



PARENT NEWS *Term 3, Week 9*

YEAR 10 INTO 11

SUBJECT SELECTION INFORMATION SESSION

When: TONIGHT - Tuesday 6 Sept. - 5.30 to 7.00 pm - School Hall



We would like to see every parent & carer of our year 10 students at this information session to ensure the correct pathway is chosen for your child. You will come away informed about pathways for students entering year 11 and be able to have informed discussions with your student on the subjects they would like to study in their senior schooling.



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

We are in the last two weeks of the term and most students are completing assessment. Teachers are also preparing report cards which will be issued by email to parents and carers on Friday 16 September. Please take the time to discuss report cards with your students.

Another focus at the moment is on the transition of year 10 students into year 11. Year 10 at Malanda SHS is part of the senior school. Year 10 is an important year for students to seriously think about their future pathways whether it be to university, full time employment, an apprenticeship or a traineeship.

This week students will be involved in a number of activities that will provide them with more information to make an informed decision about their future especially with subject selections for year 11 and 12. There is a subject information session for students where teachers of the specialised subject areas will discuss with students, in detail, the various aspects of each subject in year 11 and 12. Students need this information to make realistic and informed decisions about the subjects they choose.

Students and parents are also invited to attend an information session covering all aspects of the transition process from year 10 to year 11. This will occur tonight, Tuesday 6 September at 5:15pm in the Hall. It is imperative that students and parents understand what a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) is and what has to occur for students to achieve this certificate at the end of year 12. This information will be explained on the night as well as information on university entry with an OP score, school based apprenticeships or traineeships and TAFE courses.



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Thirdly, all year 10 students and parents in Queensland are involved in the Senior Education and Training (SET) Plan process with the school they are enrolled at. The SET Plan maps out a student's plan of action for his or her education and training over the next two years in partnership with their parents and the school. This includes a signed agreement outlining roles and responsibilities of the partnership agreement. A SET Plan must be completed for every student.

Parents are asked to book a meeting time for the SET plan process on the school interview website: <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au>. More information around SET Planning is further on in this newsletter.

Transition information is also occurring for other year levels. On Monday year 8's were given information from teachers about elective subjects for year 9. Next Friday year 6 students from surrounding primary schools will be visiting us to learn more about computers and Microsoft Office to ensure a smooth transition into high school. Have a great week.



Kind Regards

Ms Nicole Hyland
Deputy Principal

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

2016 – TERM 3 – WEEK 8

YEAR 10 93.89%



FROM THE OFFICE

- Once again families have been identified as not having completed and returned the Text Book & Resource Scheme form to the office. This should have been done at the commencement of the school year. It is a government requirement that if you participate in this scheme you need to complete the form. Students have now been given this form again. Please ask your student/s if they have a form in their school bag and if so please complete and have it returned to the school office.
- As the end of this term is now less than 2 weeks away we will continue to remind you to ensure accounts and payments are up to date. From the start of 2017 all accounts are required to be up to date before you can participate in the Text Book & Resource Allowance Scheme unless prior arrangement has been made with the Business Services Manager.
- Please ask your student/s to check the lost property box near the office as it is still overflowing with jackets, shoes, lunchboxes etc. Uncollected property is donated to charity.



The BYOd Policy has been updated ready for 2017 and can be found on our website

Years 11/12 – OP eligible students encouraged to BYOd plus have access to equity pool e.g. Lib, Classrooms/Day loan devices.

Year 11/12 – ICT, Business, Tourism and Cert II Hospitality encouraged to BYOd plus have access to equity pool e.g. Lib, Classrooms/Day loan devices.

Year 11/12 – Non OP students Voluntary BYOd or access to equity pool e.g. Lib, Classrooms/Day loan devices.

Transition to High School

A successful transition to high school is a very important part of your child's schooling. We have been very proactive in ensuring that students who come to Malanda SHS are provided with every assistance at this important phase of their lives. At the end of this newsletter you will find an updated program that will be of particular interest to parents and carers of students in year 6. You will see by the program that the transition schedule is very active in term 4. Please take the time to ensure your student does not miss any of the transition events.

