ABCN Program Launch
Heather Smith—ABCN State Manager,
Josh Galea—Yr 10 student,
Mr Norman Gill—HOD Junior Secondary and
Melissa King—Commonwealth Bank of Australia

Josh Galea Yr 10 student representing Kingston State College at the ABCN Program Launch

Congratulations
Solomon Coleman
Yr 10
MET East Representative 2014

Junior Debating Teams Successful start to the season

Team 1—Zoe Nixon 8A, Leah Ariss, Kiani Ward 8E and Kaitlin Thomas 9A

Team 2—Amy Hanrahan, Jacob McMaster, Azma Khan and Nikkita Jedra-Chow Yr 9

Congratulations on your debating win!

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2014
Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a very hectic term and it is almost impossible to believe that in three weeks we will be on holidays. Firstly, I would like to congratulate many of our students who always get to school on time, have excellent attendance, complete all work in their subjects and always wear the correct school uniform. These students should feel very proud of their efforts and hopefully they will have a good report available at Parent/Teacher Interviews in the last week of term.

As I have said before, the key to success is the constant monitoring by both the school and family.

Also, sincerest congratulations to our students involved in so many of our Enrichment activities including Debating where we had such a successful start to the season with two junior teams winning their debates. We are fortunate that our Mentoring Programs supported by our Australian Business Community Network Partners inspire and nurture so many of our students. These programs include ‘Focus’, Interview Skills, ‘Aspirations’ and GOALS.

Year 12 Interviews
Over the past weeks I have been personally interviewing all Year 12s to check their progress so far and monitor their expected outcomes for this their final year. This will continue on Parent/Teacher Evenings this term.

Please make sure your student has made an interview with me. I have been delighted with the professional manner which our Year 12s have demonstrated in these interviews.

Creative Generation—2014
We are thrilled to announce that four of our students have been selected as part of the Core Choir in Creative Generation—State Schools on Stage which will take place at the Brisbane Convention Centre on Friday 18 and Saturday 29 July. Congratulations to Yr 9 students, Genesis Lealasola, Chloe Robinson, Trinity Conquest and Yr 12 Easter Ah Sam who will be involved in the Core Choir. We are still awaiting to hear who will be involved as featured dancers. Warmest congratulations to these students!

Yr 7-8 Enrolment Evening
Next week on Wednesday 26 March the College will host our Expo/Enrolment Evening for new Year 7/8 students. Once again the decision to have the ‘Open Enrolment Evening’ earlier in the year was made as parent feedback from last year suggested that this important decision of high choice, needs to be considered earlier. Mr Norman Gill, HOD Junior Secondary Students Years 7, 8 and 9 and Ms Vikki Kelly, Year 8 Coordinator will be coordinating the evening from 5.30pm-7.30pm. We look forward to seeing many new families as they begin the important transition to high school.

Thank you to all College staff
Our staff are very committed to their own learning and development in order to be able to provide educational programs at the cutting edge. I would like to congratulate all our staff for their hard work and dedication—their energy levels and enthusiasm are truly amazing and we need to recognise the fantastic job they are doing!

Finally, we look forward to seeing many parents/carers and students at Parent/Teacher Interviews in the last week Tuesday 1 April and Wednesday 2 April.

Best wishes
Francine Barker—Principal

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**Parent / Teacher Interviews**

Student Progress Reports will be issued on the Evening

**Tuesday 1 April**
3.00pm to 8.00pm

**Wednesday 2 April**
3.00pm to 6.00pm

Located in G Block

Booking process is available through the College website
www.kingstonshs.eq.edu.au

Please note: Interviews are held twice a year and it is the College’s expectation that parents attend these interviews.
Youth Health Nurse

My name is Donna Mort and I am the School Based Youth Health Nurse at Kingston State College. I do health promotional activities in the school and curriculum based classroom presentations for all year levels. Young people learn best and are able to manage their life if they are healthy - physically and emotionally.

I am available for individual consultations with students every Monday and Tuesday from 8.00am – 3.00pm and the first Wednesday of the month to talk about anything that affects health and wellbeing. This covers a broad range of issues such as:

- nutrition and exercise
- sun safety
- mental health
- sexual health and
- drug and alcohol concerns.

