Congratulations to ALL Badge recipients for 2013!
Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the 2013 school year and a very special welcome to our new families who have joined us in 2013. Also a warm welcome to our new and returning staff members.

We have had an exceptional commencement to the 2013 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. We were very proud that our Dux 2012 Jade Withers received an OP1 with our best results ever in the OP1-5 band.

Facilities Improvement

Our goal of facilities to support the learning has seen the completion and full use of the Hospitality Centre and the Trade Training Centre targeting furnishing and cabinet making and construction, which provides further vocational and training options for our students.

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 2013 Year 8 enrolment is now 176, our largest Year 8 intake. We are delighted with these 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 Josh Hobbins, Year 12 Coordinator Ms Sara Smith Student Council Coordinator and Ms Carolyn Prince 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 15 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 2013...

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Best wishes to all for a very productive Term 1 and we look forward to meeting many parents and carers on Tuesday 26 March for Parent/Teacher interviews. Information will be mailed home at the end of this week.

Francine Barker—Principal
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 of our Uniform and Jewellery Policies. The students also need to be congratulated for adhering to the policies.

Students are required to wear black leather, lace up shoes during their time at school. 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. Parents may be called to collect their child or bring suitable footwear to the school.

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 at all times. If items such as Cameras and Mobile Phones are brought to school, they should not be used to film other students or staff without their permission. Inappropriate photos and videos that are displayed publicly on social websites such as Facebook will result in a consequence from the College. 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. This extends to use of the school logo or school uniform being used for these purposes.

Students should be dropped off and picked up from the College 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. At times there can be five or six cars entering and exiting the bottom car park at any one time. Staff and students are also walking through the area.

Best Wishes
David Holgate
Deputy Principal
Leadership Investure
15 February 2013

Senior Choir from left: Heather Smart, Tia Zakely, Kiarna Martin, Tianna Paget and Nikki Hemmings

Junior Choir from left: Larissa Sant, Hollie Nish, Trinity Conquest and Chloe Robinson

School Captains: Fatima Fresta and Shaqeale Sparkes

Senior Choir from left: Heather Smart, Tia Zakely, Kiarna Martin, Tianna Paget and Nikki Hemmings
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.

It’s wonderful to be at Kingston State College! I have thoroughly enjoyed my first month at Kingston and thank all our students, teachers and parents who have been so welcoming. I have been a Guidance Officer for many years, having worked in our Logan community before leaving in 2004 to go to Sydney and Brisbane Metropolitan. I look forward to getting to know our students and their families, and supporting in a variety of ways.

- Educational and Vocational Guidance—Helping each student \textbf{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 team is highly competent and compassionate:

\textbf{School Health Nurse:} Jodie Fisher (Monday’s and Tuesday’s)
\textbf{School Chaplain:} John Filewood (Tuesday’s, Wednesday’s and Thursday’s)
\textbf{School Based Police Officer:} Kelly Humphries (every day)
\textbf{Behaviour Management:} Sondra O’Connor (Tuesday’s and Wednesday’s)
\textbf{Youth Support Coordinator:} Daniel Brookes (Thursday’s)
\textbf{ESL Coordinator:} Fran Fordham (Monday’s to Thursday’s)

We will have regular case management meetings and together work to assist our families and students. I look forward to getting to know you.

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

Tess Varipatis
Guidance Officer

\[\text{College Swimming Carnival}\]

Congratulations to Koongarra for taking out the 2013 College Inter-house Swimming Carnival this year!

The day was filled with enthusiastic competitors and some close fought battles for individual races, relays and the title of age champion! The winners of these awards will be announced at an upcoming full school parade. Well done to everyone who competed on the day, especially the winning teachers’ relay team, and everyone who cheered on their friends and team mates.

On Thursday 14 February, the school swimming squad competed at the Logan District Swimming Carnival at Springwood. The squad was the smallest we’ve had in a few years but they more than made up for their numbers with some outstanding performances, enthusiasm and willingness to pitch in when it was needed. At the end of the day and because of the exceptional spirit shown by the students Kingston State College was crowned the junior boys (13, 14, 15 years) division champions. Solomon Coleman was awarded the title of 14 years boys Age Champion, and the school placed 4\textsuperscript{th} in the overall standings.

Congratulations to everyone involved, you did the school and yourselves very proud.

A special mention to Solomon Coleman and Jake Atkinson who have qualified to compete at the Metropolitan East Trials - \textbf{Well done boys and good luck with your races!}

Rachel Firmager—\textbf{Sports Coordinator}
Well done to all participants on the day!
Parent / Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 26 March 2013
3.00pm to 8.00pm
J Block

Booking process is available through the school website www.kingstonshs.eq.edu.au from Monday 4 March.
Interviews are of 10 minute duration.
Information will be mailed home very shortly.

