Farewell to our Yr 12 Graduates

Congratulations Class of 2013!!
Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the last weeks of the school year, it is impossible to believe that another school year is almost behind us.

Many thanks Mr Hobbins! Farewell Year 12s!

The College has received excellent feedback regarding the outstanding success of our Year 12 Formal and Year 12 Graduation.

Congratulations must go to Mr Josh Hobbins, for organising a truly memorable Formal event at the Stamford Plaza Hotel and for being involved with the team led by HOD Mrs Tracey English in organising an equally joyous Graduation. We look forward to hearing about future positive outcomes for these young men and women.

Yr 7-8 Orientation Day

We are looking forward to meeting our new students at our Orientation Day for the new Year 8s for 2014. This will take place this Thursday 5 December and will involve a full day’s program. If students cannot attend this day please contact the school so that we can make sure that the College has all the completed documentation.

Interim Results Year 12

While Year 12 results are still in the interim stage with the Queensland Studies Authority, we are pleased to congratulate our graduating Year 12s on gaining either OP eligibility or full credentials in Vocational Education Certificates.

I am delighted to be able to report that all Year 12s either OP or non OP students will be credentialed with at least one Vocational Education Certificate. Indeed, twenty three students have achieved one or more Certificate III level qualifications.

The College’s goal that every Year 12 student should achieve a Queensland Certificate of Education is right on track and we await enthusiastically for confirmation of the final outcome as we once again target a 100% success rate for 2013 following last years success. Year 12s, you are to be congratulated for this great effort.

I would like to remind all parents that our Year 8s and 9s will be fully engaged until our last day and that all students should be in full school uniform. Our Year 8 students have just completed a full NAPLAN set of tests in the school library on Monday.

Best wishes
Francine Barker—Principal

STOP PRESS

ABCN Award recipient Haley Watt Yr 10 received a full scholarship for her studies over the next three years.

Thane Ward Yr 10 was likewise highly commended and will also receive financial assistance towards his senior studies and was presented with an Ipad.

Haley Watt with fellow recipient Denise Ngirangabo from Yeronga SHS at Macquarie Place in Sydney.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER
29 Last Day Yr 10s & 11s

DECEMBER
2-4 Yr 11 & 12 Leadership Camp
5 Yr 7-8 Orientation Day
13 School Reports Posted
Last Day Yr 8s & 9s

JANUARY 2014
20 College Administration OPENS
22-24 Pupil Free Days
27 AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
28 ALL Students commence school
  8.40am Whole School Parade

FEBRUARY
11 School Photo’s
17 School Photo’s catch up day
18 P&C AGM Meeting 5.30pm

Queensland Term dates for 2014

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HAVE YOU CONSIDERED
KINGSTON CENTRE FOR CONTINUING SECONDARY EDUCATION
Kingston State College
Adult Education Centre

Enrolling NOW for 2014

We’re taking enrolments for 2014 until Wed 11 Dec and will recommence on Mon 21 January.

For information, brochures and enrolment interview times, please contact:
Ph: 3826 1388 / Fax: 3826 1324 / Email: admin@kingstonccse.eq.edu.au

All individual course brochures can be downloaded from
www.kingstonccse.eq.edu.au
Australian Mathematics Competition

They've done it again! Some of our talented young mathematicians have produced impressive results and proven - once more - that they can compete with the best in Australia and abroad. Congratulations to our students who demonstrated high level mathematical thinking, skills and application, achieving distinctions and credits in the prestigious 2013 Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC).

Administered by the Australian Mathematics Trust whose vision is to encourage and challenge students to realise their potential, the ACM is the largest single event on the Australian Education Calendar, with over 400,000 students across the nation participating – enough to fill the MCG four times! The ACM is also a truly international event, encompassing over 40 countries across the Pacific and Asia.

Students were required to solve thirty “real world” maths problems in 75 minutes, with the problems – involving arithmetic, algebra and geometry - becoming progressively more difficult until the end, when they are challenging to the most gifted student.

