

NORTH HIGH NEWS



Issue 2

19th February 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Difficult to believe, but we are almost half way through Term 1. Congratulations and thanks to all the Year 10, 11 & 12 parents who attended the information sessions this week – we will email copies of the presentation to everyone. Junior swimming carnival was postponed today due to wet weather. We intend to run the carnival on Thursday next week. Senior swimming carnival remains Friday next week – obviously dependent upon the weather.

Year 7's – there was a change in immunisation dates. It is now confirmed – Friday 30th April (Term 2).

School photos – just wanted to congratulate everyone on overall presentation for photos. It was wonderful to see students in correct uniform, looking so smart.

Uniform – a gentle reminder regarding appropriate shoes and socks. Shoes must be mainly black, white or royal blue – NOT red, green or rainbow. Socks are to be ankle socks – black or white, without logos, other than Mackay North. Please support the school by ensuring correct uniform.

Congratulations to Bradley Ahwang (Year 7) – Bradley was selected as recipient of the 'NAIDOC Medal of Excellence' – one of only 25 awarded across the state. Details of Bradley's achievement was included in the Prime Ministers NAIDOC Week Final Report – quite an achievement – and worth recognising. Well done Bradley.

Literacy - Literacy is vital to ensuring your child has the best chance to succeed in their schooling and everyday life. Literacy allows us to make sense of a range of written, visual and spoken texts including books, newspapers, magazines, timetables, television and radio programs, signs, maps, conversations and instructions. All areas of school have a literacy focus.



HOW TO SUPPORT LITERACY

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• valuing and encouraging your child's efforts with literacy• sharing your knowledge and explaining how you use literacy in your everyday life• encouraging your child to read and view a variety of texts such as newspapers, novels, comics, magazines, websites, email, timetables, instructions and recipes• encouraging your child to write and design for a variety of purposes using print and electronic resources – invitations, thank you notes, shopping lists, messages, journals and electronic slide shows• playing games that develop knowledge and enjoyment of words | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• encouraging your child to speak and listen for a variety of purposes – sharing a joke, giving instructions or asking for information• talking about things that you have read or viewed that were amusing, interesting or useful• discussing how texts look different depending on the purpose and audience for example, text messaging uses different spelling from school projects• discussing new and unusual words or phrases and exploring these through print and electronic dictionaries• making use of community resources for information, local and school libraries, clubs, community groups and websites. |
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Important Dates

Year 11 Informal	25 February
Swimming Carnival—Senior	26 February
Inter School Chess Tournament	01 March
Year 12 - Mocktail	12 March

From the Principal - Continued



2021 Student Leadership Team -

Congratulations to our 2021 student leadership team, who this week were inducted into their positions. We are immensely proud of these young people. Further details on the leadership team and investiture are included in this edition.

Carparks -

Please note that there is **NO** public parking available on school grounds. Please be aware that the pool carpark will be locked in an afternoon to stop parents attempting to pick up students from that area. The amount of traffic attempting to move through those areas is now a safety issue. Parents also note that the area at the end of Valley street (near the pool) is NOT a pick up area. You are causing disruption to the bus services and the residents in the area.



Catherine Rolfe
Principal

2021 Lions Youth of the Year Quest



This week, two Year 12 students, Charlotte Meads and Finn Mohan, took part in the 2021 Lions Youth of the Year Quest at the Northern Beaches Bowls Club.

The competition saw the students undertake a half hour interview with the judging panel. This was followed by a public speaking competition in which each student delivered two impromptu speeches and a prepared speech.

Both Charlotte and Finn agree that the experience was an excellent learning experience. They proved to be excellent ambassadors for the school and both acquitted themselves very well in the competition.

Congratulations goes to both students for the positive way they represented their families and the school.



Investiture Assembly 2021

Mackay North SHS Leadership Investiture Assembly 2021

Mackay North State High School leaders for 2021 were presented with their leadership badges at a special investiture assembly in their school hall on Thursday, 18 February.

