Leadership Badge Investiture

Senior Leaders with Year 12 Coordinator, Mr Sean Hortz and Mrs Francine Barker

Student Council Representatives taking Oath of Office

Kingston State College Vocal Ensemble performing “Do I Make You Proud”

Yr 12 student Josh Tratford with mother Mrs Tratford

Yr 12 student Makayla Purdy with mother Ms Clift

Senior Leaders with Principal Francine Barker, Councillor Russell Lutton, Logan City Mayor, Pam Parker and Mr Jim Chalmers, Federal Member for Rankin
Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the 2014 school year and a very special welcome to our new families who have joined us in 2014. Also a warm welcome to our new and returning staff members.

We have had an exceptional commencement to the 2014 school year with enrolments in the 8-12 campus increased. This certainly indicates local community confidence which has been supported by our most recent parent school opinion survey indicating that overwhelmingly 100% of our parents and carers state that ‘this is a good school’ and ‘that our students are receiving a good education’.

Our College is to be congratulated once again for the excellent improvement in results in the attainment of the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and completion of all Vocational Education Credentials. We are proud to announce that 100% of our Year 12s attained a QCE and 100% completed between 1 and 4 Vocational Education Certificates. Once again 100% of our Year 12s were successful in gaining a first round University or TAFE placement and 20% of our OP eligible students received an OP in the 1-5 band.

Excellent Return!

I am very pleased with the way school has commenced and the obvious engagement of so many of our students with their learning. Our Year 8 students have settled into school routine and have been congratulated for their excellent attendance. Our 2014 Year 8 enrolment is now 176, our largest Year 8 intake. We are delighted with these continued increased numbers. As you are aware the key to success for your student is constant monitoring with staff of individual student’s progress. This focus on improvement is the theme that our school is once again pursuing this year, so please take time to discuss homework and completion of all tasks and assessment on time. All students should have an overview of the Semester’s work for each subject. Furthermore, the Homework Centre is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons in the school Library from 3pm to 5pm. This week students will receive an Assessment Calendar outlining all due assessment for the Semester. These Assessment Calendars will also be available on the College website and will be emailed home.

Student Leadership

Our student leaders spent the weekend before school commenced with student leaders from all over South East Queensland preparing for their roles at the ‘Y’ Lead Camp held this year at the University of Queensland. They returned very excited about the skills they developed and ready to take up the challenge to lead our students.

In addition, Mr Sean Hortz, Year 12 Coordinator, Ms Gunilla Tinius and Ms Raschelle Moore, Student Council Coordinators and Ms Vikki Kelly Year 8 Coordinator are very busy with Student Leadership organisation and were delighted to welcome many parents/carers to the Leadership Badge Ceremony held on Friday 14 February in our Community Hall where our local community guests assisted with the presentation of badges to our Year 12s and Student Leaders.

It is with great pleasure that I introduce to you the Student Leadership Team for 2014...

| School Captain          | Emily Maynard  
| School Vice-Captain     | Paula Vaise    
| Senior Leader           | Mackenzie Stubbs  
|                         | Jakana Cooper  
|                         | Emily Maynard  
|                         | Mackenzie Stubbs  
|                         | Paula Vaise    
|                         | Jakana Cooper  
|                         | Nikky Brown    
|                         | Hafsah Sharif  
|                         | Aasimah Sharif  
|                         | Jesse-Lee Armfield  
|                         | Ace Siglin     
|                         | Dylan Anderson 
|                         | Ian McIntosh   
|                         | Tess Fera      
|                         | Gavin Hansen   

Performing Arts Captains

- Kayla Cassells
- Makayla Purdy
- Aasimah Sharif
- Jakana Cooper

Science Captains

- Kara Cherry
- Paula Vaise

Visual Arts Captains

- Cheyenne Downey

House Captains

- Koongarra
- Larool
- Yarri

- Dylan Anderson
- Jess Fripp
- John Fogavini
- Jakana Cooper
- Callum McKay
- Emily Holland
- Rachael Morgan
- Sharleen Peters
- Daniel Smith
- Kesha Tua
- Alex Tangiura
- Lydia Saviainiaea

Student Council

| President        | Nikki Brown |
| Vice President   | Tess Fera   |
| Secretary        | Vereen Ngaata|
| Treasurer/Events Coordinator | Krystal Fairhead |

Best wishes to all for a very productive Term 1 and we look forward to meeting many parents and carers on Wednesday 26 March at our Yrs 6/7—8 Open Enrolment Evening. Parent/Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Tuesday 1 / Wednesday 2 April, the last week of term. Information will be mailed home soon.