Year 8
Credit – Azma Khan, Frankie Henry-Roberts, Shanyn McKenzie, Kaitlin Thomas, Travis Ferguson, Leham Gaudie

Year 9
Distinction – Sera Ozgen
Credit – Dylan Roach, Claire Ariss, Bradley Thompson, Jordan O'Neil, Aaron Brown, Damien Camm, Patrick Bailey, Ky Allan, Renee Jamieson

Year 10
Distinction – Kyle Toovey
Credit – Sharay Armfield, Mason Kelly, Travis Reck

Year 11
Credit – Lochlan Clark, Jakana Cooper

Year 12
Distinction – Divita Devi
Credit – Jack Leo, Zane Harding, Bianca Reck

Alison Jackson—Enrichment Coordinator / Andrew Carlile—HOD Mathematics

Finance Team

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to all the parents/carers who have paid their child/ren’s Resource Hire fees this year. This has allowed the school to purchase much needed resources for all our students.

Please note: The College will not be taking money at the school after Thursday 28 November. The school offers a Direct Credit option with:
Commonwealth Bank of Australia
Account Name: Kingston State High School
BSB: 064-168   A/C Number: 0009 0060
Reference: Student name & payment reason Eg. J Smith School Fees

Increase in Resource Hire Scheme Fees 2014

The P&C has recently reviewed the Resources Scheme for 2014 and after careful consideration the Committee has made the decision to increase the fee to $200 per child per year for all year levels. The Scheme allows students temporary access to textbooks and other equipment. This increased fee now also includes Interschool Sport which in the past was charged on top of the Resource Hire Scheme.

Please note: the Resource Scheme does not include costs for other school activities including excursions, camps, formals etc.
Junior Secondary News

Junior Secondary Deputy Principals' Report

As the year draws to a close we enter the “silly season”. With less than three weeks left of the school year it is important to remember that students across all year levels are currently completing assessment. This may be exams, presentations or written assignments. It is essential that this assessment is completed and submitted to the teacher so that a true reflection of academic achievement can be reported for the year. This is the time to buckle down and study, work hard and avoid disruptions.

The standard of behaviour expected at school does not drop at this time of the year, it is essential that the College supports students that are undertaking this assessment and classroom disruptions are not tolerated. The Behaviour Management Policy will be enforced as normal.

Poor student behaviour outside of the school grounds does not give the school a good reputation. It is essential for every student that the Logan community hold Kingston State College in high regard. A poor reflection on the College is a poor reflection on the students. Many students will be job seeking over the holidays and it is essential that the College is viewed positive in the community.

Remember success at school requires you to be at school.
David Holgate
Junior Secondary Deputy Principal

Making every day count

As we near the end of the school year, it’s important to remember that all students are required to attend school every day until the end of term. Not only is attendance at school a legal requirement, but being at school helps students to achieve more and builds social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience. For more information, visit http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts.

PLEASE NOTE:
Year 10 & 11 Students—End of term is Friday 29 November
Year 8 & 9 Students—End of term is Friday 13 December

Chinese Poetry Competition

Ni Hao, lovers of traditional Chinese poetry! 8C, 8F and 8G have been practising their recitation skills, both in class and in their own time, memorising and bringing to life one of the most famous poems in Chinese culture; Li Bai’s ‘Jing Ye Si’ (Quiet Night Thoughts). Li Bai is regarded as the superstar of Tang Dynasty poetry, as was known as the ‘fallen immortal’, because of the beauty of his works. Here is the English translation of Li Bai’s poem, so that you too can appreciate it in all its simplistic beauty:

Quiet Night Thoughts
Li Bai

Before my bed, the moon is shining bright,
I think that it is frost upon the ground.
I raise my head and look at the bright moon,
I lower my head and think of home.

We were hoping to crown only one winner, but because of the calibre of the competitors, the LOTE department is proud to announce not one, but three winners of the Chinese Poetry competition (drum-roll please!):

First Prize:  Mereana Cooper & Aaron Wairon
Third Prize:  Tafa Taulaga

Not only did these three lucky winners receive a beautiful certificate to hang on their wall, they were also able to enjoy a delicious Chinese take-away feast (complete with a fortune cookie, and their own pair of chopsticks in a silk case).

A very big ‘thank you’ to all those students who took part in the competition, and congratulations to our three winners.

Ms Tinius
LOTE Teacher
Ways to create a stress free home for you and your teen

It’s a stressful world out there. To help your family reduce and manage stress, try these suggestions for making your home a more pleasant and supportive place:

- **Have Family Dinners.**
  - Ask everyone to talk about what happened during the day – including at least one good thing.

- **Be Health-Minded.**
  - Encourage the whole family to take care of the three basics – eating well, sleeping enough and exercising.

