



Shimotsuma students visit ISC

Innisfail State College is continuing a 12 year tradition of hosting students from the same school in the town of Shimotsuma, Japan. The students touched down at 4am on Monday and after a rest in Cairns arrived for a welcome to country by student Alana Purcell and a long lunch prepared by the junior hospitality students. Host parents then collected their new children and settled them into their homes for the next eight days.

The visit coincides with NAIDOC week and they will be participating in weaving and art workshops with indigenous artists Stella Mara and Lily Hart as well as activities organised by Innisfail State College Indigenous Leadership Team.

The highlight of their trip is likely to be a cruise on our Johnstone River to get a unique view of our beautiful town thanks to Daradgee Environmental Centre. They will also visit Tjapukai Cultural Park and the Cairns Wildlife Dome.

On the final night, visiting students and their hosts will be treated to a Sayonara Party catered by Innisfail State College hospitality students and teacher, Mr Cecchi.



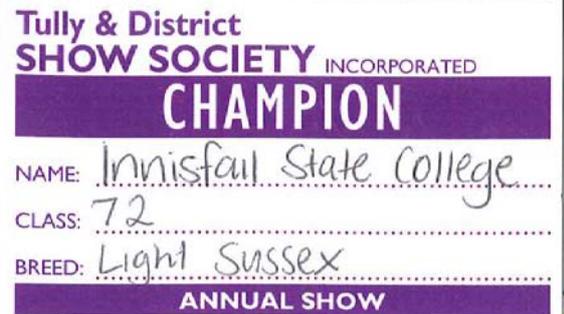
Champion Light Sussex Chicken



Congratulations to Mr Craig Marturia, Miss Cassie Boisen and other staff and students involved in ISC's poultry program on winning a host of prizes including Champion in the poultry section at the Tully Show for our Light Sussex.

The students are learning basic husbandry skills in their Horticulture & Agriculture classes.

Pictured is Krishelle Jia holding our champion chicken. In an expansion of the agriculture program, in 2015 all year 7 students will study one term of agriculture in



Congratulations Rachel Crook

Rachel Crook, year 11, was recently awarded her Recreational Pilot's Licence after completing the requisite flight training and instruction, together with solo flying hours.

This is a terrific achievement for this determined and dedicated young woman, who is yet too young to hold a driver's licence!



Instrumental Music August Tour to Brisbane

Instrumental music students are very busy at the moment preparing for their Tour to Brisbane next week. Last weekend students attended a rehearsal day to prepare music to perform at Brisbane. Students worked in intensive sessions to polish performances and develop their artistic skills. Students also combined Concert Band and String Ensemble to create a full orchestra, something very difficult for school students to create. The orchestra is working

Coming events

- Tue 5 August Innisfail State School Yr 6 & 7 interviews
- Maths tutorial
- Wed 6 August Yr 8 Geography excursion
- Skills Day Out at Tully—KITE students attending
- Thu 7 August Yr 10 Geography excursion
- Yr 8 Bedarra & Fitzroy to Daradgee
- English tutorial
- Fri 8 August Yr 8 Hinchinbrook & Orpheus to Daradgee
- 10—14 August Instrumental Music Tour to Brisbane
- Mon 11 August QTAC Parent & Student Info Mtg 6-7pm
- P & C Meeting 7pm
- Tue 12 August Maths tutorial
- Thu 14 August English tutorial
- 18 & 19 August Peninsula Track & Field—Cairns
- Tue 19 August DLC Gruffalo excursion
- Thu 21 August English tutorial
- Mon 25 August Senior Music concert 4:30 pm B block
- Tue 26 August Maths tutorial

Yr 9 camp

On Tuesday 22 July the year 9 students along with Ms Wilcox, Mrs Bidois, Mr Wilson, Mr Whatling and Mr Sharrock farewelled Innisfail State College to attend a three day camp at Camp Barrabadeen on the southern end of Lake Tinaroo. On arriving at the camp students were eager to unpack their gear, choose their campsite and erect their tents in preparation for the activities to follow.

Throughout the three days students faced a number of challenging activities including high ropes, canoeing, raft building and bush survival skills. Night time activities included the popular action packed game of capture the lantern and our bravest students had an opportunity to touch a snake at the reptile talk.

Of course, the students also had the important domestic tasks of preparing meals for all their peers and looking after one another and the campsite generally.

The camp makes up an integral part of the year 8 and 9 junior secondary student well-being program. The aims of the program are to teach students the skills and knowledge of resilience, team work and goal setting. The implementation of these skills were fundamental for students when completing the



Yr 11 camp

Last week, 44 Year 11 students travelled to Mungalli Falls for a three day camp, designed to bring out the leadership skills of the whole group, as well as individuals. The camp provided many thrill-seeking and challenging activities for the students throughout the duration of the camp. Such challenges brought many people out of their comfort zones and encouraged teamwork amongst unlikely pairings.

Fortunately, the weather held out for all major outdoor activities to be completed. The food provided was delectable and enjoyed by all. A huge thank you on behalf of the Year 11 cohort goes out to the many teachers and staff who put much time and effort into making this camp possible. Many memories were made during the camp and will be treasured for years to come. Hopefully, future Year 11 students will have the opportunity to take part in such a unique experience.

Shelley Robson & Hayley Strano

Full two-day QCS practice

Last week our OP eligible students sat a full two-day QCS practice to get them ready for the 'real test' on 2nd & 3rd September.

Students benefit greatly from sitting all four pieces of the test which include writing task, multi choice I & II and short response. Once papers are marked, students will then be able to work with teachers to improve their results.

Yr 12 students also participated in their 3rd workshop with Matthew Rigby, focussing on key strategies to help them obtain optimal results on their test.



Reef Guardian Program

On Monday 28 July the Yr 11 & 12 Marine Studies and Agricultural & Horticulture students replanted a section of the Johnstone River bank as part of the Reef Guardian Program. Supported by members of Land Care, students replanted a section of the river on the school grounds.

These trees will become a native seed bank for the school. This will allow students to propagate seeds and distribute them to local primary schools for replanting projects. Students have several hundred seedlings which will be planted to reduce the erosion of the river bank.



Keep in touch!

ISC has a new website. You can find us at <https://innisfailsc.eq.edu.au> We are still adding critical content to our new page, and welcome your input as to what you would like to see there.

Please remember to keep in touch with us by "liking" us on Facebook and downloading our smartphone app "skoolbag", through which we can send you notifications about what's happening at the college and even the college newsletters.