



HEAD OF CAMPUS

HALF WAY

Year 12s probably more than anyone, will be very much aware that their senior year is essentially 50% complete. One more semester to go to bring the school journey to an end. 'Hooray', I can imagine is the response for many. Relief and hopefully a satisfying sense of genuine achievement and accomplishment will be the experience of most. But we are not there yet! As a matter of fact, in many ways, what happens in the 2nd half of year 12 can be argued to be even more important on determining final exit results, not to mention the QCS test on 3 & 4 September. Spare a thought for year 7s, who suddenly also find themselves half-way through their first year of high school. Where does the time go?

ACADEMIC TRACKING AND MONITORING

As you may be aware, as part of the assessing and reporting season, we will again be carefully reviewing the progress of each and every student. Teachers will be providing feedback via the end of semester report and students are strongly encouraged to reflect carefully on any advice offered via these reports.

STAFF MOVEMENTS AND THANKYOUS

From the staff we thank Mr Sean Riley for his assistance in Science and Biology over the last three weeks. We are also excited to welcome to the Caboolture teaching staff Mrs Belinda Heinze, Science Teacher/Coordinator.

FINALLY, in this last edition of the newsletter for the semester, I would like to publicly acknowledge and thank the hard working staff of the Caboolture Campus. The excitement of the classroom and the joy of positive interactions with our students, are nevertheless balanced with not insignificant demands of marking, reporting, deadlines and planning. If there is a positive spirit of care and progress going on here at Caboolture (and I keep hearing that there is), you can be sure that it is the hard working team of dedicated professional staff, going the extra mile. So to all the staff, I sincerely thank you for your commitment and incredible work. Enjoy the break, you deserve it!

Mr Warren Irvine

GRACE ABOUNDS

RELATIONSHIPS > RULES

At Grace this week we've celebrated Grandparents Day with our Year 7s. It's a joy to meet grandparents during this celebration and to hear of their connections to Grace and their stories. Grandparents contribute something special to their grandchildren and share a relationship with them that is truly unique.

One of the keys to the grandparent-grandchild relationship is that **most grandparents prioritise the relationship with their grandchild over the rules.** This is typically seen in the way that grandparents spoil their grandchildren. They feed them treats, buy them gifts and turn a blind eye to things that they would have jumped right onto with their own children. This sometimes happens to the chagrin of the parents who have been working hard to maintain standards of discipline..... My... how their parents have changed since the grandkids came along!!! The image below pretty well sums it up:

MY MUM AS A MUM:
"IF YOU'RE HUNGRY HAVE AN APPLE, DONT
WANT AN APPLE?
GUESS YOU CANT BE HUNGRY"

MY MUM AS A GRANDPARENT:
"YOU'RE HUNGRY? HERE IVE GOT BISCUITS,
CHIPS, CAKE, STILL HUNGRY?
WANT ME TO COOK SOMETHING?"

Clearly something happens when the grandkids come along and it's like the rules don't matter as much anymore - it's the relationship that matters most.

In some ways, grandparents give a picture of what God is like toward us. Now, God does give us standards or rules to live by or he disciplines us when we stray but **the rules are always secondary to relationship with God.** In fact the rules are mostly about giving us guidance and boundaries so that we have healthy relationships. It's interesting that when Jesus came to earth his catch-cry was "follow me" (Mark 1:17). It wasn't "follow these rules" or "follow this formula." He said "follow **ME.**" It's about a relationship and it's like he was saying "stick close to me - do what you see me doing - grow a relationship with me and when you do you'll keep the rules you need to keep anyway." Relationship is more important than the rules, or as maths teachers would say: **Relationships > Rules.**

Kris Forman

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FAITH & SERVICE

KOKODA CHALLENGE

After several months of weekly stair sprints, challenging mountain hikes and a whole heap of fundraising, 14 Grace College Caboolture teams braved a cold winter morning, headed out to the D'Aguilar National Park and took part in the Kokoda Challenge Schools Cup, Australia's toughest team endurance event.

Our Grace students embodied the Kokoda values of courage, endurance, mateship and sacrifice as they overcame physical and mental obstacles to persevere and complete the 15km, 30km and 48km events. What was particularly amazing was the spirit of community shown among our students, as they supported their team mates through every challenge, and encouraged each other to keep going until the end. As a school community, we are so proud of our Grace teams, who not only finished the race, but have raised over \$1,400 so far for the Kokoda Youth Foundation!



