The DLC celebrated “Outdoor Education Days” on the 4th and 5th June. Students participated in hands-on, practical lessons across the curriculum areas of English, Maths, Science, Languages and ASDAN outside. We had lessons in a variety of settings from the sandpit to the vegetable garden. This event will now become an annual feature on the DLC calendar.
Lights, Camera, The Arts are back in Action!

There is no rest for the creative at ISC!

Vocal group is back in tune as weekly lunchtime rehearsals have resumed. Instrumental music is recruiting all students interested in learning a new musical skill. We have vacancies in flute (7), clarinet (8), saxophone (1), trumpet (1), trombone (2), euphonium (2), tuba (1), bass guitar (2) and others. See Miss Gillard or Mr Langton if you are keen. There is a small annual instrument hire charge but weekly lessons are free. Studies show that students who play musical instruments perform better in most cognitive tasks, so join us!

Design has joined the arts faculty. Visual art is back with a splash. The number of junior students choosing to study dance has skyrocketed! Our year 8 Dance students are busy choreographing morning ritual dances and working on fitness and flexibility.

Most excitingly, High School Musical will be our 2021 college production! Auditions for key roles will be held in week 9 this term. Anyone interested in being part of this incredible musical production must come to C block staffroom as soon as possible to sign up and collect an audition pack.

JCU QTAC Information Webinar

Year 12 students, parents and school staff are invited to attend the QTAC Information Session hosted by James Cook University. This session is designed and delivered by QTAC and will be supported by the JCU Student Transitions and Careers team.

Confused about how QTAC works? What happens if you don’t get the ATAR you need? QTAC will provide information on:

- Applying for tertiary study through QTAC (selecting preferences, entry requirements, ordering preferences and pathways if you don’t get the ATAR you need)
- How QTAC calculates your ATAR and assesses other Year 12 qualifications and certificates
- Special Admissions Schemes (e.g. Educational Access Scheme and other adjustment factors)
- Important dates and deadlines and how to respond to offers when the time comes

DATE: Tuesday 16 June
TIME: 4 pm
REGISTER FOR THIS FREE WEBINAR AT: jcu.edu.au/webinars

CQU Information Webinar

Graduating high school and starting university is an exciting time for year 12 students and there is a lot of information you may need to navigate this transition. Whether you are a student in Year 12 or a parent, CQU is having a post year 12 study options webinar where they will guide you through each step, and arm you with the information and resources you need. It will show you where to look for information on courses, entry requirements as well as detailed information about how to apply to university.

DATE: Tuesday 16 June
TIME: 5pm
REGISTER FOR THIS FREE WEBINAR AT: https://www.cqu.edu.au/events/event-items/information-session/year-12-parent-webinar

Griffith University Information Webinar

Griffith University’s Parent and Student Information Webinar is designed for students in years 11 and 12 and their families.

Learn more about:

- Degree information
- How to apply
- Getting the most out of QTAC and UAC preferencing
- Scholarships
- Studying overseas as part of your degree
- Transitioning to university and more

DATE: Tuesday 16 June
TIME: 5pm - 5.45pm Webinar presentation (live), followed by 5.45pm - 7pm Q&A online chat with Student Recruitment Advisers
REGISTER FOR THIS FREE WEBINAR AT: griffith.edu.au/parent-student-info-webinars
If you have been financially affected by COVID-19, below is a link to a grant available for assistance with food and medical vouchers.

FNQ Youth Assistance Fund – Community Crisis Fund

Families/carers are encouraged to apply for this financial assistance opportunity under this fund. This assistance provides food and medical vouchers to families in crisis across FNQ, suffering severe acute financial duress due to loss of job and income directly resulting from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

To apply, go to: https://www.fnqyaf.org.au/covid/apply

Innisfail State College is tremendously proud to report to our school community that the college has been recognised in the Premier’s 2020 Queensland Reconciliation Awards. Our IVAAR and Elders in Residence programs were nominated for consideration in the Education Section of these awards, and we placed in the finals. Whilst we didn’t take out the top prize, it is quite something for our college to be celebrated as one of the top four programs that promote reconciliation, from amongst all education institutions (across all sectors) throughout Queensland.

Thank you to Mrs Hammett, the IVAAR team, and our wonderful Elders for their continued dedication to this important realm, and to our families, students, and staff who support and encourage all the work we do to actively embrace diversity and reconciliation in our college and our community. We are grateful to our partners who support these programs, including the Cassowary Coast Regional Council, and Good Counsel College whose staff have also participated in the program. It is such incredibly important work that transcends our college, community, country and indeed, international borders.

Next year’s senior students in year 11 or 12 may be able to complete a TAFE Queensland qualification while they are still at school. Studying at TAFE Queensland gives students access to multiple pathways to kick start a wonderful career. Next year the following courses will be delivered on-campus at ISC.

