.

Parents are encouraged to make appointments for interviews from Tuesday 22 April 2014.

Yr 6/7 enrolment interviews, for Yr7/ 8 2015, will be held from Wednesday 30 April 2014.

A strong transition program will continue for the 2014/15 Year 6/7/8 group. Further details will be arranged in consultation with local primary schools.

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.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

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

The School Council is made up of parents, students, staff and community members.

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***You are always welcome at
North Rockhampton High.***

Through being involved in the school's activities and in the Parents and Citizens' Association, you can shape the direction our school takes.

By being in regular contact with teachers about your student's progress, we can keep each other in touch and work towards successes. We look forward to seeing you.

Our Parents and Citizens' Association meets on the 4th Monday night, of each month, 5-7pm, in the Administration Office Conference Room.