The investiture assembly was chaired by the school's Senior Schooling Head of Department, Mr Dedan Daniel, who congratulated the senior school leaders on attaining the positions of School Captain, Student Council Executive and House Captain.

North High Principal, Mrs Catherine Rolfe, presented badges to 2021 school captains, Caitlin Lauga and Joseph Garcia, each of whom then delivered their first address to the school body. Mrs Rolfe also announced that the 2020 School Dux was Grace Alexander.

Student Council Executive badges were presented by Senior Coordinator, Mrs Karen Cridland. House Captains and Vice Captains were presented badges by Senior Co-ordinators, Mrs Laura McCubben and Mr Michael Goodwin.

Mackay North State High School leaders for 2021 are:

School Captains:

Caitlin Lauga / Joseph Garcia

Student Council Executive:

Neil Lagos, Aiden Catterall, Jack McCubben, Shaye Plumley, Charlotte Meads, Tara Forbes.

House Captains:

Bagley: Kya Goedhart-Bassett / Caleb Bradford (Captains), Aaliyah Sebastian / Zac Sanim (Vice Captains)

Fitzgerald: Bella Dunne / Philip Collins (Captains), Claudia O'Neill / Cameron Dhu (Vice Captains)

Norris: Dakota Cairns / Ella Jackson (Captains), Imogen Boucher / Harrison Holmes (Vice Captains)

Spiller: Libby Surha / Joshua Wilson (Captains), Madeline Craig / Alana Gee (Vice Captains)

School Captains and Student Council Leaders for 2021:

Neil Lagos, Aiden Catterall, Jack McCubben (Student Council Leaders)
Joseph Garcia, Caitlin Lauga (School Captains)
Shaye Plumley, Charlotte Meads, Tara Forbes (Student Council Leaders)



BAGLEY

From Left:

Zac Sanim (Vice Captain)
Kya Goedhart-Bassett (Captain)
Caleb Bradford (Captain)
Aaliyah Sebastian (Vice Captain)



FITZGERALD

From Left:

Cameron Dhu (Vice Captain)
Philip Collins (Captain)
Bella Dunne (Captain)
Claudia O'Neill (Vice Captain)



NORRIS

From Left:

Harrison Holmes (Vice Captain)
Ella Jackson (Captain)
Dakota Cairns (Captain)
Imogen Boucher (Vice Captain)



SPILLER

From Left:

Madeline Craig (Vice Captain)
Joshua Wilson (Captain)
Libby Surha (Captain)
Alana Gee (Vice Captain)



STYMIE

Mackay North State High School utilises the resource of STYMIE, a social media anti bullying anonymously. Stymie.com.au encourages students to support their peers by making anonymous notifications through their site.

These notifications will be about other students who are being bullied or experiencing harm at MNSHS.

Students can also make notifications about illegal activity and any other kind of harm to the school community. The notifications can include evidence such as screen shots of Facebook conversations or text messages and are automatically forwarded to the school administration at MNSHS. The first conversation the Administration will have, will be with the student who is experiencing harm - they will know they are not alone.

Mackay North State High School is committed to supporting all students in being able to make positive choices about bullying and harm in our community.

On Tuesday 16th February the Year 7 - 10 students had a STYMIE presentation by Michael Feh. The students were confronted with some real life stories about experiences to help in reporting through stymie.com.au to keep students and the school safe.

Please take the opportunity to talk to your child about the presentation they experienced.



This year the North High Design Technology Department are again running the F1 in Schools program as an extra-curricular activity for students in grades 7, 8 & 9. This program will see students use computer drafting software to design and 3D model a small F1 car that is powered by a CO2 canister. They will also operate a computer controlled milling machine to cut their model, a 3D printer to print components and graphic technology to detail their cars. This all culminates in a regional state, national and world final series (in 2019 North High placed 9th at the World Finals in Abu Dhabi). It is an excellent program that exposes students to some high-end technology.



