

Yr 10 Geography excursion

Last Thursday, the Year 10 Geography class battled a combination of pouring rain, slippery, moss-covered stairs to harmful plants to learn firsthand about the issues involved with Interpretive Tourism.

We were but a few of the many thousands of tourists per year to walk through Paronella Park. Here we were accompanied by our tour guide who told the inspiring story of Jose Paronella while we were guided through the park. When it first opened in 1935, the property contained a magnificent ballroom in which parties were hosted every Friday and ice-creams were served in his café which were hard to come by because of the lack of refrigeration. He also planted the towering Kauris which line the Kauri Avenue providing a surreal experience. It was very fun to walk over the suspension bridge over the waterfall.

After that we travelled to Mamu Tropical Skywalk and were able to see the natural beauty of the region. We were guided through the paths and shown all the different types of plants on the way by our guide, Phil. He told us about the dangers of the wait-a-while vine and showed us bush tucker such as lemon aspen. Our guide also explained the relationship between the Ma:Mu aboriginal people and the land. Climbing the 100 steps to the top of the tower was scary for some, but at the end we all made it. From the top we saw the deep gorges and the tall surrounding mountains; it was definitely worth it.

By the end of the day, we were all tired and slightly wet but we could see what made these sites great tourist attractions. Each site had a special cultural and historical value whether it is Jose's story or the Ma:Mu people's way of life. Both sites had stunning landscapes which should be appreciated by not just us but the many visitors to our region. We were very lucky to observe both attractions and can't wait to get back to school to further learn about them now that we've been there. A huge thankyou to Paronella Park and the Ma:mu Tropical Skywalk staff who made this day possible and provided us with this excellent experience!



Harmeet Kaur, Year 10 Geography Student

Travis D'Urso



It is an honour to share with our college community a letter I received last week from Monash University, regarding a past student. Travis D'Urso was College Captain in 2012 and is presently studying at Monash, where he has been awarded a very prestigious scholarship award, recognising his excellent academic achievement. Travis completed years 8—12 at ISC and our community is tremendously proud of him.

K McDonald

Dear Kate,

I am delighted to inform you that Travis Luke D'Urso, alumnus of Innisfail State College, has been awarded the Monash University Excellence Scholarship for 2014.

Travis was awarded this scholarship in recognition of his excellent academic achievement in throughout his senior studies. He is one of a select group of students to receive the Monash University Excellence Scholarship, and this is certainly an achievement Travis can be proud of.

Please find enclosed a framed photo of Travis in recognition of his scholarship. You may wish to display this somewhere on campus so other students can acknowledge Travis's achievement.

We look forward to continuing to welcome students from Innisfail State College to Monash University in the future.

Student Council update

Student Council has several activities planned for students in coming weeks. We are holding a **free dress day on Friday 22 August** to raise funds for Camp Quality, which actively supports children with cancer. Students are invited to attend school in free dress, appropriate for school, complete with normal shoe and jewellery requirements for safety reasons. A gold coin donation is requested. In addition, there will be a **school disco at B block on Friday 29 August from 6pm to 8:30pm**. Entry cost is \$3 and theme for costume (optional) is cartoon and TV characters. Please come along and support the student council to raise funds which are then spent on resources for our students!

Year 10 excellent attendance



Attendance is one of the priorities at Innisfail State College. We understand that there are days when a student is severely ill and has to remain at home to recover, however, we do expect that every student attends college at least 95% of the time. There is a direct link between student attendance and improvement in academic achievement. As the Year 10 Co-Ordinator, I had the privilege of awarding students with a 95-100% of the time during term two with a certificate. Many of these students also achieved outstanding academic success on their semester one report card. Well done Year 10s!

Rachelle Wilcox, Year 10 Co-ordinator



African drumming

During week three, the senior music students experienced first hand the traditional music from West Africa with talented and enthusiastic African Drummer Sibó. Sibó, raised in West Africa, visited Innisfail State College and provided interactive djembe drumming lessons to the students, along with an overview of his life growing up in West Africa. The students were awe-struck at his ability and were shocked to hear that he never had access to music training but learnt his skills through his musical family and friends while growing up in West Africa. The exercise was both refreshing and motivating for the students.