Get involved in our P&C

AGM 20 March 5.30pm

Getting involved with a Parents & Citizens Association (P&C) can be a rewarding and enjoyable experience, but many people may be unsure of how it works. If you’ve never been involved in a P&C before, the Quick Guide for P&C Executive Officers is a great way to get familiar with what they do, and how you can help out. The guide sets out the roles and responsibilities of members in an easy-to-read format. The Quick Guide for P&C Executive Officers has been produced by the Queensland Council of Parents’ and Citizens’ Associations and Education Queensland and is available for download from the Department of Education and Training website at http://education.qld.gov.au/parents/pdf/quickguide-pc-executiveofficers.pdf

Commitment to 100% Attendance = Rewards

Fun Day Friday 21 June / Tuckshop Vouchers
95% - 100% actual school attendance.

Get on board and be rewarded
Remember—Every Day Counts!!

Student Attendance

DON’T BE LATE!

Students’ are expected to attend school everyday by 8.30am. 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 / email / 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
Leadership Camp 2012 – Year 11 + 12

Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th December

At the end of 2012, the student Leaders from Years 11 and 12 enjoyed a great couple of days bonding, getting to know each other, and developing their teamwork and communication skills.

**Day One** of the camp began with the students being put through their paces at the Woodridge SHS Ropes course. Students were split into 2 teams and competed against each other in a number of teamwork activities. Highlights were the Giant’s Finger challenge and the Giant Spider Web. Staff and students enjoyed a well-earned swim that afternoon back at the College’s pool, where an impromptu game of pool football proved to be a great highlight for many students. Divita Devi surprised everyone with her skill and determination to tackle anyone unfortunate enough to come her way! Day One ended with students and staff staying up well into the night (except Mr Anthony, who was asleep under a desk before 10pm), exchanging stories and getting beaten by Mr Hobbins in every single card game played.

**Day Two** saw the students being given the challenge of building rafts to use in Scrubby Creek. The two teams came up with two completely different designs – with one proving to be a far better option. The raft built by Carissa, Jack, Jessi, Dom, Jade, Caitlin, and Chloe was a long tubular design and survived for the entire journey. The raft built by Josh, James, Ben, Caitlin, Zane, Shaq, Divita, and Claudia only survived for about 2 minutes in the water, before it started to fall apart. The students had to finish their journey floating along Scrubby Creek clinging to the remnants of their failed raft design.

The camp ended with students meeting and greeting 2013s Year 8 SEP students in the pool.

The College would like to thank Mr Josh Hobbins and Ms Kym Penman for helping to make the camp such a great success.

Mr Luke Anthony
Deans of Students
Yrs 10 + 11
Enrichment News

The 2013 school year has begun in earnest, with many of our keen and capable students stepping up to take on challenges to extend their skills and knowledge.

Coming soon in term one …

**Inter-School Chess**

Chess aficionados are focused on practising and refining their skills in preparation for the Brisbane South Inter-School Chess Championship on Thursday March 7. Only eight students will be chosen to represent the College. The standard is high and the competition is fierce!

**OzCLO**

The Australian Computational and Linguistics Olympiad (OzCLO) is an exciting team-based national competition which challenges students to solve problems in real languages. Our College has nominated a Year 9 team for the competition, to be held online on Thursday March 7.

**Enable Inter-School Debating**

The Debating season starts next month, with many enthusiastic students – especially “newbies” in Year 8 – who are eager to work in a team and tackle this demanding public speaking activity. Round One is scheduled for Wednesday 20 March. Topics and venues are yet to be announced.

**Brain Bee**

The Australian Brain Bee Challenge - an online Neuroscience Quiz – will be conducted nationwide later in March. Ten of our “Bright Sparks” in Year 10 Science will test their knowledge of the complex and fascinating human brain.

**Readers’ Cup**

Registration opens soon for the Readers Cup – a perfect enrichment activity for “bookworms” in Years 8/9, who read voraciously and enjoy working in a team. Look out for more details …

Ms Alison Jackson
Enrichment Coordinator Mon/Wed

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**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
- **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.
A huge “Thank You” to Quota International of Beenleigh for their very generous donation of $3000 to the SEP department to purchase resources and to fund a breakfast program.

Your support is greatly appreciated!

BERRINBA EAST STATE SCHOOL

TWO POSITIONS AVAILABLE
Permanent/Part time/Partial unpaid Tuckshop Convenor
And
Casual on Call Convener
Experience preferred—Commencing 15th April 2013
Application packages are available from the School office.

Berrinba East State School
165 Bardon Road,
Berrinba, QLD 4117

Applications close 12pm Friday 8th March 2013
Applicants making enquiries can contact the P & C President on (07) 3489 6777