The program will run each Wednesday afternoon from 3:15 to 4:15 pm and Friday second lunch in the Technology lab 903. We will begin the sessions in week 5 (24th February) and continue them until the beginning of semester two. The regional competition will be held early in term 3 (Normally mid August).

After regional Finals there is a possibility of the students being selected represent the region at the State Finals which is normally held in late October or early November. There will be a further cost to participate in this event.

Letters of interest have been emailed to all students and hard copies are available from the Design Technology Staffroom in 1100 block. Any questions, please feel free to contact Mr Rowan Cahill via the school office on 49631666 or email rlcaho@eq.edu.au.

Performing Arts News

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM 2021

All lessons began last week and were very successful – an extremely smooth and productive start to this year! Students were generally well prepared and worked very effectively. Now that the instrumental lessons have begun, **ALL** students are expected to be practising consistently.

MARCHING BAND TRIP TO BRISBANE

Again this year, our school has been invited to participate in the ANZAC commemoration in Brisbane. This will be our 26th year of involvement and again, we have been greatly honoured in this year's ceremony. Because of COVID, the event is taking the form of an invitation-only state ceremony at the Brisbane Exhibition grounds. **We are the only non-defence force band invited**, and we will be welcoming the Queensland Governor and invited guests to the gala event. As well, we have been given the honour of playing for the vice regal salute and our principal trumpeter, Jack McCubben, has been asked to perform the Last Post and Reveille for the state ceremony – the first time in history that a non-professional, non-defence force trumpeter has been asked! A big congratulations to Jack – we know that he will do us proud!

I will be giving out the letters next week to the senior and junior band members and the continuing Year 9 – 12 flag bearers. Other students will be given theirs as numbers become available. Students need to pay their \$100 deposit and return all their paperwork as soon as possible. The rest of the payment is due by **Friday, March 26**, which is also the deadline for trip participants to pay the \$60.00 instrumental levy and the school fees (or enter into a payment arrangement with the office). Please note that there are **FIVE** mandatory rehearsals for Brisbane. **They are Friday, March 19; Friday, March 26; Monday April 19; Tuesday, April 20 and Thursday, April 22 – all from 3.00 – 4.30pm.**

Marching band students participating in the Brisbane trip will need full cultural uniform by the end of this term, plus the marching band polo shirt (there are some second hand ones for \$20.00 available for sale in the Music Department). Uniform Solutions stocks all cultural uniform requirements as well as the marching band polo shirt.

VOCAL GROUP – CRESCENDO

Our very popular vocal group, Crescendo, began rehearsals for the year on Wednesday afternoon this week and these rehearsals continue every Wednesday afternoon from 3.00 – 4.00pm in Music Room 1401. No audition is required – students are accepted if they enjoy singing and are prepared to attend all rehearsals and performances, plus purchase the full cultural uniform. The group comprises students from Year 7 – 12.

Kathy George
HOD Performing arts

CULTURAL CALENDAR - 2021

Feb 8 Instrumental Programs Lessons Begin (Brass/Woodwind/Percussion Yrs 7-12)	June 8 Twilight Concert	Aug 11-22 Eisteddfod
Feb 15 All Bands/Ensembles begin	June 25 Variety Concert	Aug 27-29 State Honours Program
Feb 18 Senior Leader Investiture— Period 1 (2020 Senior Band members)	June 26-27 Aussie Gold Cheer Competition	Sept 7 Showcase Concert
April 22-27 Marching Band Trip - Brisbane	July 24 Lions Sugartime Rock Pop Mime	Oct 20 Awards Night
May 15-16 Australian Pinnacle Dance Challenge	Aug 5 Junior Parade	Nov 3 String Orientation
May 21 Fair (Jnr Secondary Concert & Stage Band)	Aug 10 Dance Showcase Evening	Nov 3 Scholarship Presentation



Mackay North State High

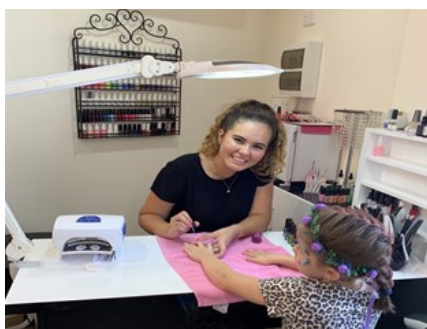
Work Experience Program 2021

Work Experience gives students in years 10 to 12 the opportunity to gain real life insight into possible job and career options and in turn, enhance confidence to develop the 21st century skills required for future employment.