QCS PREPARATION DURING BLOCK EXAMS FOR YEAR 12

During Block Exam time, Year 12 OP students will undertake QCS practice tests at both campuses. These days are noted on the Block Exam schedule. Attendance is compulsory for students sitting QCS in September; this includes Non-OP students who have elected to sit QCS. **THESE WILL BE THE LAST PRACTICE TESTS BEFORE THE QCS TEST ON 3 AND 4 SEPTEMBER. IT IS THEREFORE VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT STUDENTS ARE PRESENT AND FOCUSED TO DO THEIR BEST.** Practice tests will be sent for external marking and individual feedback will be given to students in due course, so they can see where they can improve.

Students not sitting the QCS test are not required to attend school on the QCS practice test day.

QCS STUDENTS WILL DO THEIR PRACTICES ON SUBSEQUENT DAYS IN TERM 2 BLOCK EXAMS – TUESDAY 25 JUNE (am - Short Response Items and pm - Multiple Choice) **AND WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE** (am - Writing Task and pm - Multiple Choice). **STUDENTS NEED TO BRING AN APPROVED CALCULATOR TO ALL SESSIONS EXCEPT THE WRITING TASK.** All other equipment will be provided.

'THE REAL THING'

Please note that all Year 12 students in Queensland who wish to receive an OP will sit the QCS Test on **TUESDAY 3 AND WEDNESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER.** The sessions will be as follows: Day 1 am Writing Task, Day 1 pm Multiple Choice I, Day 2 am Short Response Items, Day 2 pm Multiple Choice II. **IF STUDENTS ARE UNABLE TO SIT FOR ALL OR PART OF THE TEST, THEY MUST APPLY FOR ABSENTEE EXEMPTION, IN ORDER TO REMAIN OP ELIGIBLE.** Students will be provided with information about this in August.

Ms Rita Hermus
Head of Teaching and Learning



EXCITING NEWS FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS

YOU COULD WIN AN APPLE IPAD PRO PRIZE PACK!! In order for students to track their progress towards a QCE (Queensland Certificate of Education), Year 10 students are registered with the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) and receive a **LUI (LEARNER UNIQUE IDENTIFIER). THIS NUMBER APPEARS ON STUDENTS' I/D CARDS AND IS USED TO LINK ALL STUDIES THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE QCE.** Outside providers e.g. other RTO's, TAFE and AMEB also report to QCAA using this number.

All Year 10 to 12 students (OP and Non-OP) have a QCAA Learning Account, which contains details of all their QCE studies.

If they have not already done so, Year 12 Students need to log into the [QCAA WEBSITE](https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au) using the **LUI ON THEIR STUDENT I/D CARD** and an **INITIAL PASSWORD (DDMM OF THEIR DATE OF BIRTH)** to activate their account and check Personal and Enrolment details. **FOR THOSE STUDENTS WHO HAVE LOGGED ON PREVIOUSLY, THEY SHOULD USE THE NEW PASSWORD THEY SET AT THAT TIME.**

The QCAA magazine "Student Connect" is currently being issued to all Year 12 students at both campuses. A guide about how to log into QCAA Learning Accounts appears in the panel titled **"WIN AN IPAD PRO PRIZE PACK" ON THE FINAL PAGE OF THE BOOKLET PAGE 16.**

IMPORTANT NOTE: STUDENTS' OP SCORES AND QCE RESULTS WILL APPEAR IN THEIR LEARNING ACCOUNTS. AS AN INCENTIVE FOR STUDENTS TO LOG INTO THEIR ACCOUNTS, ALL STUDENTS IN YEAR 12 WHO LOG IN AT LEAST ONCE BETWEEN NOW AND 31 AUGUST 2019 WILL GO INTO THE DRAW FOR THE PRIZE PACK.

If students or parents have any queries regarding this matter, they should contact:
ROTHWELL: Ms Hermus or Mrs Vosten at The Hub
CABOOLTURE: Ms Atwell or Mrs Jago
REMEMBER - YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!

Ms Rita Hermus
Head of Teaching and Learning

REMINDERS OF ACADEMIC PROCEDURES REGARDING ASSESSMENT LATE & NON SUBMIT

The student diary has information regarding a number of procedures at the College including 'Late and Non Submission' of assessment. If your child has been unwell and requires an extension on their assessment, they will need to bring in a Medical Certificate or a note/email from a parent to their teacher and assessment deadlines will be re-negotiated.