Miss Wilcox, Music Teacher



Culinary challenge



Congratulations to the three Year 10 students who took part in the 2014 Queensland Junior Secondary Schools Culinary Challenge at TAFE in Cairns. Well done to Ashleigh McCarthy who was awarded a bronze medal for her efforts. A big congratulations to Leila Smith and Lacey Negri who managed to win the Far North Queensland regional competition and travelled to Brisbane to compete at the Grand Final Cook Off at the Brisbane EKKa show in purpose-built kitchens with spectator seating on the 16 August.

It has been a great experience for all involved - well done to the students for trying their very best.

Mr Cecchi, Hospitality Teacher

Biology & Physics

On Friday 1 August, Dr Timothy Dargaville visited ISC to discuss with senior Biology and Physics students the application of polymers in science. The talk is part of the weeklong Northern RACI 2014 O'Donnell Schools Lecture program, sponsored by Queensland University of Technology. Tim showed students how polymers and plastics have impacted aspects of modern life. Many polymers are easily identifiable around us as plastic bags, car components and food containers, but there's also a range of advanced polymers hidden in computer memory parts, phones and medicines. Dr Tim looked at 'smart' polymers, that can change according to their environment. Tim discussed the use of smart polymers in two seemingly unrelated areas: space-based telescopes and tissue engineering (growing of human organs outside the body).

Ms Lane, Science Teacher



Coming events

- 18 & 19 August Peninsula Track & Field—Cairns
- Tue 19 August DLC Gruffalo excursion to Cairns
- Maths tutorial 3-4pm
- Thu 21 August English tutorial 3-4pm
- Fri 22 August **Free Dress Day** student council fundraiser for Camp Quality (children with cancer)
- Senior Music concert 4:30 pm B block
- Mon 25 August Maths tutorial 3-4pm
- Tue 26 August Iron & Clay Music workshop
- Thu 28 August English tutorial 3-4pm
- Fri 29 August DLC Art Gallery
- Iron & Clay Music workshop
- Student Council Disco** 6pm-8:30pm \$3
- "Cartoon and TV Characters" theme
- Mon 1 September 12 REC camp departs *Mon-Wed inclusive*
- DLC pop-up tuckshop
- Tue 2 September QCS Test Day 1
- Wed 3 September QCS Test Day 2

Innisfail School Dental Clinic—it's free

Free dental treatment for students is available at the Innisfail School Dental Clinic.

Students in years 8,9 and 10 are eligible for free dental work and students in years 11 & 12 are eligible with a health care card.

Opening hours are 8:00am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

Appointments are allocated 8:30am to 3:00pm daily.

Students can collect information and paperwork from Mrs Gosper at Student Services.

Please ring 4016 0518 to make an appointment.

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.

DLC—Challenge Games

In Week 3, 14 students (7 from Yrs 8 & 9 and 7 from the DLC) went to Townsville to compete at the Challenge Games with up to 800 students with disabilities from Emerald in the south, to Mt Isa in the west and Weipa in the north. Students participated in a range of athletic events—throwing (shotput, Frisbee, vortex), long jump, running (60m—200m) and a range of team games including sitting volleyball, cricket, soccer, ballgames. The Army supported our students at the events and the march past with visits from Cowboys' and Fury players. After the day's events, we visited ReefHQ this year including the turtle hospital and the 'touch' tank and enjoyed a disco with students from other schools. We want to thank the staff from the SEP, Rebekah Bidois and Rhonda Hayball as well as the DLC staff of Lees a Marturia and Shane Brook along with myself and three parents—Theresa and David Marsilio and Maxine Britton. Rowes Bay Caravan Park has supported our stay for several years now and we feel at home during our stay.
Mrs Laidlaw, Principal, Diverse Learning Centre



TAFE courses at ISC for year 11s and year 12s

ISC is privileged to be working closely with TAFE North and together our institutions are offering a range of extra courses for students in year 11 and year 12 in 2015. These are all one-year Certificate II courses as per the table below. If your son or daughter is interested in taking up one of these studies, please contact Ms Martin or Mr Devaney at Student Services.