All consultations are voluntary and confidential (unless extra support is needed for concerning safety issues). Parents and other members of the school community are also very welcome to contact me during these hours if there are issues of a health nature with students that you would like to discuss or for general information. Please call me directly on 3826 1348 or the Office to make an appointment.

Donna Mort
Youth Health Nurse

Kingston State College
Open Enrolment Expo

Yr 6/7—8 Enrolment Expo will be held on Wednesday 26 March 2014 5.30pm—7.30pm

Performances and School Tours
Scholarship Applications available
(Sausage sizzle available on the evening)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH
18
P&C Meeting 6.00pm
Junior Sport vs Marsden 9s (home)
19
Senior Sport vs Groves (home)
20
Yr 10/11s FOCUS Session 3, 11.30am-1.30pm
Student Council Meeting 12.50pm
25
Immunisation Phase One Yr 8s & 10s 12pm-1.30pm
Junior Sport vs Windaroo (away)
26
Open Enrolment Evening Yr 7/8—2015, 5.30pm - 7.30pm
ENABLE Debating Competition 5pm-7pm
Senior Sport vs Windaroo (home)
27
ABCN Interview Skills Workshop KPMG 10am-1pm @ KPMG
FOCUS Yr 10/11s Session 4, 10.30am-1.30pm
28
College Cross Country P3&4

APRIL
1
Parent / Teacher Interviews 3pm—8pm
QCS Practice All Day
Junior Sport vs Beenleigh (away)
2
Parent / Teacher Interviews 3pm—6pm
Senior Sport vs Loganlea (home)
3
Junior Secondary Performance Showcase 5-6pm Performing Arts
Uniform
Cooler weather is about to set upon us with some students now wearing the winter uniform including the College's jumper. Kingston State College is a uniform school and as such requires students to wear the uniform at all times. Many hours are put into uniform enforcement by all Teachers, Dean of Students, Year Coordinators and the Administration. The way in which students wear the uniform reflects upon the community's perception of the College and it is important that we portray this in a positive light. The uniform policy can be found in the student handbook, given upon enrolment and in the student diary. Students unable to wear the uniform on a particular day must bring a note and be issued an “out of uniform” slip to avoid consequences.

Detentions
Detentions are given to students by various staff members for a variety of reasons. Students who continually avoid attending detentions face a possible suspension period. Detentions are recorded in the student diary and are followed up by teachers. We appreciate your support on this matter and ask that you frequently read your child’s diary and help us to ensure that your child is completing any detentions. Afternoon detentions are given in cases where a lunchtime detention is inadequate or students have failed to attend lunch detentions. It is important that parents support the College’s Responsible Behaviour Plan and assist us with its implementation.

Parent Teacher Evening
This term we are holding two Parent/Teacher Evenings to ensure that we can provide feedback to parents about their child’s progress. These nights will be held on Tuesday 1 April from 3pm until 8pm and Wednesday 2 April from 3pm until 6pm. The extra time allows us to accommodate more parents, however, bookings fill quickly and I would advise you to get in early. Bookings can be made on line from the PTO link on our school website (www.kingstonshs.eq.edu.au). A letter was sent home recently with instructions on how to book. For assistance please call the College on 3826 1333 during office hours where someone will be available to help.

Get the School Website App (QSchools) for up to date information from the College.
Go to Google Play or the iTunes app store and search for QSchools. The app will allow you to add more than one State School (both primary and secondary) which is great if you have children in more than one school. The app will allow you to read our current newsletters and to receive any updates made to our website. The app also pushes out any alerts from Education Queensland.

Best wishes
David Holgate
Junior Secondary Deputy Principal

Permission forms are now ready for you to be involved in Traction (the industry-led workshops facilitated by Qld Theatre Company and funded by the Department of Social Services).
If you have an interest in theatre (both on and off the stage) then come and grab a note from the Performing Arts block to be involved in the workshops to be held at school for the first four Wednesdays of Term 2 from 3–5 pm. See you there!
Mrs Vikki Kelly
Drama Co-ordinator

Peter Doherty Awards for Excellence in Science

Facebook

Twitter
On behalf of the Mathematics Department at Kingston State College, I am pleased to announce that we have now adopted MathsOnLine (http://www.mathsonline.com.au/) as our latest on-line platform. MathsOnLine, which has replaced Mathletics, represents a significant investment in the education of all our students. Furthermore, it can be accessed at school or at home via the student’s laptop or home pc.

