

Friday 4th November 2022



#### From The Principals

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#### **Kelsey Oakes - Secondary Principal**

#### **Secondary News**

This week marks the midway point of Term 4. Who can believe that there are only 51 days until Christmas! This means students across Years 7 - 10 are heading closer towards the completion of assessment tasks and exams. I encourage all students to work hard as their assessment approaches to achieve the best outcomes for their Semester 2 report. It is important students are taking on board feedback provided by teachers during formative assessment and at draft assessment checkpoints. This feedback will help students identify ways in which they can improve their work in readiness for exams and the final submission of assignments.

Our Year 11 students have recently completed Unit 2 for most learning areas. This means they have now officially moved into Year 12 work for the majority of subjects. Students will complete their first Year 12 Internal Assessment (IA1) before the end of the term in some subjects, while in other learning areas, this will not be completed until Term 1, 2023. A progress report for Unit 3 following the completion of all IA1 will be issued in Term 1.

Don't forget that Homework Centre is available for students to attend Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3pm – 4pm. Teachers and Teacher Aides support students during Homework Centre time and this is a great way for students to study and continue working on assignments with support in the lead up to exams and the final submission of assessment.

#### **Awards Night 2022**

During Week 3 we celebrated the Academic, Sporting and Cultural success of our students across P-12 with our annual College Awards Night. This was a wonderful celebration of students who have demonstrated the core values of respect, responsibility and resilience with respect to the learning and engagement with sport and cultural events and activities within our community. On the night we heard wonderful stories about students going above and beyond in their studies and in their commitments to the arts, cultural and sporting events. We have some amazing students in our school who have work hard to achieve great things not only for themselves but for other members of our community. Congratulations to every student who received an award and to the families and friends of our award recipients. Our students' success is no doubt influenced greatly by your positive support and encouragement.

#### **Year 12 External Exams**

Week 4 saw the commencement of our Year 12 External Exams. Congratulations to all of the students who have completed their final exams to date. We still have a number of exams to go across Week 6 & 7. I encourage all Year 12 students to check their exam schedule in advance of upcoming exams to ensure they turn up on time and are

prepared with the correct equipment.

#### **WesTEC Graduation**

On Thursday evening we celebrated the achievements of our WesTEC students with the 2022 Graduation Ceremonies. This year over 45 students from our College graduated Certificate II and III courses across a range of vocational pathways including Health, Construction, Automotive, Salon, Engineering, Electrotechnology and many more. Congratulations to all the graduates from Woodcrest and our partner schools on your fantastic achievements. Next year we expect a record number of students at WesTEC. We look forward to continuing our excellent partnerships with local business, TAFE and Training partners.

#### World Teachers' Day

On behalf of the school community, I would like to acknowledge our wonderful committed teachers for the efforts they put in, every day, for the benefit of our students. Although we appreciate this work every day, Friday October 28th is when we formally acknowledge their work with our young people. This year's theme was 'Teaching through every moment'.

I would like to thank the teaching staff across the college for the many ways they provide support and inspiration to our students. Our college is lucky to have amazing teachers across P-12 and I hope they all enjoyed a wonderful day of celebration, recognising the important work they do influencing the lives of our community's young people.

I wish everyone the best as we head into the final weeks of the term.

Kelsey Oakes

Secondary Principal



#### **Peter Lund - Primary Principal**

#### **Primary News**

#### **Awards Night**

Congratulations to all of the Woodcrest students who received awards for their high level of achievement this year. The award ceremony went very well, again showing the importance of celebrating as a P-12 college and saving on an extra event during this busy time of the year. Thank you to all of the families in supporting the two-person attendance restriction. We realise that for many families this was not desirable. I must also commend the audience for their respectful manner and conduct throughout the evening which allowed the focus to be on the students.

#### **School Times**

Primary school officially opens at 8:30am for students to access the grounds and school finishes at 2:50pm. We currently have many students coming in and playing around the building areas, some as early as 7:00am, putting children at risk. When student arrive at school in the mornings they are to go to their respective waiting area and sit until school starts. Adults are rostered from 8:30am to supervise students. Before school is not a time to play.

The respective areas are:

P-2 students need to wait at the front of the primary inside the entrance gate on the paved area. If accompanied by an older sibling, they are to stay with their younger sibling.

Year 3-4 are to sit under G Block covered area

Year 5-6 are it under H Block covered area.

Additionally, the new YMCA Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) provider has licence to utilise various spaces before and after school. Students coming into the school early or remaining at school after the end of the school day may be disruptive to these OSHC programs.