Through Work Experience, you are able to try out potential careers and see if they live up to expectations *before* you commit years of your life to pursuing them. You'll spend a few days getting a feel for what the real workplace is like, plus you can ask questions to help refine your study options.

If you're not sure how to find work experience, or want to learn more about the possibilities available, your Youth Support Coordinators are here to help. We can give you all the facts, so you can find a placement that suits you and your career ambitions plus make the most of your experience.

For further information contact Robyn Iorio on 4963 1741 or email riori1@eq.edu.au



From the Art Department



Year 12 VAP Students are studying Body Decoration and Adornment this term. Initially they have to create 2 mixed media designs in their books; 1 tribal and 1 carnivale.

Pictured are successful tribal designs by Abby Romagnolo, Teegan Gorro and Rosanna Favini

After this students will make a mask from scratch using plaster to create the base form, adding armature and decorative surfaces.

PAPER PLANE MAKING COMPETITION

MONDAY 22nd (week 5) 2nd LUNCH in the hall

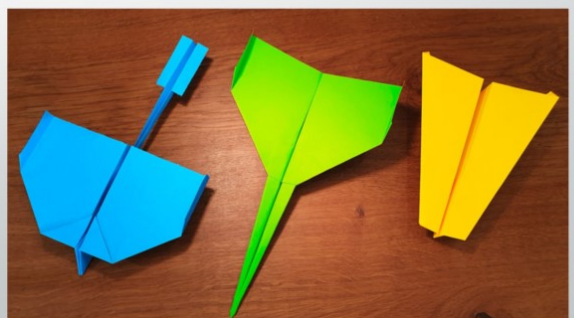
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Write your NAME on your plane.

1 plane per person.

- Distance flight
- Best design

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Community Notices



INSPIRING HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TO SOLVE PROBLEMS WITH TECH AND A.I.

A COLLABORATION BETWEEN

Microsoft GIRL GEEK ACADEMY

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN AMAZING THINGS AND MEET SOME NEW FRIENDS?

All our classes are beginner friendly, and are set up so you can go at your own pace - no need to worry about getting left behind. And if you're tech talented, you can move ahead as fast as you like.

Designed specifically for high school girls*, we'll hang out, meet new mates, and learn a new tech skill every Monday afternoon from 4:30-6:00pm (AEDT), totally free. We'd love you to join us!



GET YOURSELF A GIRL GANG!

During the workshop sessions, you'll be able to chat with many other girls* participating from all over Australia.

Keen on making your own video game? Let's do it. Got code questions? We've got you covered. Curious about Artificial Intelligence? So are we.

WHERE: Online classes from wherever you are!

COST: Thanks to our program partners this workshop is FREE!

FREE WORKSHOPS

Register at girlgeekacademy.com/microsoft

*We warmly welcome anyone who identifies as a woman or non-binary.



POSITION VACANT

CASUAL CLEANER REQUIRED

Must have a Working with Children Blue Card.

If interested, please email your resume to Tanya Fatnowna tfatn4@eq.edu.au

If you are unable to email, please drop your resume into the office administration building, Valley Street North Mackay.

Please do not hesitate to contact Tanya on 49631 610 if you have any questions.

KEY SOLUTIONS & MACKAY HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Family Race Day

\$5 from every ticket sold goes to MHF and our local children's wards at Mackay & Proserpine Base Hospitals

Saturday 20th February 2021 - 11AM

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