



Queen's Baton Relay Runners

The Queen's Baton Relay is a Games tradition that celebrates the Commonwealth's diversity, inspires community pride and excites people about the world-class festival of sports and culture to come. The Queen's Baton carries a message from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II that calls the Commonwealth's athletes to come together in peaceful and friendly competition.

Throughout Australia, baton bearers were selected last year to carry this message through our nation's communities on its way to the Gold Coast. Innisfail State College is exceptionally proud to have had four of our students chosen for this important task. **We hope you will take some time out on Saturday 17 March to line our streets and provide cheer and support for these great young people:**



Talia Bulstrode
year 8, 1:15pm
through show-
grounds from
PCYC end, out
main gates onto
Palmerston Hwy
towards town
to Velution St



Cody Hansen
year 10,
1:32pm from
cnr of Charles &
Alice Streets
towards
Warrina Lakes



Sandra Vecchio
Class of 2017
and past College
Captain, 1:35pm
from cnr of
Charles & Emily
Streets into
Warrina Lakes



Paige Whatling
year 9, 1:50pm
out of Warrina
Lakes from cnr
of Park & Emily
Streets towards
Ernest Street

MAMU Health services visit students

Recently our Senior Health Certificate students were fortunate to receive a visit from Joseph Drahm and Tiara Tomarra from Innisfail Mamu Health Services. This health support team addressed the group on their role in the community to improve the health and well-being of our local Indigenous people, the general advances in Indigenous health across Australia, and the purpose and success of such campaigns as "Closing the Gap". This term the Certificate III Health Course covers all aspects of Indigenous health and the students were particularly interested in the history of the Australian Indigenous people, racial issues they face in their day-to-day lives as well as the reasons for the inequality in the standard of health of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. These students were so impressed by the work carried out by this team of dedicated health professionals that a number of them are now considering a career in the health industry so that they can use their knowledge and skills to help improve the quality of life for as many people as possible. As one of the students, Nahum Kennedy, said "There could be no better feeling than knowing that you have helped someone in need".

Ms Egyed - Trainer

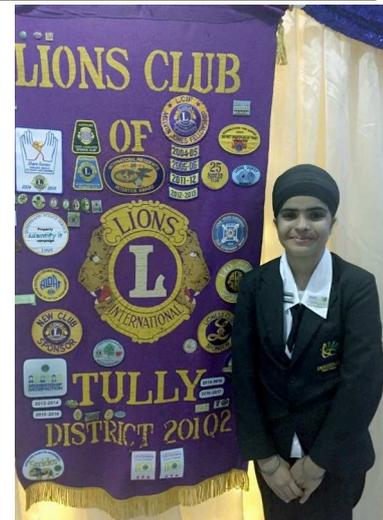


Coming events at ISC

Wed 14 - Fri 16 March	Brain Bee Challenge for year 10s
Saturday 24 March	Gala Dinner Feast of the Senses @ Peppertree
Monday 26 March	Yr 6 Orientation 1 for all year 6 students
Tuesday 27 March	Hotshots - Arts & English
Wednesday 28 March	QCS Practice Day 1
	Hotshots - Maths & Science
Thursday 29 March	QCS Practice Day 2
	Hotshots - History & HPE
	Yr 9 Drama Performance Tour
	Easter Bonnet Parade - DLC
Friday 30 March	Good Friday—school vacation commences
Tuesday 17 April	First day back for term 2—all students
Wednesday 18 April	Lock down drill at 11:15am
Thursday 19 April	Term 1 Report Cards issued to all students 7-12
Every afternoon	Homework & assignment support 3-4pm XG03
Every Tuesday afternoon	Maths & Science tutorials 304pm XG03
Every Wednesday afternoon	English tutoring 3-4pm ISC Library

Maninder represents Innisfail

Last Saturday Maninder Kaur, year 11, represented the Innisfail Lions Club at the Lions Youth of the Year competition in Tully. Maninder presented a witty, intelligent and thought-provoking speech about the importance of communication between schools and families in support of student education. Well done, Maninder!



Student Council donates to local charities



After a successful Valentine's Day venture, the year 12 senior leaders met and decided to donate the profit they made to two worthy local organisations - Innisfail Paws 'n' Claws and the Innisfail Friends of the Hospital Foundation.

The representatives from these organisations attended assembly and gratefully accepted these donations, ensuring the whole school community that the money would be put to good use.

Concert Band and String Orchestra repertoire camp



On 21 February, 46 students and four staff involved in the Instrumental Music Programme participated in their annual Repertoire camp at Daradgee Environmental Education Centre.

During the two days of camp, students rehearsed as a band as well as in sectionals so they could become acquainted with playing new music with different students. Students also completed the low ropes course as a team building exercise and enjoyed night activities including trivia and movies. The focus of this camp was to rehearse new music in preparation for Fanfare, a state-wide bi-annual band competition. This is my first year teaching at ISC, as well as my first year working with the ISC Concert band, and I am very impressed with the amount of hard work and dedication I have seen in the students at ISC.

Mr Knopke - Band Leader

State Honours Ensemble Program

Eleven Instrumental Music students participated in the State Honours Ensemble North Queensland program from 5th - 7th March, run by Griffith University at St Mary's College in Cairns. Students participating included Darcie Thompson, Liam Garner, Toby Jarvis MacDonald, Lacey Condon, Lucia Trotter, Selena Guglielmi, Jacinta Torrisi, Krista Davies, Darren Bridges, Aidan Gaugg and James Wedgwood. The program is an opportunity for the most talented teenage musicians to work with some of the best music educators in the country in a music making experience. Students worked in intensive ensembles for two and a half days culminating in a concert presenting their works. This was a fantastic showcase for Instrumental Music in North Queensland. Our musicians were selected through a rigorous application process and made many new friends and were taught the latest techniques which they can now share with their peers in the school ensemble. Students from this event may now be selected for Queensland State Honours Ensemble program, held in September/October at the Queensland Conservatorium at South Bank Brisbane.



Mr Crear - Head of The Arts

CSIRO "Science in Schools"

Innisfail State College has a partnership with two scientists through the CSIRO initiative 'Science in Schools'. Dr Kate Miller is a Parasitologist and lecturer at JCU while Martha Cooper is a PHD student working on a vaccine for malaria. Together these scientists collaborated and conducted an investigation with Innisfail State College students. Students were given a scenario of a traveller from South America who had tested positive for intestinal parasites. Students were required to identify the parasite to save the fictitious Australian traveller's life. The parasite was successfully identified by extracting the DNA by using a process called electrophoresis which identifies the DNA of the parasite. This initiative provides students with experiences in an application of their genetics knowledge which they have just studied and also a broader knowledge of possible career pathways for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics).

Mr Honnef - Head of Sciences



Innisfail State College acknowledges the Mamu People, Traditional Custodians of the country in which this College is located, and pays respect to their Elders past and present and emerging.