



Woodcrest State College

College Newsletter

Wednesday 16 September

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As you know this week is the last week of Term Three. The holidays are well deserved for both students and staff as Term Three has been exceptionally busy with the entire school making up for the interruptions to learning which occurred earlier in the year. All in the community are aware that 2020 has thrown many significant challenges our way both in and out of the school gate however through those challenges I have played witness to some wonderful learning opportunities across the College. I have been delighted to witness the student body rise to many challenges and focus on the expectations set by the College administration and staff. It is also wonderful to see several students achieving goals within The Arts and Sport over the last term.

College data indicates that student behaviour has been significantly enhanced and the wearing of the College uniform has continued to improve.

I would like to wish all our Woodcrest State College families a happy and safe holidays and hope all students take the opportunity during the holidays to spend time with family and catching up with friends. I am eager to see students return to school in Term Four recharged ready to finish the 2020 school year off well.

College Values

As part of the review of the College Student Code of Conduct (Behaviour Management Plan) it has been recognised the need to also establish a modern set of values that underpin our College life. Values are a core group of fundamental beliefs that guide and motivate our actions. From an initial 260 values, we now have shortlisted to ten. These shortlisted values in no particular order are: Innovation, Resilience, Honesty, Inclusion, Inspiring, Kindness, Persistence, Responsibility, Pride and Respect. From these ten, the top leading values will be determined and will drive the Student Code of Conduct from 2021. To ensure that the values are a true representation of our College it is critical that we receive input from our College Community. We invite parents to submit your input by submitting your vote through the below link or scanning the QR Code below using your mobile phone. This survey will be closing on 5th October 2020 at 11pm.

<https://survey.qed.qld.gov.au/anon/5707.aspx>



Rebranded Newsletter

The College is currently looking at redesigning and combining our school newsletters throughout Term Four. Keep an eye on your emails for the new newsletter.

Term Four

A reminder that Term Four will commence on Tuesday October 6. Monday October 5 is a Public Holiday and the College will not be open. Term Four will not have a Pupil Free Day and end of year schooling will finish for Prep to Year 9 students on Wednesday December 9.

USQ Partnership

Over the last three years, Woodcrest State College has looked to establish strong partnerships with our local university, the University of Southern Queensland. The College has been successful in developing memorandums of Understanding with four faculty departments at USQ. These partnerships provide scope for sharing of resources and expertise. Through this the College has been able to organise direct entry to University courses without having to go through the Queensland Territory Admissions process. We were delighted to learn that seven of our current Year 12 students have been accepted to the new Bachelor of Music course commencing next year at the Springfield Campus. Woodcrest is the first school to enrol students to audition for this course – leading the way in the Greater Springfield area. Congratulations to our Head of Department Ms Michelle Hampson who has worked for over twelve months to develop this great initiative with USQ. A special thanks also to Mrs Annabel Taylor who has guided the students as their teacher.

Celebrating our Support Staff and Teacher Aides

Recently the College celebrated Teacher Aide Week and Support Staff Week. Woodcrest State College has over 110 staff who identify in these two groups of staff. All of these staff play critical roles in ensuring the College delivers first class learning for each and every student in clean well maintained facilities. On behalf of our school community, I would like to thank them all for their work and ongoing support.

Secondary School

The College has been advised that Mr Darren McGregor has been offered and accepted the Acting Principal position at Runcorn State High School till the end of the year. This is a great opportunity for Darren and allows him the chance to see through some of the programs he has started at Runcorn State High School this year.

Subsequently I have been able to offer Mr Brendan Barlow the Acting Head of Secondary School position at Woodcrest till at least the end of the school year. Brendan has made significant positive changes since starting at the College in March and I look forward to seeing him continue to grow in this position. Congratulations to both Darren and Brendan.

Primary School

Ms Penny Couch has been Acting Principal at Collingwood Park State School till the end of term. Mr Scott Fields is currently the Acting Principal during this time. Mrs Niccole Fryer has accepted to be the Acting Deputy Principal. Thank you to both Mr Fields and Mrs Fryer for your extra work. Ms Couch will return to Woodcrest at the start of Term Four.

Regards



Pat Murphy
Executive Principal

