5 February 2016

Principal’s Report

Welcome to 2016. The year is off to a great start with our projected enrolment expected to be at 460 which shows a huge turn around in confidence for state schooling in recent years which continues to grow. I am particularly pleased to welcome our second cohort of Year 7s and any new families to Charters Towers State High School.

It has been a very positive response to the adoption of the school hat/cap for beginning students and the overall acceptance of no hat = detention as a follow on from 2015 no hat = no play. Thank you to all parents for supporting us in managing this important sun safety message. As we all know, it is what we subject our bodies to now that comes back to bite us in later life.

2015 Senior Successes

- 100% QCE/QCIA attainment
- 100% QTAC first preference offers to university
- Top OP of 4 and all in the 1 – 16 range

Text and Resource Scheme

I would like to thank all parents who have already paid their fees or adopted a payment plan so that their students are already accessing all resources used in the teaching and learning process. As the school’s P&C has endorsed a “parents either join the scheme or purchase all texts and resources themselves”, this scheme affords significant savings.

New Staff

We have welcomed 12 new teachers to the school this year as follows:

- Guidance Officer - Mr Brent Nelson
- Senior School Head of Department - Miss Tracey Hill
- Head of Special Education Services – Mrs Lorena Goll
- Mr Nathan Morris – Maths/Science
- Ms Angela Mroz – English/Humanities
- Mr Deng Jurkuch – Maths/Science
- Ms Wendy Sherman-Bryson - LOTE
- Miss Fiona Cameron – English/Humanities
- Mr Anthony Cosenza – Maths/Science
- Mr Anthony Johnson – Art/ICT
- Miss Renee Benson – SEP
- Miss Rebecca Kadvanay – HPE
- Miss Sarah Cassin – HPE (will commence Feb 22)

Safe, Respectful, Learners

This week at assembly I was immensely pleased to be able to congratulate Senior School Students who have shown considerable initiative in modelling and supporting others with our school expectations.

P&C Meetings

School decisions affecting your students are made at Parents and Citizens’ Association meetings once a month. These meetings are limited to one hour from 6.30pm - 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is Tuesday 9th February. I especially look forward to welcoming all new parents to the school to attend this meeting in the administration building. The March meeting on Tuesday 8th will be the 2016 AGM for election of officers.

Attendance

In line with the way we prepare students for the world of work, Education Queensland requires 95% attendance which equals 10 sick days a year. In order to qualify for the major end of year rewards associated with attaining 95% attendance students will need to have a satisfactory medically evidenced explanation
for absences. Last year there was significant improvement in attendance because of the rewards program and I issue the challenge to every student to attain 95% or better this year. At assembly, Year Coordinators regularly report to year levels how they are tracking in terms of attendance which in itself is a powerful motivator. Statistical data shows that academic achievement is directly attributable to time spent in the classroom gaining the knowledge to be assessed on.

I look forward to meeting new parents throughout the year and working with everyone to attain the best outcomes for every student.

Yours in Education, Moya A Mohr

Moya Mohr, Principal

SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS:
I am Safe
I am a Learner
I am Respectful

New Staff

I am Brent Nelson and I have just come from Mornington Island State School. I am the new Guidance Officer and I’m loving the town. I look forward to a really exciting 2016. Have a wonderful term.

I am the new Head of Special Education Services and this is my 9th year teaching special education, having worked in different schools in Brisbane, London and throughout Queensland. I look forward to an exciting new adventure and am already enjoying the friendly staff and students at State High. Lorena Goll.

I am one of the Heads of Department for the Senior School. This year my focus year levels will be Year 10 with Mrs Hackman and Year 12. Mrs Hackman will be looking after the Year 11 cohort of students. I have been a teacher since 2003 and taught in Japan, Cairns, Townsville and Cloncurry. For the last three years, I was acting Head of Department for the Senior School in Cloncurry. I am looking forward to working at State High and thank you all for being so welcoming. If you wish to speak with me regarding your child, please contact me at the school on 4754 6555. Tracey Hill.

My name is Rebecca Kadvany. I have moved from Townsville to Charters Towers. My teaching areas are HPE and junior Science. I love touch footy and enjoy reading. I am passionate about sports, health and wellbeing. My favourite movies are anything that involves action! I currently have 114 things that are on my bucket list and the most exciting one that I have ticked off is skydiving. My motto in life is to ‘live life to the fullest.’

I am teaching senior English and Modern History this year having just moved from Townsville. If your child is in my class and you have questions or concerns, please contact me at the school or leave a message. Fiona Cameron.

My name is Renee Benson and I am a special education teacher at State High. I have recently come from Emerald where I worked at the high school, however, I have spent the majority of my schooling years in special education due to my hearing impairment. I was raised in Mackay, the sugar cane farming town! I am known for my love of chocolate and travel.