We will be contacting parents regarding students arriving too early or remaining too long after school to ensure everyone is aware of their obligations for the care of children. Given that we again have an OSHC facility who are looking to increase their enrolment, this is the perfect solution to keep children safe before 8:30am and after school. Children have an opportunity to take part in organised activities. You may be surprised how low the cost is after government allowances are provided. Please contact YMCA OSHC on 0476 897 956 for enquiries.

We understand there may be emergent situations requiring students to be dropped off early, but the OSHC does have the flexibility to take students on a casual basis if this occurs, so please contact OSHC in these situations.

#### **Maths Teams Challenge**

Woodcrest recently hosted a number of schools, both primary and secondary, to complete in the Maths Teams Challenge. A big thank you to Kelly Ticehurst for organising the competition and to the staff who helped with setup/pack up and supervision. Our students did very well as indicated in the results below.

Year 3/4 Competition

1st Woodcrest A 2nd Woodcrest B

Year 5/6 Competition

2nd Woodcrest A

#### 2023 Class Consideration Survey

A reminder for parents wishing to advise us of considerations when we form classes for 2023 to reply using the survey sent recently. Please do not request specific teachers as staff do get shuffled between year levels. Use the survey to let us know about concerns or issues they may face or have difficulty with so they can be placed in an appropriate class. We cannot guarantee all requests as forming classes is a complex task, but we will try to do our best where possible.

Class lists will be sent out to families on Tuesday 17 January 2023. We will keep you informed as to what service will be used for this communication. Families will also receive a comprehensive information letter before the end of the school year advising of 2023 beginning year procedures, processes and dates.

#### **Attendance**

The winning class for Term 3 best attendance was Prep S with 89% attendance. They will be receiving a special reward next week. Classes are once again in the running for the Term 4 award so get your children to school every day possible and they might be in the winning class in Week 10. If would be great see get most of our classes above the 90% rate by the end of the year.

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Prep S	89.3%
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3H	88.4%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	5C	88.5%
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	3/2L	88.3%

Forty-seven (47) students were recognised on parade this week for having 100% attendance during Term 3. A great achievement given the winter season that was.

#### **FISAF Tryouts**

Staff have been conducting tryouts for 2023 FISAF teams to train and compete next year. We are going to have a boys team in 2023 and boys can be involved in mixed teams and the boys team. FISAF is a great activity to enhance fitness, agility and coordination and is very entertaining. There will be a catch session in Week 8 for anyone who might have missed their year level tryout.

Peter Lund

Primary Principal





#### **UNIFORM SHOP - Lowes stock runout SALE**

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The Uniform shop is having a sale on old Lowes stock!

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In 2023 Woodcrest State College will be running a 1-1 BYOD program from Years 5-12. Students in Years 5-12 will need to attend school with their own device. See the flyer below for a list of specifications your child's device will need.

For further information on the BYOD program, please visit:

https://woodcrestsc.eq.edu.au/.../bring-your-own-device...

#### WOODCREST BYOD PROGRAM

In 2023 Woodcrest State College will be running a 1-1 BYOD program in Years 5 and 6 in Primary School as well as all year levels from 7 to 12 in Secondary School. Students in these year levels will need to attend school with their own device. The BYOD Program for Year 3 and 4 will be created via an expression of interest.



#### **BYOD Program Highlights**

- Students in the program are required to bring their own laptop to school every day.
- BYOD will enhance student performance, enhance teaching and learning, and improve data literacy skills.
- The minimum required specification (see below) is about technical specifications not brands or models.
- Students, parents or carers are required to sign the BYOD Charter Agreement (see website) regarding how the device can be used at school. When signed, you have agreed that your child brings their own device to school every day. This is also signed by parents at enrolment.
- BYOD Technical Support Officers are available at BYOD Window to assist and answer technical questions.
- School does not manage, support, own or guarantee the device.
- ⇒ Limited number of school owned devices are available to families having financial difficulty for one term only. To find out more, please see the school website > Extra Curriculars > Computer and Internet >BYOD > Equity Device.
- ⇒ Student owned devices connect to the school network via the 'BYOD Solution' which provides students with secure login to the network enabling access to in-school digital resources and the internet, protected by Education Queensland's filtering and reporting systems.
- Class OneNote and other educational online platforms are used in classes. The platforms have a personal workspace for every student, a content library for their handouts and a collaboration space for lessons and creative activities.
- ⇒ eBooks to be used in some subjects and in some year levels. Students will need to be a part of the School SRS to have access to eBooks.

#### I have my device, what now?

Bring your compatible, updated and fully charged device from day one. The Technical team and the classroom teachers will assist you to on-board your laptops. It may take a few weeks to get all students on-boarded.