Francine Barker
Principal
From the Guidance Counsellor

Welcome to all our new families and students who have also become members of our Kingston State College community this year.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year in the Kingston State College community, getting to know our staff, students, families and local support services. We are truly blessed to have such a caring, committed team working together to help our students’ wellbeing, helping them maximise their learning outcomes and pathways. I continue to marvel at the positivity, strength and resilience demonstrated every day!

- Educational and Vocational Guidance—Helping each student reach their potential, time management and study skills. As well I will assist students lodge QTAC applications and prepare academic and equity scholarships.
- Personal Counselling – Helping students in crisis situations or in handling personal problems such as relationships and stress.
- Career Counselling – Distributing information to students concerning tertiary pathways and careers and linking them with relevant institutions and organisations.

STUDENT SUPPORT TEAM

We are fortunate to have such a wonderful Student Support Team at Kingston. Each one of our teams are highly competent and compassionate:

School Health Nurse: Donna Mort (Monday’s and Tuesday’s)
School Chaplain: Emma Haukinimo (Wednesday’s, Thursday’s and Friday’s)
School Based Police Officer: Kellie Humphries (every day)
Behaviour Management: Sondra O’Connor (Monday’s and Tuesday’s)
Youth Support Coordinator: Leah Bosch (Wednesday—Friday’s)
ESL Coordinator: Fran Fordham (Monday’s to Thursday’s)

As a team, we have regular case management meetings and together work to assist our families and students. I look forward to another year of hard work and positive results.

Please feel free to contact me any time between 8.00 am and 4.00 pm on 3826 1333.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

17 School Photo’s catch up day
24 Yr 9 Torch Testing this week
25 Junior Sport vs Woodridge 9s (home)
P&C AGM Meeting 5.30pm
26 ENABLE Debating Competition 5pm-7pm
Senior Sport vs Mabel Park (away)

MARCH

3 Yr 12 Biology Excursion to QU Pathology Lab Herston
4 Junior Sport vs Loganlea (away)
5 MET East Swimming Carnival
6 Senior Sport vs Beenleigh (away)
10-16 Australian Brain Bee Challenge
11 Junior Sport vs Marsden 8s (away)
Engineering Careers Expo
12 Senior Sport vs Marsden Opens (away)
13 Yr 10/11s FOCUS Session 2, 11.30am-1.30pm
14 Eric Bailey Keyway Presentation 11.40am-12.30pm
18 P&C Meeting 5.30pm
Junior Sport vs Marsden 9s (home)
19 Senior Sport vs Groves (home)
20 Yr 10/11s FOCUS Session 3, 11.30am-1.30pm
25 Immunisation Phase One Yr 8s & 10s 12pm-1.30pm
To all our new students - welcome to Kingston State College and welcome back to those who were here with us last year. The year has started well. Thank you to the parents who have been supportive with the Uniform Policy. The students also need to be congratulated for adhering to the policy. Most students have been compliant. If you have any concerns regarding purchasing of the correct uniform please contact the school as we may be able to assist with a payment plan.

Students are required to wear black leather lace up shoes during their time at school. Again this is a safety requirement, all students at various times are involved in activities and learning where leather shoes are a required part of the lesson. Students may be removed from their learning environment if there is a safety risk involved.

In 2014 Kingston State College implemented a full 1:1 laptop program. It is expected that every student will sign up for a “rented” laptop from the College which is assigned to the student for the entire year for use at both school and home. Students are unable to bring their own personal laptops as they are not currently permitted to connect with the EQ network. A payment plan can be organised if required. The cost of the laptop rental is very reasonable.

A reminder that valuable items such as Digital Cameras, Ipods, MP3s, Mobile Phones and the like should not be brought to school. The school cannot be held responsible if these items are stolen or are to go missing. If valuables are brought to school they should be kept on the person at all times and not left unattended. Items such as mobile phones should be turned off and kept out of sight during class time.

If items such as cameras and mobile phones are brought to school they should not be used to film other students without their permission. Inappropriate photos and videos that are displayed publicly on social websites such as Facebook will result in a consequence from school. These actions may also constitute a breach of another person’s privacy and legal action may be taken if permission is not given to have those photos/videos published. Students who publish photos that bring the school’s name into disrepute could face a possible exclusion from the College, as per our Responsible Behaviour Plan.