Have you found us on Facebook yet?



We will use Facebook to not only give parents and carers reminders about school events but to also share with you some of the daily life at Malanda State High School. Please share our page and spread the word on this great school we all are part of.

<https://www.facebook.com/MalandaStateHighSchool/>



SET PLAN INTERVIEWS YEAR 10 PARENTS & CARERS

The SET Planning process is now underway for our year 10 students. Please find below information for parents & carers about SET Plans and the information you require to book your interview time with the school.

Pathway planning: Information for parents and carers

In Year 10, schools work with students to develop a senior education and training (SET) plan. Your involvement in helping your child make important decisions about their future education, training and employment is vital to the success of this plan.

What's a SET plan?

A SET plan is a confidential document that a student develops, in consultation with their parents/carers and their school, to map their learning and career pathways.

What's the purpose of a SET plan?

The purpose of a SET plan is to help students:

- set and achieve their learning goals in Years 11 and 12
- include flexible and coordinated pathway options in their course of senior study
- think about their education, training and career options after Year 12 and make decisions about their learning pathways
- structure their learning around their abilities, interests and ambitions
- communicate with their parents, teachers and career guidance officers about their learning pathways and post-school plans.

In their SET plan, students will be able to list a variety of different learning pathways, some of which may be accessed outside the current formal structure of school. This provides more options and flexibility in learning.

What's involved in developing a SET plan?

Each school has its own SET planning process. Your child's school will make that process clear to you. Once your child's SET plan has been developed, you, your child and the other people involved in developing the plan should sign and date the plan to show agreement.



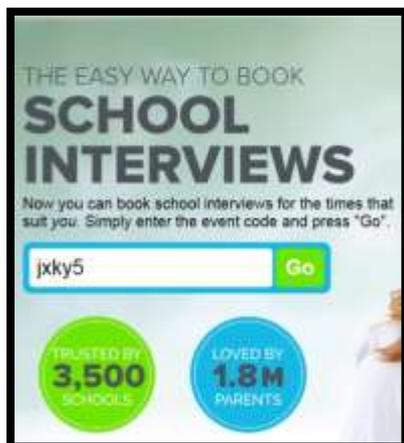
What happens next?

Parents are encouraged to stay involved in the SET planning process so you can support your child through their learning.

It is recommended that students review their SET Plan regularly to make sure their subjects and learning is right for them, and that they can maintain a pathway to the courses and career they want after Year 12.

Students can track their enrolments and results in their learning account on the [Student Connect website](#).

If students want to change their subjects or courses, it is important that they discuss this with their school or other learning provider.



To make an interview time for a SET Plan please log on to:

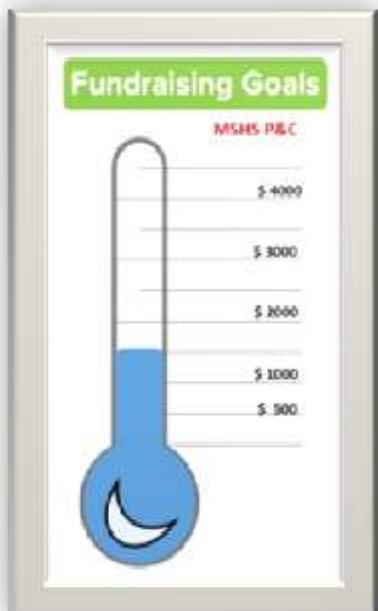
www.schoolinterviews.com.au

and enter the school event code of **jxky5**. Alternatively you can contact the school office and we can do this for you. If you are not available during the times or dates listed, please contact the school secretary (Kathi Terrance) to make alternative arrangements – Email: kiter0@eq.edu.au or Phone: 40 967 111. Students should accompany their parents/carers to the interview. SET Plans must occur before a student can progress into year 11.