MathsOnLine provides a facility for regular homework to be distributed to all of our students and is marked electronically, thereby providing immediate feedback to the student. Furthermore, this resource allows the student to have multiple attempts at the task in order to achieve to the best of their ability. To support the student to achieve this, there is also a tutorial-based system linked to each homework task that provides detailed instructions in a step-by-step manner. Finally, the student, parents and their teacher can review up-to-date progress for each homework task both past and present.

This is an excellent resource that I recommend each parent or caregiver review either now or in the near future. I also recommend that the progress of your student is monitored regularly in order to ensure the completion of tasks.

Although by now, all logon details have been issued to students, parents and caregivers can contact their student’s mathematics teacher in order to get the required details should you wish to do so.

I hope you and your student find this to be a valuable resource and I welcome feedback from you in the future.

Andrew Carlile
Head of Department Mathematics

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!!
Successful Start to the Season
ENABLE Debating

The 2014 ENABLE inter-school debating competition “kicked off” on Wednesday evening 26 February, with our College hosting Round 1. It was certainly an excellent start to the debating season for Kingston State College.

Our two junior teams both scored victories - presenting some very persuasive arguments for the affirmative on the topic “Wild animals should not be kept in captivity”.

Congratulations to Junior Team 1 - Kaitlin Thomas 9A, Leah Ariss and Zoe Nixon 8A – who defeated Woodridge SHS by a massive margin of over 50 points. Amazing! Thanks to chairperson Kiani Ward 8E – and enormous thanks to Kaitlin for filling in at the last moment when a team member was sick.

Well done to Junior Team 2 – Azma Khan, Amy Hanrahan and Jacob McMaster 9A – who scored a decisive win against Browns Plains SHS. Thanks to chairperson Nikkita Jedra-Chow 9A.

Debating is TOUGH, involving lots of higher order thinking, hard work and preparation, while the public speaking element can definitely be a nerve-racking experience. (If we’re honest, most of us are terrified of speaking in public!) Special mention should be made of our junior novices – Kaitlin, Leah and Azma – who bravely made their debating debut.

Our Senior Team comprises seasoned veterans – Brendan Herbst, Sera Ozgen 9A and Sharay Armfield Year 11 – who did a fine job, arguing convincingly that “we should change the date of Australia Day”. Unfortunately – they were not quite convincing enough, losing the debate very narrowly by just 4 points to Browns Plains SHS. Thanks to chairperson Jamie Morton and reserve Jhett Hodge-Dean and – of course- their brilliant coaches Ms Raschelle Moore and Ms Krista Austin.

Many thanks also to Mr Holgate and Ian McIntosh Year 12 for their assistance in hosting Round 1.

Teams are now preparing in earnest for Round 2 on Wednesday 26th March at Browns Plains SHS.

Good luck to all our debaters for a successful season.

Ms Alison Jackson
Enrichment Co-ordinator

Kingston State College
Junior Secondary Mini Showcase
Come and see Performances by Year 8, 9 & 10s
Also Special Key Performances

Thursday 3 April
5pm to 6pm
Performing Arts
RSVP to Mrs Tracey English
by Friday 28 March—3826 1333
Kingston College Shines for ABCN

As the Australian Business & Community Network (ABCN) enters its 5th year with Kingston State College, we would like to thank Norman Gill, Carolyn Prince and Joshua Galea for representing the College at our recent Information Session at the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA) in the Brisbane CBD.

The event was an opportunity for staff from various areas within CBA to learn about volunteering opportunities available through its membership of ABCN.

On the night Melissa King of CBA and Heather Smith from ABCN spoke of the various programs available and how staff can become involved. However, the real stars on the night were; Josh Galea Yr 10, (a former participant of the GOALS program), Norman Gill (ABCN College Champion) and Carolyn Prince (ABCN Coordinator). Their insights regarding the impact of the involvement of business on the school, and the benefits of direct involvement of employees as student mentors, produced immediate results. A number of new mentors expressed an interest in participating in ABCN programs this year.

Mrs Jan Cunningham—Senior Secondary Deputy Principal

Differentiation PLT

Kingston State College Professional Learning Team

Breakfast Meeting

Learning how to cater for the needs of ALL students

A Great Start!