Students should be dropped off and picked up from school at the rear of the school near the swimming pool. It is understandable that some parents may find it more convenient to drop off at the top of the school. As a matter of safety we are asking parents not to enter the driveway to do this drop off or pick up. At times there can be five or six cars entering and exiting the bottom carpark at any one time. Staff and students are also walking through the area.

Best wishes
David Holgate
Junior Secondary Deputy Principal
Leadership Investiture
Friday 14 February 2014

Congratulations to all Badge Recipients for 2014

Commitment to 100% Attendance = Rewards

iTunes Vouchers / Tuckshop Vouchers

Building towards Attendance Fun Day at the End of Semester 2

Students require 95% - 100% actual school attendance to qualify

Get on board and be rewarded

Remember—Every Day Counts!!
ENRICHMENT NEWS

The Enrichment Program at Kingston State College continues to offer capable, motivated students an array of co-curricular activities. Students can pursue special areas of interest, collaborate with like-minded peers, take on new challenges and enhance their capabilities beyond the classroom. Look out for details of activities for Term 1.

ENABLE Inter-School Debating Competition
Our junior and senior debating teams have been busy preparing their cases for Round One of the ENABLE Inter-School Debating Competition, to be held on Wednesday evening 26th February at our College.

Good luck to our students - a combination of enthusiastic novices and seasoned campaigners – who are to be admired for embracing this very demanding public speaking activity.

Readers Cup
Avid readers in Years 8/9, who enjoy a challenge and working as part of a team, should consider being part of the 2014 Readers Cup.

Preparation will begin in late March, when the book list is revealed and students can begin reading in earnest. A team will be chosen to represent the college at the Brisbane South final, where they'll compete against other schools to test their detailed knowledge of the books.

Brain Bee Challenge
The Australian Brain Bee Challenge - an online neuroscience quiz conducted through UQ Brain Institute - will engage some of our top Year 10 science enthusiasts and test their knowledge of the fascinating human brain. Round 1 takes place in late March, with the highest performing students eligible for Round 2 State Final.

A variety of other enrichment activities is in the pipeline this semester – Inter-school Chess Tournament, Academy Conference and BRAINways Days of Excellence. If you have any queries, please contact Ms Jackson on ajack36@eq.edu.au.

Ms Alison Jackson
Enrichment Co-ordinator

School-based apprentices sought for 2014 Queensland Training Awards

School-based apprentices or trainees have the opportunity to nominate now for a 2014 Queensland Training Award. The awards celebrate the state’s best apprentices, trainees, vocational students, teachers, trainers, registered training organisations and employers for their commitment to training excellence. To nominate visit the QTA website.

Parent / Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 1 April
3.00pm to 8.00pm

Wednesday 2 April
3.00pm to 6.00pm

Located in J Block

Booking process is available through the College website
www.kingstonshs.eq.edu.au
from Tuesday 11 March.

Interviews are of 10 minute duration.
Online safety is just a click away with the Cybersafety help button now installed on all school computers throughout the state. The floating icon will be visible on computer desktops and is also available for parents to download to their home computer. It provides students with an easy means of reporting cyberbullying and online concerns. The button is a federal government initiative providing an online hub with 24 hour access to cybersafety help, reporting options, resources and information. 

Our school has received additional funding from the Great Results Guarantee and we need to decide how we can use this money to better support our students and improve their outcomes.

We are now working to develop our own Great Results Guarantee with evidence-based strategies and actions to improve literacy and numeracy.

Read more about the guarantee at www.education.qld.gov.au/resultsguarantee.

Great Results Guarantee will be on the Agenda for the first P&C Meeting of the year to be held on Tuesday 25 February at 5.30pm to be held in the Conference Room of the Administration Block.

On Tuesday 11 February, 41 Kingston State College Drama students had the pleasure of viewing La Boite Theatre Company’s newest production – Cosi. La Boite Ambassadors Katrina Burnside, Renee Dobbyn and Makayla Purdy also viewed the special preview performance on the Saturday before.

The production showcased an incredibly talented group of actors and was brilliantly directed by David Berthold. Louis Nowra’s words were brought to life in a way that had the audience laughing hysterically the entire time.