Alternatively you can onboard your laptop anytime at home by following the instructions which can be found on the BYOD page of the Woodcrest website.



https://woodcrestsc.eq.edu.au/



BYOD@woodcrestsc.eg.edu.au

Take this cut off when shopping for your device. Your device must meet all the minimum requirements. Note: Chromebook and Android devices are not compatible with school network.

#### Technical Subjects

Graphics, Media, Yr 11 & 12 Art, Digital Technologies and Information Technology

- Intel Chip i5/i7 2.3GHz (or equivalent)
- 2Gb Dedicated Graphics
- 8Gb RAM
- 240Gb Hard Drive (note: we recommend Solid State Drives for increased durability and speed)
- Minimum 14" display
- Wireless Network 5Ghz
- Battery sufficient to last 6 hours on Balanced Power Mode
- Windows 10 or 11 64bit Operating System (note: Windows 10 5 is not compatible).
- **USB 3.0**
- Virus Protection (Trend Micro is NOT recommended)

#### Non-technical Subjects

- Intel Core i3/Dual Core Processor (or equivalent)
- Intel HD Graphics 5000 (or equivalent)
- 4Gb RAM
- 120Gb Hard Drive (note: we recommend a 240Gb or Solid State Drives for increased durability and speed)
- Minimum 12" display
- Wireless Network 5Ghz
- Battery sufficient to last 6 hours on Balanced Power Mode
- Windows 10 or 11 64bit Operating System. (note: Windows 10 S is not compatible).
- USB 3.0
- Virus Protection (Trend Micro is NOT recommended)



#### **Primary Christmas Concert 2022**

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#### Save the date!



Save the date for the Prep - Year 6 Christmas Concert! Year 6's will have the opportunity to perform the day before graduation (30th Nov) as this is the same day as the Wet n Wild excursion.



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Interested in becoming a triathlete??? See flyer below for your opportunity!

#### **TUFFKIDZ TRIATHLON**

ENROLL YOUR TEAM IN THE TUFFKIDZ TRIATHLON TODAY





#### Ipswich City Rotary Tuffkidz Series

#### Do you want to be a triathlete?

Then take the opportunity to experience the lpswich City Rotary TUFFKIDZ mini duathlon series.

These events are specifically designed for all children in grades Prep to High School who want to be a duathlete for a day and a registered TUFFKID.

For more info, or to register: Scan the QR code

Click the button to register your team today.

DATE: Sunday 6th November, 2022

SITE: Ipswich State High School Bound by Hunter Street, Brassall

TIME: 05:30 - 09:00



#### School Zone Speed Cameras

New speed camera technology will soon target speeding drivers at selected school zones across Queensland. The announcement of this two-year pilot was made as part of Queensland Road Safety Week. This will involve speed cameras deployed in flashing school zone signs at a number of schools which have been selected based on a risk assessment conducted by the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

Speeding continues to be one of the main contributing factors in deaths and serious injuries on our roads. We know school children are among our most vulnerable road users. This speed camera pilot will act as a deterrent to drivers, with fines and demerit points to be issued to those who fail to slow down. These fines are used to fund important road safety initiatives and education across Queensland.

The message of QRSW this year is that 'road safety starts with me'. This is particularly relevant to drivers and riders around school zones. Everyone has a role in keeping our roads safe and it is imperative drivers reduce their speed to the signed 40 km/h speed limit and be aware of activity by young children on or near the road.

Additional signage will be installed prior advising of speed camera enforcement in the area. The cameras will only operate during the designated times on the flashing school zone signs and drivers who do the right thing and slow down have nothing to worry about.



#### Year 11 Cert III Business



Grade 11 Certificate III Business students executing their Queensland Travel Expo as part of their course. The students had a lot of fun creating their resources and interacting with each other during this expo!



#### **Celebration of Success**



Celebration of Success for our Year 12 School Based Apprentice Joshua Crowther – Certificate III Carpentry. At the recent Apprenticeships Qld Awards in Ipswich Josh received the following Awards.

- School based apprentice of the year Encouragement award
- School based apprentice of the year Finalist award

Josh has worked hard to achieve this outcome and will successfully complete his time here at Woodcrest as an outstanding member of our Year 12 co-hort. We wish Josh all the success in the future!



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Stymie helps your child to say something by enabling them to report all kinds of concerns, safely and anonymously.

• The bystander effect occurs when the presence of others discourages us from intervening in an emergency situation.

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- Often our children are burdened by serious issues involving their friends but don't know how to help.

  Rather than trying to work against all of these pressures, this solution recognises the nuanced nature of their social currency, by providing them with a safe place to start a conversation.