Course	Cost	Delivery	Information
Certificate II Health Support	free	one day per week	Direct employment is possible straight out of this qualification, as is further study to higher paid work. Potential areas of employment include patient and resident care in hospitals, aged care homes and medical centres.
Certificate II Logistics	free	one day per week	This course can lead directly to employment. There is a shortage of skilled workers in warehousing, logistics and distribution areas of work. Skills and knowledge taught include receiving and dispatching of products, equipment operations, occupational health and safety and warehouse operations.
Certificate II Engineering	free	two days per term	Student must be enrolled in Engineering at ISC to complete this qualification. It will be undertaken two days per term and adds to the knowledge and skills taught in the ISC timetable course, upgrading student learning to Certificate level. Students will gain QCE credit for both the school subject and the Certificate study (4 points each) upon successful completion.
Certificate II Hospitality	free	one day per week	This course is different from the Certificate II Hospitality offered by ISC. This course focuses on serving food and drinks, providing customer and front of house services and aligns with work in cafes, restaurants, convention centres, hotels and clubs. The other study, offered as part of the ISC timetable, focuses on cooking and catering and kitchen practices. A student could do both Certificates.
Certificate II Rural Operations	free	one day per week	Hands-on training for many aspects of farm and associated rural work is provided in this course. Topics include local rural industry needs of irrigation, chemical handling, machinery maintenance, welding, safe use of motorbikes and tractors.
Certificate II Automotive Servicing Technology	free	one day per week	Employment skills and knowledge in this course would lead to an advantage in being considered for an apprenticeship in the automotive industry. Aspects included are mechanical work in heavy and light vehicles, diesel and petrol engines through to earth-moving equipment.
Certificate II Beauty	\$1910	one day per week	Students interested in a career as a beauty therapist can complete this course as a pre-cursor to Certificate III Beauty. This course covers manicure, pedicure, facials, hair removal, massage, eyelash tint, and make up. There is a payment plan available for fee payment over a period of time.
Certificate II Community Services	\$1850	one day per fortnight	This course could lead to direct employment with further study at Certificate III level in children's services, disability services, youth services or home and community care. There is a payment plan available for fee payment over a period of time.

These courses offer our students an amazing opportunity to undertake studies not usually available in high schools.

The process for year 10 students selecting a course of study, with or without a TAFE course, has commenced. Students have begun to learn about the courses on offer. **Every year 10 student, along with his or her parents/carers will attend a SET Plan (Secondary Education & Training Plan) meeting on Friday 17 October, during which the final study course for years 11 and 12 will be selected.**

We encourage families to begin conversations now about students' aspirations and possible areas of interest for life after school. Reflect on past report cards and areas of personal interest to students. There are many scholarships available for students interested in attending university. Our Guidance Officer, Mr Wilson, is also available to talk through possibilities with families.

Mr Devaney, Deputy Principal Senior School

Yr 8 Geography excursion



Some 65 Yr 8 geography students ventured to Wooroonooran National Park to research characteristics of the rain forest for their research reports. These students and their teachers (Mr Eteru, Mr McTaggart and Ms Moreland) braved the rain and slightly muddy elements to trek through the rainforest, looking for buttress roots, vines and emergent trees.

Our first stop was at Crawford's Lookout, where the students were able to take pictures and record data first-hand about the different layers of the rain forest. After that adventure, the students continued their research at Mamu Tropical Skyway. Three wonderful guides

led the different classes around the walkway, pointing out the interesting features. Most of the students courageously walked up to the top of the tower to look out, despite our apprehension at climbing so high.

All of the students had a wonderful time gathering data, and now they must put it in the proper format for their reports. It's so lovely having the rainforest so close by to get an up-close look at what we are studying in class.

Ms Moreland, Geography Teacher

DID YOU KNOW...? That all profits from the ISC tuckshop are spent by the P&C on resources and improvements for our students?