“I think my favourite part of the play was the fact that there were people acting in the play that were of a mature age, yet they stole the show with their hilarious facial expressions and their intriguing delivery of lines.” – Renee Dobbyn

Thank you to all who attended. You were beautifully behaved and were an absolute credit to our school. We’d also like to say a special thank you to Tia Paget (Jervaise’s mum) for coming along as a parent supervisor. We hope you all enjoyed the experience and we look forward to taking you on more theatre excursions in the future.

Mrs Vikki Kelly and Miss Krysta Hall
Performing Arts

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This year’s swimming carnival saw the introduction of a swimmers only carnival. In total over 100 students showed their school spirit by nominating to swim on the day and with large numbers in some age groups the battle for supremacy was well fought. The boys from Koongarra, led by dominant performances by Solomon Coleman finished with 1229 points beating Larool on 631 points and Yarri on 531. However, it was a different story in the girls events with Larool on 658 points, leading Koongarra on 619 and Yarri on 577. Larool’s victory was significantly influenced by Year 8 swimmer Salu Mam who obtained the maximum 170 points that were available for an individual swimmer at the carnival.

Therefore, the champion swimming house for 2014 is Koongarra on a grand total of 1848 followed by Larool on 1288 and Yarri on 1108. Congratulations to all swimmers who competed and thanks to the HPE staff and Mr Hobbins who gave up their time on the day.

Swimming Age Champions for 2014

- **Under 18 Boys**: John Fogavini
- **Under 17 Boys**: Ace Siglin
- **Under 16 Boys**: Connor Ingham
- **Under 15 Boys**: Solomon Coleman
- **Under 14 Boys**: Andrew Urquhart
- **Under 13 Boys**: Braiden Wood

- **Under 18 Girls**: Sharleen Peters
- **Under 17 Girls**: Tima Chong
- **Under 16 Girls**: Kyesha Finemore
- **Under 15 Girls**: Savannah Nicholls
- **Under 14 Girls**: Jacinta Werahiko
- **Under 13 Girls**: Salu Mam

On Thursday 13 February, the Logan District Swimming Carnival was held at the Springwood Aquatic Centre. We took an enthusiastic and talented team of 55 students to compete and represent our school. Events consisted of Butterfly, Breaststroke, Freestyle and Backstroke in the 50m and 100m as well as 4 x 50m relays. The day produced some highlights from various students in a combination of events. The Year 8 students showed true commitment being their first carnival to represent the school. Both Year 9 and 10 students having the largest numbers worked as a team and were able to produce fantastic results. The senior students led the school with determination filling all respected races in their age groups. As a whole the students displayed tremendous strength of character by not giving up and upholding our school motto of “Nothing Left To Chance”. We had the privilege of coming in 3rd place overall in the Logan District, obtaining the Junior Boys trophy and producing two age champions. **Solomon Coleman** in the 15yr Boys and **John Fogavini** in the 18yr Boys.

Congratulations to the boys and the team on a fantastic carnival.

Ben Cameron
HOD—HPE
School Attendance

Research reveals that regular attendance at school is a significant indicator of student success. We ask that you do all you can to ensure your child is at school every day unless they have a genuine reason for not attending. Student attendance will be regularly reviewed this year and contact will be made with you should we have concerns about your child’s attendance.

Our aim is to work with you to maximise the opportunities for success of all students.

Reporting Student Absences

The College has many options for parents/guardians to contact us in the event students are sick or absent from school. These include:

- **24/7 Absence Line** 3826 1366 which is a recorded voice message service (The message needs to include your student’s name and year level and reason for absence).
- **E-mail address** absences@kingstonshs.eq.edu.au
- **Text messages** are sent each day when a student is absent from PC, this often prompts parents to send a reply response informing the school of their child’s absence.
- Alternately, please contact the College Attendance Officer on 3826 1340.

To ensure the success of this initiative we ask that you update the school with your current mobile telephone number, if there is a change.

Our Attendance program is designed to protect your child. If you do not contact the school to advise us of a valid reason for the absence, and your child does not attend school, our program will alert us that your child is not at school. We in turn will let you know. Therefore, it is important that you notify us as soon as possible if your child is not attending school for the day.

Should you wish to contact the College via email for any other reason, please access our College website for further details at www.kingstonshs.eq.edu.au.

Student Attendance

DON’T BE LATE!

Students’ are expected to attend school everyday by 8.40am. If a student is genuinely absent from school on a particular day, a note is required to be given to the Office on the day they return to school or a phone call / text message from the parent/guardian on the day the student is absent.