If your student is absent please use one of the following options: Phone the school office on 40967111 on the morning of the absence OR Email to absentees@malandashs.eq.edu.au



FROM THE P&C



Wow, the P&C sure had some fun the last week while fundraising! First up was the Trivia Night at the Malanda RSL which was packed with very competitive teams. Thank you to all parents, staff and other members of the community who supported this fun event. We would especially like to thank the winning teams who donated their prize money to the P&C – together with funds raised from a \$100 board and 50% of the entry fees, a total of \$430 was raised on the night. A big thank you also to Malanda RSL for giving us the opportunity to do this. Trivia Night happens on the last Wednesday of every month at the RSL, and we can highly recommend participating in this fun event.



Then on Friday we participated at the Malanda Primary School P&C Fete with “Guess the Weight of the Beast” and “Chook Poo Bingo”. Thank you to the Ag Department for the loan of the bull and a chicken!

Guessing the weight was taken very seriously by the adults with guesses varying from 180 kg to 750 kg, however the correct weight was

357 kg – the winner was Rhonda with a guess of 352 kg, and Maddy Parise won the prize for the best student guess.



We also played Chook Poo Bingo – unfortunately by the time we placed the marked up card underneath it, the chook was more interested in sleeping than anything else, but we got there in the end: congratulations to adult winner W Davey and student winner James Mahoney. Thank you to the Malanda Primary P&C for letting us participate with your fete and a big thank you to the sponsors of the prizes: two \$25 meat vouchers from Malanda Meat Co, two bottles of wine from Malanda RSL, and two double vouchers for “Creation Jars” from Petals & Pinecones in Atherton.

A total of \$229 was raised on the night which brings our fundraising for the year to date to just over \$1500.

Future fundraising plans:

- Next term will be our Monster raffle with some fantastic prizes to be won!
- Also the P&C has accepted the chance to raise more funds by helping at the Malanda Bull Ride on Saturday 5 November where we will be managing the entry gate from 3pm to 8pm.
- Then on Saturday 12 November we will cater at the Small Farm Field Day.

We will need volunteers for all events with more details to be provided after the September school holidays.

Next P&C Meeting: Due to the September school holidays, our next meeting has been held over until Tuesday 18 October at 7.15 pm in the Ag Building. All welcome.



CAREER DEVELOPMENT



Students in Year 11 Extension have begun a Life Skills program. The Malanda Lions Club have been generous in bringing together experts in the community and resources to present sessions that inform students about basic skills in car care, changing the flat tyre, personal care, buying a second hand car and preparing for that interview. Coral Smith, Bruce Campbell and a number of Lions have worked together to put the program together. Community leaders will also be talking to students about planning for their future, mentoring the update of resumes and how to think about steps towards achieving their goals. Part of the agenda in the program is to make students aware of the benefits of being part of a community organisation. As the economy becomes more uncertain and the future becomes more unclear, it has been good to have people to empower the students to be the best that they can be. *Mr Axford*

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TRANSITION FOR 2017

Date	Event	Description	2016 Dates
Term 1			
Week 10	Extension Science Lessons	Year 6 attend a Science lesson: 3 rotational groups lead by Year 10 students	
Term 2			
By appointment	Enrolment process	Parents can enrol through booking an interview time with Head of Student Services – Junior (HoSS). Interview appointments can be made by ringing the school Executive Secretary – Phone 40967144 or in term 3 logging onto Online process: www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use the code catjd	Online process should not be set up or advertised till start term 3.
Week 7	Enrolment Packs	Packs, welcome letter, and transition schedule should go to all feeder schools and one to every Year 6 students at feeder schools and Yungaburra. Enrolment packs made available at each Primary School office and at Malanda SHS administration. Enrolment information available on school webpage. Principal and HOSS Junior to visit Yr 6 classes upon invitation to talk and distribute information	
Week 8	Welcome Letter	An introductory letter inviting parents to transition evening and sharing information about what to expect at Malanda SHS distributed to schools via principals	
Term 3			
Week 1	Transition Information Evening	Parents invited to meet Principal and Junior School Leadership Team for Q & A. This will be held in the school hall from 6pm to 7.30pm	
By appointment	Enrolment process	Parents can enrol through booking an interview time with Head of Student Services – Junior (HoSS) by ringing the school Executive Secretary – Phone 40967144 or logging onto the Online process: www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use the code catjd	Online process available at start term 3
Ongoing	Parent email list generated	School secretary source email list addresses and begin the communication with enrolled and potential parents Communication includes - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All information and current newsletters • Tips on 'How to help your child transition to High School' • Tips on 'How to help your child with specific subjects'. Parents encouraged to contact the school Executive Secretary on 40967144 to join this email group or mailing list.	
Scheduled dates	Special Needs Students	Meeting of parents of students with disabilities, students with very high needs, learning support students and gifted and talented students. Meeting led by SWD team	Tues 26 July
Week 5	ICT lessons	Develop ICT skills using Microsoft Office software to ensure necessary skills are developed before transitioning into the high school. Students from all feeder schools will be welcome in these sessions.	12 August
Scheduled dates	Walk & Talk	Parents are invited into school to walk the classes to get a feel for the school followed by a 'You talk, We Listen' conversation with the Principal and Head of Student Support – Junior if available. (HoSS)	16 August
Upon Invitation	P & C visits	Principal will visit feeder school's P&C meetings to discuss school outcomes and programs.	



