

## From the Principal

### Farewelling Staff

A number of our teachers are leaving us at the end of this year i.e. transferring, retiring or finishing their contracts with us (*see inside*). I would like to thank them publicly for the contributions they have made to our school community while they were here.

### Change to Year 12 Finishing Date 2008

The calendar issued by Education Qld in August this year was incorrect. The finishing date for Year 12 in 2008 is Nov 21 not Nov 14. Please be advised of this, as ALL year 12's MUST attend up to and including 21 Nov to be eligible for their Senior Statement.

### Year 11 students with LA or VLA

Current Year 11's must be mindful of their eligibility for Qld Certificate of Education (QCE) points next year.

If a student is currently sitting on LA or VLA and changes subjects at this stage of her/his course (i.e. by mid-February 2008), they may be eligible for up to two "concessional" credit points towards the QCE. However, should s/he leave it until June next year to change, or continue until Nov 08 and still fail, s/he will receive NO credit points from that original subject.

Hence, those who are not gaining SA or above in Year 11 subjects currently EITHER need to lift this to at least SA by end of 2008 to gain 4 QCE credit points (*the best option*) OR consider a subject change to an "easier" or more suitable subject. To do this, the student MUST see the Guidance Officer either this week or very early next year.

### Attendance until End

Reminder that all Year 10/11's are expected to attend up to, and including, Friday 30 Nov, Year 8/9's until Friday 14 Dec. *See inside for more...*

### Year 10 Socials

In the past, Year 10's have had a Social in term 4. This practice will cease next year. The reasons I have made this decision are:

- The change in our education scene in Qld. The Qld Studies Authority has made an in principle decision that Year 10 will be part of the Senior stage of learning. Both their syllabuses and our new timetable will reflect this decision. *That is, Year 10 is not the "end" of anything any more.* Unlike twenty years ago, 90% of our students continue to Year 11
- The practice that seems to have developed of some students organising "after parties". From what I am told, these at times involve excessive or binge drinking and sometimes poor behaviour. Although the school is not connected with these events, we do not wish to set up a "pretext" for such activity for young people who are often still at a very vulnerable and naïve stage of their development
- The rising costs for parents. Increasingly, some Year 10s, especially the girls, have apparently felt the need to go out and purchase new outfits for this dance, even though we have stressed it is a "casual dress" evening. Parents have enough expenses, including the Year 12 Formal

I know that some current Year 9's may be disappointed by this decision, but I am sure they understand the reasons behind this decision. Normal school dances will still go ahead.

Lastly, I would like to stress that this decision has been a long time coming and is NOT taken as a result of the misbehaviour of five boys at this year's Year 10 Social, where 99% of our students were incredibly well behaved and had a great time.

**Ray Johnston**  
Principal



## COMING UP

30th Nov  
Year 10 & 11  
Students Finish

7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Canberra Trip

## Farewell Year 12 Students for 2007

*Mr Russ Maynard leads the Year 12 students on their honour march, before the balloon release.*

## Departing Staff

### Retirements

Ron Oliver, our school's Facilities Officer (Grounds) has done a fantastic job over the last few years, and we wish him all the best in his retirement. Mrs Christine Watson has also resigned, after many years with Education Qld.

### Transfers

Mr Roy McPherson has done a great job with our website. An I.T. teacher, Roy has been transferred to Atherton SHS. Ms Mary Tsai, maths/science, has been transferred to Helensvale SHS, closer to her fiancé. Ms Roslyn Egen (who has been relieving in Central West Qld for several years), a former stalwart in our Business Studies department, has been transferred to the Sunshine Coast. Olivia Webb, who taught at the BITS Centre last year has had a baby and has now been transferred to Gold Coast. All the best for these departing staff. Thanks to Michael Small for his work as acting HOD SOSE. Michael will be returning to GSHS, with Mr Russ Charles returning to our school from England.

### Concluding Contracts

We thank to following teachers and non teaching staff who conclude contracts with us at the end of this term: Genevieve Parsons, Alison Parker, Serena Lowe, Pieta Lalor, Cathy Hogan and Kay Adie. Non teaching staff include Lauren Hunt, Judy Cook and Louise O'Neill.

## Return of Books

Library books must be returned by year's end. They can be placed down the Return Chute. Resources Hire Scheme books (i.e. TEXTBOOKS) may NOT be placed in the Return Chute. They must be returned and checked in by one of the Resource Centre staff, who will ensure that students are returning the book that was issued in THAT student's name.

## Compulsory Attendance

Year 8 and Year 9 students are expected to attend up to, and including, Friday 14 Dec. Although assessment must be completed by 30 Nov, in order to allow teachers time for marking and report card writing, normal classes will operate until Tuesday 11 Dec. Reports will be issued on Wed 12 Dec and an alternative program of worthwhile activities will be organised for the last three days.

## Success For Boys

Thanks to funding obtained specifically aimed at increasing literacy levels for boys, Tannum High's Resource Centre has had a boost of 65 new books.

Authors include No1 international bestselling thriller writer James Patterson's 'Maximum Ride - School's out forever', Jack Lopez's 'In the Break' and Dave Pelzer's 'Help Yourself' - real life advice for real life challenges facing teenagers.

