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Senior Debate

The final debate for the year saw our team, consisting of Tamasyn Carman, Christopher Lees and Rhys Alder address the highly relevant topic, “That reality television does more harm than good.” Arguing the affirmative caseline, our students injected enthusiasm and massive amounts and eye contact to hold the attention (and admiration) of several Innisfail supporters. While much was made by the judges of a split decision we lost to a deserving opposition in Babinda SHS.

Tamasyn displayed polish and panache while Rhys paced an imaginary courtroom and held us under his spell. However, a large degree of credit must be extended to Chris who came in with a day and a half’s notice to replace a team member. His ability to passionately rebut off-the-cuff and determination to keep his use of palm cards to an absolute minimum was inspirational. Excuse the gushiness but it was a memorable debate.

Mr Kym Marchant - Debating Team Manager/Coach



Music concert



On Monday, the year 11 and 12 music students and the instrumental string ensemble held a concert in the auditorium to showcase their work over the past 15 weeks. As a whole, the students demonstrated a high level of performance skills. A special thank you to those who attended and supported our students. We hope to see you all again towards the end of term three for the next concert.
Miss Rachelle Wilcox—Music Teacher



Upcoming visit by Japanese students

Host families for a group of 13 Shimotsuma students are needed for the up and coming visit from 28 July to 5 August . Families who hosted previous students in March had a great experience with their Japanese visitors. Please contact Mr Hering if you are interested in hosting a Japanese student:
jheri2@eq.edu.au



Coming events

- Tue 3 June Maths tutorials XG02 3pm-4pm
- Wed 4 June 10 Geography excursion
- Thur 5 June English tutorials library 3pm-4pm
Peninsula U15 Football
Brainstorm performance Yr 8—period 1
- Fri 6 June Student Council disco “PJs” theme
7:00 pm to 9:30 pm \$3 entry
DLC Environment Day Picnic
- Mon 9 June **Queen’s Birthday holiday**
- Tue 10 June Maths tutorials XG02 3-4pm
- Wed 11 June Peninsula U15 rugby union
QCS Workshop for Yr 11 & 12 students
- Thur 12 June English tutorials library 3pm-4pm
- Fri 13 June Senior Band Day Tour
- Mon 16 June **2015 Yr 8 Parent info meeting 6-7pm**
P & C Meeting 7pm
- Tue 17 June **2015 Yr 7 Parent info meeting 6-7pm**
Maths tutorials XG02 3pm-4pm
- Wed 18 June Yr 10 immunisations
- Thur 19 June English tutorials library 3pm-4pm
Topology—music workshop for band students
3pm-5pm at B block auditorium \$6

Girls Camp

Are you female? In grade 8 or 9? And wanting something fun to do these holidays? Well, our second annual Girls Camp is happening! It's run by SU (Scripture Union) and our chaplain, Laura, is organising the camp. Join us for a fun-filled weekend up at Tinaroo. We'll be doing a high ropes course, craft activities, dance party, bonfire, pampering sessions, formal dinner, onesie movie night, eating amazing food and exploring what God says about us versus what the media says. Camp will be run on the 1st week of the holidays --> 30th June - 4th July. It costs \$220 (which is pretty good for a whole week of fun) BUT if the cost is a concern have a chat to Laura about it - there are some sponsorships for camp available. :)

So, if you are interested - come speak to Laura on Wednesdays or Fridays to find out more and get an application form or head to <http://www.sucamps.org.au/girlscampfnq>



State of Origin



Our hearty congratulations to Michael Carroll (left) and Jason Chapman (right) who travelled to Brisbane last week to play in the curtain-raiser Under 16 rugby league game immediately prior to the kick-off of State of Origin 1. Both Michael and Jason are members of the PRIDE academy, which involves a weekly training session in Cairns with fellow team mates, three gym sessions per week here in Innisfail and a weekly competition game in the Cyril Connell Cup league competition. The team for which they have most recently been selected, has drawn players together from all over Queensland, so we are immensely proud that two students from Innisfail State College were selected. Special congratulations to Jason for scoring a try in the game!



ADF Careers Expo



On Friday 23 May, 50 students journeyed to Townsville to participate in the Australian Defence Force Careers Expo. Students explored a multitude of military career options ranging from the military survival school to dog training or the ADF concert band. Students were encouraged to sit in tanks and troop carriers, take the pilot seat in a military helicopter, pilot tank and aircraft simulators in 1 to 1 shoot outs. By far the best experience of all was discussions with enlisted personnel, who were able to provide a personal and honest view of their experiences in one of Australia's armed forces. The College has altered our approach during the last 12 months to better support and prepare students wishing to enlist in the ADF. Guidance Officer Mr Brett Wilson has created strong networks with ADF recruiting personnel and works closely with both students and the recruitment office during this process. All ADF interested students who haven't already should seek information or advice from Mr Wilson. Innisfail State College would like to formally thank the ADF for providing the bus and allowing us to participate in this fantastic day.

From the principal

Congratulations to all our performing artists! The annual Innisfail Young Performers Competition has just concluded, hot on the heels of the Innisfail Annual Dance Competition. Together these events allow our young people to showcase their talents in a wide range of performing arts. They are professionally adjudicated, providing invaluable feedback to further hone their learning, and of course they enjoy a fun and friendly competition with their peers. Performance skills are essential in modern life. At some stage in our lives, we will all be called upon to speak or perform publicly. Most certainly for our students it is critical, as a significant proportion of school assessment is through oral tasks or performances. For example, 30% of the English curriculum assessment from years 8 to 12 comprises oral assessment. Whether it's reciting a poem, participating in a debate, playing double bass or piano, pirouetting on stage, or making an acceptance speech as the captain of the victorious football team, it is very important that our students gain practice in public speaking and public performance. I urge parents to encourage children to participate in a balanced range of activities and take advantage of the rich array of extra-curricular opportunities that area available in our amazing town and district.



Our heartfelt condolences are extended to the families of past student Sophie Dean and amazing teacher Mr Stephen Valente, who are in mourning for the recent losses of these wonderful people. Our students and staff are deeply affected by these losses and our College is working closely together to provide support to all who require it. If you have any worries about your son or daughter, please contact Mr Brett Wilson, Guidance Officer, or Deputy Principals Mr Michael Devaney or Mr Richard Graham. Junior Mentors Mr Simon Whatling and Mr Matt Sharrock can also assist.

As we commence our build up to the semester one assessment period, can I please encourage you to talk to your students about what assessments they have in coming weeks. Students should be asking many questions of their teachers at this time. Criteria sheets and sometimes task assignments can require some explanation so that the work required becomes completely clear and students can achieve the best possible results. We do expect our students in high school to take responsibility for ensuring that they gain clarity and can complete tasks at the highest possible standard.

In closing, I would like to extend an invitation to our Year 6 and Year 7 parents and carers to attend our Parent Information Meetings to learn about 2015 at Innisfail State College. These will take place in the B block auditorium at the college on Monday 16 (for parents of year 7s) and Tuesday 17 June (for parents of year 6s). We will present details about how, where and what students will be studying at our college in 2015 and we will be able to answer all parent queries. Please come along and bring your questions and comments for our consideration. We are very excited about 2015 and we are determined to do it extremely well.

K MacDonald