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SAFETY - LEARNING - RESPECT

Week 9	ICT lessons	Develop ICT skills using Microsoft Office software to ensure necessary skills are developed before transitioning into the high school. Students from all feeder schools will be welcome in these sessions.	9 th September
Week 10	Parent Information Session	Junior Respect Me Sessions facilitated by Toma – Youth Support Worker at Malanda Primary School	13 th September
Term 4			
Week 1	Junior Respect Me	Identity and gender stereotypes (Fridays P3 or P4)	7 th October
Week 2	Junior Respect Me	Media Literacy	14 th October
Week 3	Junior Respect Me	Relationship Rights and Responsibilities	21 st October
Week 4	Junior Respect Me	Ethics and Consent	28 th October
Week 5	Junior Respect Me	Bystander behaviour	4 th November
Scheduled dates	Walk & Talk	Parents are invited into school to walk the classes to get a feel for the school followed by a 'You talk, We Listen' conversation with the Principal and Head of Student Support – Junior if available. (HoSS)	19 October
Scheduled dates	Transition Day	Year 6 students visit Malanda SHS and participate in a day at high school.	30 November
Week 9	Transition Dance	Year 6, 7, 8 and 9 student dance Details provided to Yr 6 students and their families as soon as possible closer to the date.	30 November
Upon Invitation	Year 7-9 Student Leader school visits	HoSS and Year 7/8/9 student leaders visit primary schools and discuss high school with Year 6 students (Malanda, Butchers Creek, Millaa Millaa, Yungaburra, St Teresa's)	

Important Dates

6 September	Yr 10 into 11 Subject Selection Info Session in Hall 5.15pm
9 Septembe	Yr 6 – ICT Session 10.15am – 11.25am
9 September	Malanda Butchers Exc. - Proposed
13 September	Yr 12 Drive 2 Live Theory
15 September	Yr 12 Drive 2 Live Practical
16 September	Gold & Silver Level Excursions
17 September	Holidays Commence
19 September	School Japan Trip Departs
29 September	Japan Trip arrive home
3 October	Public Holiday
4 October	Term 4 commences
4 October	Fitzroy Is. Exc. Science Ext & Tourism classes
12 October	Yr 6 invited to Full School Parade
17 October	Pupil Free Day
18 October	Walk & Talk with the Principal 4.30pm
19 October	Walk & Talk with the Principal 9.30am
19 October	Transition Dance
26 October	Presentation Evening
27 October	Yr 12 Choices Presentation
1 November	Authority English Exc to Cairns – to be confirmed
11 November	Remembrance Day
12 November	Small Farms Field Day – P&C would like your help
17 November	Final Parade for Year 12
18 November	Year 12 Graduation
25 November	Year 10 & 11 Finish for the year
30 November	Transition Day for all 2017 Year 7 students
9 December	Last day of school for 2016
23 Jan 2017	School commences for 2017



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