Why not come along to check them out?



Above: Andrew Jess and Alex Wells take time to select a book from the new titles.

## Sun Aware!!!!

Did you know:

1. That as little as six doses of sunburn between the ages of 12 and 25 doubles your chance of developing melanoma, the most deadly of all skin cancers.
2. Two out of three Australians will develop skin cancer in their lifetime making Australia the country with the highest rate of skin cancer in the world
3. Sunscreen is readily available through school or bring your own - it stops over 95% of the sun's damaging rays if applied correctly.
4. The best form of anti-wrinkle cream is to stay out of the sun - especially in the middle of the day!

Information supplied by Lyn Stiller, TSSHS Youth Health Nurse, 0439714770



## BSL ZENITH - OUR GIFTED PROGRAM

### FAREWELL TO YEAR 12 ZENITH STUDENTS

To the year 12 students who left us this term, we hope that you have enjoyed your Zenith experience at Tannum State High.

We wish you all the very best in your future endeavours and truly hope that the paths you take lead to success and contentment.

You cannot teach a man anything. You can only help him discover it within himself. ~ Galileo



## UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 3-4pm to allow for Year 7 students to collect their uniform orders. The shop will also be open the following times, the week before school starts in 2008.

Monday	21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	9 - 12 and 1 - 3 pm
Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	9 - 12 and 1 - 3 pm
Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	9 - 12 and 1 - 3 pm
Friday	25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9 - 12 and 1 - 3 pm

The normal operating hours of the Uniform shop are:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:15 - 11:15am.

For enquiries contact Monique on 4979 9752.

## MORE PHOTOS FROM BURARHL FORMAL ASSEMBLY



Our departing Year 12 students for 2007



Alex Matheson-Brown receives his ADF Leadership Award



Participants in the Year 12 song performance.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### 2008 BRISBANE TERTIARY STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

Raymont Lodge Residential College provides fully furnished accommodation for students undertaking tertiary study in Brisbane. The College is located 4km from the heart of Brisbane and in close proximity to the University of Queensland and the QUT. All public transport is within easy access to the College.

The Lodge can accommodate for up to 120 students and all meals are provided. For further information phone 07 3377 9903 or go to [www.raymont.com.au](http://www.raymont.com.au).

### FOR SALE

#### Ashton TN Violin

VGC. Please phone Pam on 4975 7388 to make an offer.



### COCONET CLASSIC DVD AVAILABLE

For those who entered the 2007 Coconet Classic Skate/BMX/Inline and Kiteboarding competition, the DVD has finally been made. Made of you who were at Boyne/Tannum for Easter weekend are featured in the DVD, which is being distributed across Australia (14,000 copies) in the next issue of the Kiteboarder magazine.

So check out your snapshot of fame, grab a copy of the Nov/Dec issue at any local newsagents. For further information contact Danielle on 1300 664 907 or [Danielle@coconet.net.au](mailto:Danielle@coconet.net.au).

### SOCIAL TOUCH FOR WOMEN

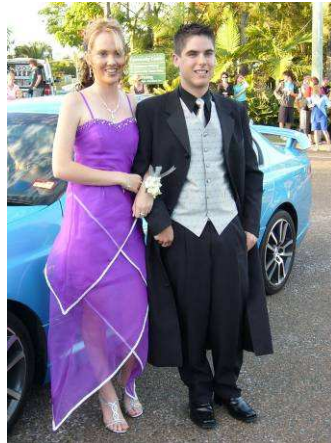
BITS Touch welcomes all women on Wednesday afternoons from 5-6pm for a social game at Dennis Park. There are no teams, just turn up, get fit and have a laugh. Contact Heidi on 4975 0219 or 0432 525968.

## Grandparents receive Financial Support

Grandparents who are raising their grandchildren may now be eligible for financial assistance with school camps and approved sporting and recreational activities in their community. The Seniors Enquiry Line currently operates the Time for Grandparents Program, and funding is available to grandparents who are the primary carers of their grandchildren and who are not receiving the fostering allowance or who are not approved relative/kinship carers through the Department of Child Safety.



For further information and to determine eligibility, please contact the Seniors Enquiry Line on 1300 135 500



### More of our stunning Tannum High Year 12 students at the School Formal.



## CANTEEN ROSTER

26/11 R. Johnson, M.Mills  
 27/11 **Help Needed!**  
 28/11 K. McPherson, **Help Needed!**  
 29/11 R. Tidd, **Help Needed!**  
 30/11 **Help Needed!**

03/12 R. Johnson, **Help Needed!**  
 04/12 A. Gunson, **Help Needed!**  
 05/12 A. Johnson, **Help Needed!**  
 06/12 R. Tidd, **Help Needed!**  
 07/12 M. Gaffel, **Help Needed!**

10/12 R. Johnson, M.Mills  
 11/12 **Help Needed!**  
 12/12 L. Vernon, **Help Needed!**  
 13/12 L. Stobbo, R. Tidd  
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## FOR THE FRIDGE

November 30<sup>th</sup> Year 10/11 Finish

December 14<sup>th</sup> Year 8/9 Finish