Kingston College
After School Homework Centre

When: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 3pm-5pm

Where: Library

You can:
- Do Research / Study
- Free Tutoring Assistance
- Access Computers / Internet / Books
- Complete & Print out Assignments / Homework
Queensland Term dates for 2014

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Anti-Discrimination Commission of Queensland resources

Students working or looking for their first job can learn more about their workplace rights and responsibilities on the Anti-Discrimination Commission of Queensland website. Online resources cover how the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 protects people from unfair treatment at work, school or university.

An eight page student booklet is available which provides a quick guide to the law, questions an employer can ask in a job interview and other questions that can be used to discriminate against someone, workplace harassment and what to do if someone feels they have been treated unfairly.


Calling all Drama Enthusiasts!

Have you ever thought about acting, singing, dancing, directing, producing or being part of a backstage or sound/lighting team? Then read on! The students at Kingston State College have a unique opportunity to participate in industry-led theatre workshops. Qld Theatre Company is launching an arts-based project called Traction which is a year-long afterschool program facilitated by the QTC and funded by the Department of Social Services. The idea is to get all students with an interest in theatre (on and off the stage) to work together to create artistic work in their preferred art form. The project will culminate in a performance at the end of Term 4 but will begin in Term 2 with four two-hour weekly workshops held at school in the Performing Arts block.

Workshop dates:
Workshop 1: Wednesday 23 April – 3pm- 5pm
Workshop 2: Wednesday 30 April - 3pm- 5pm
Workshop 3: Wednesday 7 May - 3pm- 5pm
Workshop 4: Wednesday 14 May - 3pm- 5pm

If you are keen, keep an eye on notices for permission forms. Hope to see you there!

Mrs Vikki Kelly
Drama Coordinator
The BRAVE Program: Beating Back to School Anxiety!

For children and teenagers with Social Anxiety, returning back to school can be difficult. Concerns about new classmates or teachers, and other school related activities like presenting oral reports, participating in class activities, or making new friendship groups can cause much anxiety. But there is help available… and it’s online!

A team of researchers (BRAVE Team) at Griffith University, University of Southern Queensland, and the University of Queensland are seeking teenagers (13-17 years) and children (8-12 years) suffering from social anxiety; a fear of being negatively judged by others, or extreme shyness.

The BRAVE program aims to help children and their parents learn strategies for managing social anxiety and teach techniques to cope with anxiety-provoking social situations. The treatment program involves between 7-12 online sessions for participants, with each session taking approximately an hour to complete. Families are charged a one-off fee of $120 to assist in covering treatment costs and will also be asked to complete questionnaires and telephone interviews. However, families will receive a rebate of $25 in vouchers each time they complete a post-treatment assessment.

For more information, or to register your interest in the program, please visit the BRAVE ONLINE website: [www.exp.psy.uq.edu.au/socialanxiety](http://www.exp.psy.uq.edu.au/socialanxiety). Alternatively, you can call the BRAVE team on (07) 3735 3312 or Email: brave@psy.uq.edu.au.

For further information, pay a visit to our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/braveforanxiety](http://www.facebook.com/braveforanxiety).

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Paid Market Research

The Queensland Government is conducting a research session and is seeking your opinions and expectations on ‘Interacting with School’. If you meet one or more of the below criteria or know of someone who does, register your interest for this paid research activity. Call Q&A Market Research company on (07) 3119 8003 or email groups@gandaresearch.com.au and state you are registering for the ‘Kingston Parents Workshop – DETE’. Leave your name and 2 contact numbers and Q&A will call you back to complete your details. Please note registering is not a guarantee of placement as numbers are limited.

**Participant Requirements:**
- Expectant or new mum (aged mid to late 20s) with child up to 1 year
- Parent of kindy aged child/children (child aged up to 4 years)
- Parent with one or more primary - school-aged children
- Parent of high school students
- Teenager – not living with family (aged up to 15 or 16 years)
- Grandparent and/or carer looking after primary and/or high school students
- Parent or carer of person with disability school student
- Single or separated parent with school students
- Parent of adopted or foster children
- Parents with financial or employment difficulties (eg. unemployed, or trying to survive on workers comp or benefits)
- Parent of school children recently moved to Qld or migrated here from overseas
- Person living with member of extended family (eg. parents with young school aged children who are living with aunts and uncles, mother, father or grandparents)

**Date:** Tuesday 4 March  
**Time:** 5.30 – 7.30pm  
**Venue:** Kingston State College  
**Payment:** $80 per person