I have been in Charters Towers for the last 18 months having moved here from Ingham. Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 may already know me as I spent time as a District Relief Teacher traveling between the primary schools in the area. I am looking forward to my time here where I will be teaching Year 8 Science and Mathematics and Year 9 ICT. Anthony Cosenza.

Hi Everyone, my name is Nathan Morris and I am the new Maths/Science teacher. I recently moved from the Gold Coast. I look forward to my time here and getting to know everyone.

After teaching in Cooktown, I have recently moved to The Towers. Same heat, just drier than I am used to. My expertise is English and History. I look forward to not being attacked by crocodiles in Charters Towers! I’m pretty excited to not be travelling 4 hours to do my grocery shopping. Loving the history of the town and looking forward to sharing the educational journey with you all. Angela Mroz.

My name is Wendy Sherman-Bryson. I am a Japanese, Chinese and ESL (English as a Second Language) teacher. I look forward to teaching language at State High and getting to know the students.

Student Leaders’ Investiture Tuesday 9th February
Secondary Valentine’s Dance at the PCYC Friday 12th February

School Chaplains

As Scripture Union QLD Chaplains, we provide spiritual, physical and emotional support to school communities. We are in the prevention and support business, helping students find a better way to deal with issues ranging from family breakdown and loneliness, to stress and anxiety. We provide a listening ear and a caring presence for young people in crisis and those who just need a friend. We are also available to provide support for staff and parents in school communities. Please phone us on
4754 6555 to discuss how we can help and support your child at school. Helen Milton and Sharon Beveridge.

**Youth Support Coordinator**

My role at the school is to work with young people, to support young people at risk of leaving school early, and to increase the capacity of families, schools and the community to support young people to stay connected to learning. I am available between 8:30am and 3:00pm. **Kylie Webber.**

**Junior Secondary**

Ms Bhullar and I would like to welcome all returning and new Junior Secondary students to State High in 2016. We are really excited about continuing the great work from last year and look forward to working with all the new students and teachers.

This year we will be introducing the **Junior Certificate of Education (JCE)**, a school-based certificate, that mirrors Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) in Senior School.

We will be building on the success of our **Student-Led Conferences** again this year; they give students an opportunity to take ownership of their learning and set goals in collaboration with both parents and teachers. These will be held in Term 3.

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Ms Aman Bhullar and Mr Aaron Willis can be contacted by email at jrsecondaryhod@chartoweshs.eq.edu.au or on the school phone 4754 6555.
Welcome to State High Instrumental Music 2016

The Music Program at State High is one I am extremely proud to be a part of. It is amazing to see our students grow and develop through the study of music. We now are home to two 30-plus concert bands, two stage bands and a marching band. Every year I am amazed at what we can achieve and I know 2016 will be no exception.

2015 Recap

Our students, in conjunction with the Charters Towers Community, raised $1 000 for the Waltzing Matilda Centre in Winton from our Festival of Bands concert. This was decided as a parting gift from our Year 12 Music Students. The Winton Community sincerely thanks our Music students for their contribution and an open invitation to return and perform within the community at any time.

State High Bands concert at the Waltzing Matilda Centre in Winton

Special guests to Charters Towers TOPOLOGY and Ambre Hammond worked with Charters Towers students in 2015. They gave up their own time to work on different programs throughout the year and hope to return in 2016 to provide a platform for our students to perform and work with professional musicians.

What’s happening in 2016

Fanfare

Every 2 years the State Government holds a State-wide festival for all State Schools. State High has nominated 4 bands, which will travel to Townsville to compete in May.

Charters Towers is extremely lucky to have the Queensland Youth Orchestra, based in Brisbane, hold a workshop with students and a combined concert at The World Theatre on the weekend 25-26 June 2016.

Other Dates:

- Senior Music Workshop (SMW) – All IM members TBA
- SHEP Cairns (invitational only) – 4-6th March
- ANZAC Day school service – Wind Symphony – Friday 22nd April
- ANZAC Day Town March – All IM members – Saturday 25th April
- CT SHS Music Camp (Wind Ensemble) - 15-17 July Wambianna Station
- CT SHS Music Tour (Wind Symphony) - 6-9 October TBA
- CT Show – All IM members – Monday 1st August
- CT Eisteddfod – 17th-26th August.
- AMEB Exams – Piano – May 2-8
- AMEB Exams – Instrumental – August 1-28
- Festival of Bands (FOB) – Thursday 20th October Workshop 8:30-3:30, Concert 6:30pm – Theatre
Congratulations to our principal leaders of each ensemble. These students have worked extremely hard, and now are leaders within our Music program. **Haddon Mossley.**