- **Make Laughter a Priority.**
  - Watch funny TV shows and movies together. When you hear a joke that you like, repeat it at home if it’s appropriate.

- **Let go of Negative Feelings.**
  - When conflicts or bad moods seem to get out of hand, call for some timeout! Any argument can benefit from a walk around the block to cool off.

- **Create Quiet Times.**
  - No TV, no music, no computer – just an environment conducive to meditation, reflection, reading or rest.

- **Touch.**
  - Hug, kiss good night, and offer a kind supportive word as adolescents may not always openly welcome attention but some need the reassurance that they are loved.

- **Pitch in.**
  - As a family, help one another.

- **Celebrate.**
  - Not just birthdays, but accomplishments like an adolescent’s improved report card. No gifts required. Saying “congratulations,” initiating a round of applause or writing a note will get the point across.

- **Welcome Friends.**
  - Encourage your adolescent to invite friends over, have them stay for dinner or sleep over.

- **Inspire.**
  - Talk with your adolescent about goals, making plans and thinking ahead. Show that you take your adolescent’s goals seriously and will do what you can to help.

- **Affirm that Some Stress can be Healthy and Yield Rewards.**
  - It is stressful to host a party, run for school office or apply for a job when you are a high school kid with little experience. Reassure you’re adolescent that in order to grow it is necessary to venture beyond the usual safe boundaries and that while they are exploring these new experiences that you and/or others will be available to guide and support them.

Source: [www.parentsoup.com/teens/issues/articles/0,,203509_561862,00.html](http://www.parentsoup.com/teens/issues/articles/0,,203509_561862,00.html)

Good Health

Fiona Taylor
School Based Youth Health Nurse
1 or 2 days a week doesn’t seem much but ……

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Target for 2014 and BEYOND is 90 – 95%
Help your child reach their POTENTIAL.

Mr Norman Gill
HOD Junior Secondary Schooling – Years 8 & 9

Kingston State College
Reminder—School Shoe Requirements
Students are expected to wear black leather, lace up shoes during their time at school. Laces must also be the same colour as the shoes.
This is a mandatory school requirement

Senior Secondary News

Have your say: Review of senior assessment and OP processes
The department has engaged the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) to conduct an independent review of Queensland’s senior assessment, reporting and Overall Position (OP) tertiary entrance processes. As part of the consultation process for the review, ACER has developed an online survey to capture the views of all Queenslanders on this important issue.

The survey is on the ACER website and consists of 21 simple questions on key aspects of our current senior assessment and tertiary entrance arrangements. All teachers, students and parents are encouraged to have their say and complete the survey. It is available from: http://www.acer.edu.au/queenslandreview
Year 12 Formal

Arriving in Style

Charming Gentlemen
Dining In Style...
Dancing the Night Away...
Farewell and Congratulations
Class of 2013
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.

Uniform Shop Special

**Get in quick!**

Dress Pants and Dress Shorts on special while stocks last:

- **Dress Pants** $50 now $35
- **Dress Shorts** $45 now $30

* Limited sizes available

**Opening Hours**

**Wednesday & Friday**

**ONLY**

8:00am – 9:30am

Important information

**Students not returning until after Thursday 6 February 2014**

School starts in 2014 on **Tuesday 28 January**.

All students will be required at school from this day.

If your student is unable to attend before Thursday 6 February due to extended holidays, sickness etc. could you please notify the Office on 3826 1340 as early as possible as it is a requirement to provide documentary evidence of travel or other arrangements preventing your child from attending the start date. This will further assist us with class numbers for the beginning of the year and to ensure proper funding for our College.

**Please note the Administration Office will open on Monday 20 January 2014**

Students NOT returning in 2014

If you know your child(ren) will not be attending Kinston State College next year, could you please return the slip to the Office as soon as possible so that we can make the necessary arrangements. This will further assist us with class numbers for next year. **We appreciate your support!**

Students Name: ___________________________________________  Yr Level:________________

Name of Destination School / Training Institution / Employment: __________________________________________________

___________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Name: __________________________  Signature:________________ Date:_________
**Christmas Hamper Appeal**

The Logan East Community Centre is currently collecting for its annual Hamper Appeal.

Any donations of non-perishable in-date food items, new toys and gift cards can be brought to the centre between 9am - 4pm Monday to Thursday and 9am -12noon on Fridays. Donations are required by 12.00pm on 13th December to allow for packing and distribution. The centre is located on the corner of Cinderella Drive & Vanessa Blvd Springwood. Hampers are distributed to families living in the local community who need a helping hand.