For students to make a report, they can go to the website: www.stymie.com.au



#### 2022 Math's Competition

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Fifteen Woodcrest students from grades 7 and 8 participated in this year's Maths Teams Challenge. The competition was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at Woodcrest State College (Primary School). 22 teams from local schools competed in various maths challenges. **The Woodcrest Year 8 team achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> place in their division**. The students enjoyed an afternoon full of fun mathematics group activities.

The school would like to congratulate all participants for proudly representing Woodcrest State College.

Michael Thomas 7

Bella Mynott

Jose Zapata Gaspar

Blayde Clarkin

Alekzander Pollock

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Eva Paterson

Georgina McKenzie-Crowley

Vidhyanth Venkatesh

Liam Lewis

Angella Shavez

8A (3<sup>rd</sup> Place winners)

Abbey Moore

Angeliki Kalogridi

Zaina Goiye

Jesse Mischefski

Maria Silva Sourz

If you child would like to participate in the Maths Team Challenge next year, please talk to your mathematics teacher for more information.

Mr Viet Hoang

**HOD Mathematics (Secondary)** 



#### Year 9 Camp - Camp Kindilan













Year 9 Camp was another great success. A massive THANK YOU to Steve Lennon, Sam Chisholm, Shay Anderson, Justin Hackwill and Ben Synak for attending the camp this week – a huge effort guys. Special mention to Hanrahan and Somerville who joined us on the first night.

We took 58 students to Camp Kindilan (in Mount Cotton) this week. The weather gods were in our favour, with sunshine for a majority of the trip. The students enjoyed activities including:

Flying fox (a highlight for most)

Campfire with karaoke and marshmallows (another highlight)

Ambush at night

Canoeing

Raft Building

Archery

Giant swing

Abseiling

Aeroball

Trust activities



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- Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)\*

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uniforms &

books &







sports fee & gear

lessons & activities

camps & excursion

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Thank you to our three Year three students Lily-Grace, Vivienne and Dylan who are demonstrating excellent sustainability practices: recycle, reuse and reduce.



#### **Parent Education Resources**

# FREE HEALTH EDUCATION FOR PARENTS & CARERS OF YOUNG PEOPLE

#### OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2022

#### **BLACKDOG INSTITUTE**

Upcoming mental health webinars

26 OCT 7PM/ NOV 8 7PM & 23 NOV 12 PM/ 6 DEC 7 PM

#### **Breaking Down Depression**

During this 40 minute presentation a presenter shares their lived experience of mental illness, either they experience mental illness, or they are a carer.

The presentation covers causes, signs and symptoms of anxiety, depression and bipolar disorder, when and where to seek help and practical strategies for helping a friend or family member

15 NOV 12PM / 14 DEC 7PM

#### Navigating your Teen's Mental Health

This 45 minute presentation is for parents and carers of young people. Parents and carers will learn how to spot early warning signs of mental health issues, when and where to seek help and how to support a young person they care about.

#### REGISTER

<u>Upcoming mental health webinars - Black Dog Institute</u>

#### TRUE.ORG.AU relationships and reproductive health

#### ONLINE/SELF PACED MODULES

#### Relationship Ready for Parents & Carers

True's online training modules contain language, topics, and suggestions for how to engage the children and young people in your care in conversations surrounding relationships and sexuality. They cover topics of personal safety, puberty, periods, healthy relationships, safer sex, and STIs. Register to receive an email and free access to these modules when they go live.

#### **REGISTER**

Relationship Ready for Parents & Carers | True

### West Moreton Health





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The Junior school has entered the Big Battery Rescue competition and we are currently coming second. If you have any alkaline batteries such as car, motorbike, caravan, truck batteries or any small batteries we would like to take them off your hands.



# Youth Sustainability Summit Published by Woodcrest State College



#### YOUTH SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT

Seventeen enthusiastic students attended the Ipswich Council's Youth Sustainability Summit on 19<sup>th</sup> October at the Ipswich Civic Centre. They were accompanied by 12 other schools with two schools sharing the sustainability activities in their schools. The students were inspired by the interactive activities and speakers to come up with a sustainability action plan for Woodcrest State College.





In the first two weeks of October it was Queensland Mental Health Week. The theme was 'Awareness Belonging, Connection. The teachers spoke to the students about the importance of speaking to others and using words that will build positive mental health and encouraging students to go out and do activities that will boost their own Mental Health. Woodcrest College used the Theme 'Lift Each Other Up'. Thank you to Lilly and Sharlize from 6N for the creative display.