**Certificate II in Retail Cosmetics**—this is a one year course which will be delivered every Wednesday

**Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation**—this is a one year course which will be delivered every Wednesday

**Certificate II in Automotive Electrical Technology**—this is a one year course which will be delivered every Wednesday

Benefits of TAFE

⇒ Fits around your senior studies on-campus at Innisfail State College
⇒ Get valuable Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) points
⇒ May contribute to your Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR)
⇒ Direct entry to any related TAFE Queensland course
⇒ Open up a variety of university pathways
⇒ Gain credit towards an apprenticeship, diploma or university study
⇒ Build practical skills in an adult learning environment
⇒ Get work-ready!

Recycling your outgrown clothes

If you’ve been spring cleaning during COVID-19 times, you may be in a prime position to help out our drama department! We are seeking your second-hand clothes to reuse as costumes. We would appreciate the donations of the following articles if you have any in good and clean condition:

◊ Suit / formal jackets (lawyer, teacher, banker, politician costumes)
◊ Button-up business shirts
◊ Ties or bow ties
◊ Long, flowing dresses (think Juliet from ‘Romeo and Juliet’)
◊ Aprons
◊ ANY plain black clothing (slacks, tights, t-shirts, jumpers)

If you have such items that you think we could use, please drop them at the college office.

Reconciliation focus at Innisfail State College acknowledged by Premier

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*Style your career with courses in beauty. Learn how to use your imagination to help others look and feel beautiful.*

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*Rev up your career with a course in automotive. Learn about cars, engines and vehicle components and set yourself on the path to becoming a professional mechanic.*

**Certificate II in Automotive Electrical Technology**—this is a one year course which will be delivered every Wednesday

*This course will provide you with the foundation studies to set you on your pathway to become an auto-electrician.*

**Certificate II in Logistics**—this course will be delivered over 10 days during the school year

*Gain practical skills in logistics and warehousing which involve the storage and distribution of goods and products between suppliers and customers.*

**Flyers for these courses will be available later this week from Senior Student Services. Applications for all of the above programs open on Monday 17 August. Almost all of our ISC students will be able to access these courses free of charge, by using their VETiS funding, which is allocated to every student. Put it in your diary now, as we expect that demand will be high!**
Hospitality students cook up a storm

For the past few weeks our hospitality students have been busy cooking up a storm for our staff members. Meals have included chicken pasta, beef cheek and red wine ravioli, and a variety of delicious burgers which were quickly snapped up.

These students are completing a Certificate II in Hospitality and this course requires work placement. With the current COVID-19 restrictions, it was decided that this could be completed at our on-site Peppertree Restaurant using our staff as purchasing customers.

MiHaven Training Cairns is the Registered Training Organisation responsible for the delivery of this course and their trainer, Karen, visits weekly and supervises hospitality activities at the College.

ISC Education Support Trainees at Radiant Life College

Kadisha Weare and Ki-Shaun Fejo recently signed up as school-based trainees at Radiant Life College. Both of these students are very fortunate to get this kick start to their careers by completing a Certificate III in Education Support. Kadisha and Ki-Shaun will work two days each week with the students both in and out of class at Radiant Life College. Mrs Fejo, Business Manager of Radiant Life College, is excited to have these two enthusiastic trainees working with the students at her school.

Innisfail State College is grateful for the support of local businesses with both our work experience programme and school-based apprenticeships and traineeships.

Agriculture in Years 10 & 12

Our year 10 and 12 Agriculture students have been learning about growing plants in water. Innisfail State College has both hydroponic and aquaponics growing systems in action for use as hands-on, authentic study environments for our students.

Our year 10 students are growing lettuce hydroponically, while the year 12 students are growing a variety of herbs and vegetables in the aquaponics ponds. Aquaponics differs from hydroponics in that fish are used as the nutrient source for plant growth. Last week we added 50 barramundi fingerlings to our aquaponics system.

Library news

We have adopted these new Library procedures to reduce touch for COVID 19:

- There are new barcode scanners in the library. To borrow laptops or books, students scan their ISC student ID card and then scan the barcode on the resource item. Library staff then process the loan via the computer.
- A reminder that students do not have direct access to the laptop cabinets nor behind the Librarian’s desk. Please observe the signage.

Upcoming events

Thursday 11 June IM Parent meeting 5:10pm
Tuesday 23 June Newsletter
Friday 26 June DLC Dinosaur Day
Final day of Term 2, Semester 1
Monday 13 July School resumes for all students
P & C Meeting 7pm A block
Wednesday 15 July pre-carnival athletics events tbc
Friday 17 July College Athletics Carnival tbc

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.

FREE tutoring at ISC. Every student welcome!

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Daily Monday to Friday: General homework help 8am to 8:40am in XG03
Daily Monday to Friday: General homework help 3-4pm in XG03
Tuesdays: Maths and Science teachers available to help 3-4pm in XG01
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