For more information please call 3808 4529.

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**IMPORTANT - Student Laptop Program 2014**

In line with the Australian Government’s Digital Education Revolution (DER), there is a need to provide students with access to information and communication technologies (ICT).

The key to this strategy is that student-centred learning provides for seamless movement between learning at school, home, work and play.

In 2014 Kingston State College will move to a full 1-to-1 Laptop Program across the school for Years 8-12. This will enable teachers to fully implement digital education into every subject which will provide students with the skills required in their future careers.

This program has been fully endorsed by the Parents’ and Citizens’ Association.

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**2014 Uniform Price List**

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* Prices are correct at time of printing but are subject to change if purchase price increases.

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**Uniform Shop Hours**

**December 2013**

Monday 9 - Thursday 12: 8.00am - 9.30am

**January 2014**

Thursday 23 & Friday 24: 9.00am - 3.00pm
Tuesday 28 January—Friday 1 Feb: 8.00am - 9.30am

(Normal Hours)

Wednesday & Friday: 8.00am - 9.30am
Littering

What is litter?
Litter is an amount of domestic or commercial waste less than 200 litres (the approximate volume of a wheelie bin) that is disposed of incorrectly.

Common types of waste include:
- cigarette butts
- drink bottles
- fast food wrappers
- material from a trailer that is poorly secured
- grass clippings swept into the gutter
- fishing tackle.

Littered waste does not include any gas, dust, smoke or material emitted or produced during, or because of, the normal operations of a building, manufacturing, mining or primary industry.

Most people ‘do the right thing’, but littering is a serious problem throughout Queensland. Litter builds up next to roads, can block gutters and finds its way into creeks, rivers and onto beaches. Littering costs Queenslanders a substantial amount of time and money to clean up.

According to the 2011 National Litter Index compiled by Keep Australia Beautiful, Queensland is the most littered mainland Australian state.

Littering harms and kills wildlife. Plastic waste can choke and suffocate birds and marine life. For more information see the Impacts of Litter fact sheet.

Soil and garden waste spreads pests and weeds, including fire ants and lantana. For more information, visit the Biosecurity Queensland website <www.biosecurity.qld.gov.au>.

Organic waste, such as food scraps, contributes to algae blooms in waterways.

Cigarette butts
Cigarette butts comprise more than 90 per cent of the waste littered from a motor vehicle. This is not just a littering issue. Plastic cigarette filters end up in waterways and can be swallowed by marine animals. These animals then slowly choke to death. Cigarette butts littered from motor vehicles can also start bush fires—costing lives and damaging property.

Every year enormous amounts of money, volunteer hours and energy are spent on cleaning up littered waste.

If every person in Queensland picked up just one piece of litter per year it would be 4.5 million less pieces of litter.

No bin—what can be done?

Everyone should take responsibility for their waste. For example, when eating lunch in a park, if there is no bin close by, take the waste with you and dispose of it when you find a bin.

If access to sufficient waste management infrastructure is an issue in your local area, take your litter home and raise the issue with the relevant council or state government authority.

Is it OK to litter when someone is paid to clean a place up?

It is never OK to litter. People must take responsibility for their own waste and not expect others to clean up after them. There are environmental and health and safety risks associated with littering—between the time the waste is dropped and the clean up crew arrives.

Litter can also blow or wash into drains and waterways—plus it looks ugly and attracts more litter. Public money should be spent on improving public spaces—not on cleaning up waste.

How are littering offences enforced?
The Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011 offers several ways to enforce a littering offence:
- an authorised officer can issue a penalty infringement notice to someone they observe littering
- an authorised officer can issue an infringement notice to the registered owner of a vehicle observed littering
- anyone can report littering they witness from a vehicle to the Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM). This report will be considered by DERM, and a penalty infringement notice may be issued if sufficient evidence is provided.

Who are the authorised officers?
Authorised officers are officers from DERM and local governments who are authorised, under the Act, to enforce the litter laws.

Local governments and DERM have shared responsibility for litter enforcement. Local governments can appoint staff as authorised officers for the purpose of littering enforcement.

Further information
Phone: 13 14 46 (13 QGOV)
Website: <www.derm.qld.gov.au/waste>
Mail: DERM Penalty Infringement Notices
GPO Box 2434
Brisbane QLD 4001