#### **Grandparent's Day**



















On Friday 28/10/22 the Year 1 students enjoyed celebrating Grandparents Day with painting, craft and construction activities!



**Year 1 Fire Visit** 



On Thursday 27/10/22 the Camira fire fighters came to see the Year 1 students as part of their Health studies about emergency services. They learnt to call 000 for emergencies, 'get down low and go, go, go!' and to go to the letter box and stay there in the event of a fire.



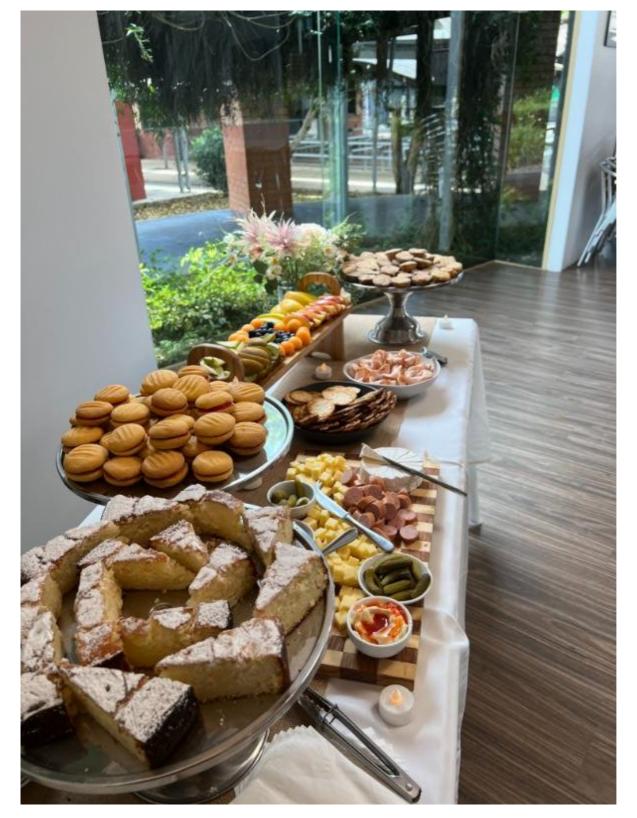
# **Sustainability Team Appreciation**Published by Woodcrest State College



The sustainability team have been very busy this year recycling the compost, 10c bottles, paper and soft plastic. This group of young men have done an exceptional job in making sure this happens every week. A big thank you to the student council sustainability team!



## Melbourne Cup Lunch Published by Woodcrest State College



A big congratulations to Ms Jonker and her year 11 Hospitality Practices class on a wonderful Melbourne Cup lunch!



**2023 Year 11 Certs** 

2023 EDITION

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SIS30321 CERTIFICATE III IN FITNESS



#### **HOW DOES IT WORK**

Students gain the entry-level skills required of a Fitness Professional (a Group Exercise Instructor or Gym Fitness Instructor).

Students facilitate fitness programs within their school community.

#### Programs include:

- Community fitness programs
- Strength and conditioning for athletes and teams
- 1-on-1 and group fitness sessions with male adults, female adults and older adult clients

Pathway into SIS40221 Certificate IV in Fitness with another Registered Training Organisation.



#### WHAT DO STUDENTS ACHIEVE?

- SIS30321 Certificate III in Fitness (max. 8 QCE
- The nationally recognised First Aid competency -HLTAID011 Provide First Aid

#### Direct pathway into:

- Certificate IV in Fitness with FIT College (RTO: 31903) - Binnacle graduates receive a \$500 discount!
- > Successful completion of the Certificate III in Fitness may contribute towards a student's Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)



#### **SKILLS ACQUIRED**

- Client screening and health assessment
- Planning and instructing fitness programs
- Deliver 1-on-1 and group fitness programs
- Exercise science and nutrition
- Anatomy and physiology



**FLEXIBLE PROGRAMS** 

PRACTICAL SUBJECTS

**RESOURCES PROVIDED** 









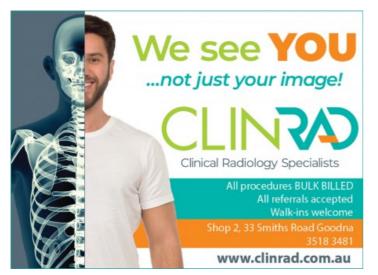


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Is your student going to be in the Year 11 2023 cohort and has an interest in attaining a vocational certificate to gain employment and support their learning in the Senior School?

You may wish to discuss with them the Certificate III in Business and the Certificate III in Fitness. The flyers attached can provide you with more information about possible pathways, QCE credit attainment and the skills that your student will gain.

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