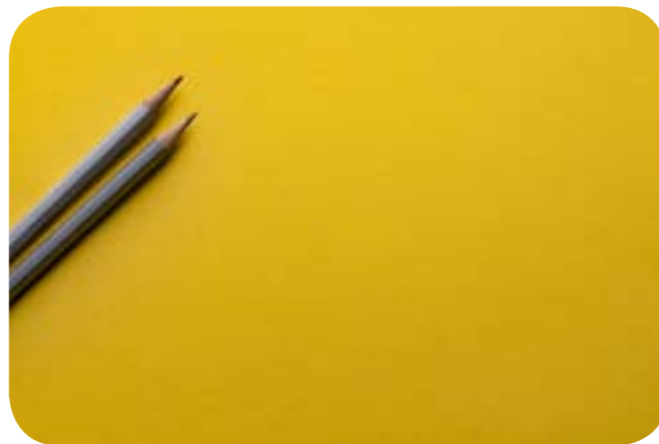
In regard to assessment handed in late, the procedure states that all assessment has until 5:00PM (unless otherwise stipulated on their task sheet) on the due date to be submitted (if the student is not on campus, they would need to submit this electronically). Where a student submits after the deadline, the task cannot be graded and a draft will be marked instead.

In cases where a student has experienced technology failure (eg losing work on their computers, losing a USB etc) this is not an acceptable reason for extension in a high school setting. Students are reminded to back up their work regularly and we encourage you to also remind your child about the importance of backing up their work. Some students do this by having multiple USB's or emailing their assignment to themselves and/or parent regularly.

All procedures are written in order to adequately prepare students for the requirements of the Senior School and also the tertiary system and workplace requirements beyond their Grace schooling as echoed by our Mission Statement.

DATE REMINDERS TO FINISH TERM 2

A reminder that 21 June 2019 is a Student Free Day for students in Year 7-11. Students then return to school on Monday 24 June – Wednesday 26 June with holidays starting for students on Thursday 27 June. Term 3 commences on Tuesday 16 July.



CAREER NEWS

PART-TIME JOB WHILE I'M STILL AT SCHOOL - A GOOD IDEA OR NOT?

The [GROW CAREERS WEBSITE](#) lists the advantages and disadvantages of having a part-time job while you are still at school. Basically, the advantages are earning money, experiencing the world of work, building confidence, developing communication skills, gaining work skills, developing time management skills and learning about your work-related interests. The disadvantages are mostly about having less time for study and other activities. The site has tips for managing a part-time job and for getting a part-time job. It also has a list of employers who provide part-time work to students. This is a useful site for anyone who eventually wants to get a job, part-time or full-time.

THE QUT WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM INVITES CURIOUS MINDS TO EXPLORE EVERYTHING FROM ROBOTICS, TO FUTURE CITIES, AND BIONIC ARMS!

Dates: 6 -12 July | Cost of workshops: Costs range between \$15 and \$35 for day workshops.

This all-ages program offers hands-on workshops that will inspire the next generation of [STEM THINKERS](#). Young explorers can discover robotics and future cities with STEMPunks. Families are invited to drop-in to The Cube on Saturday 6 July for a free robotics display to test their Dash robot driving skills, and try out your programming skills on The Cube's [CODE-A-BOT](#). QUT ambassadors will deliver interactive workshops using LEGO® MINDSTORMS® technology, and [STEM FOR SCHOOLS](#) will challenge senior students with a range of popular STEM workshops! [CLICK FOR MORE INFO](#).

UQ: Apply now for the UQ Young Scholars Program

UQ's [YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM](#) (YSP) provides high achieving secondary school students with an opportunity to discover, learn and engage with UQ's academic community and like-minded students. Designed to nurture and develop future leaders, the Program also presents students with a unique opportunity for academic extension and enrichment. Applications close Friday 9 August 2019. Contact Careers staff for further information.

ACU EXPERIENCE

ACU Brisbane Campus | Thursday 4 July, 2019 | 9:30 AM - 1:45 PM

University Experience is a free event to sample two degrees of your choice and get a taste of life at [ACU](#). You'll meet academic staff and current students, participate in practical workshops, explore facilities, and enjoy the entertainment and campus atmosphere. [CLICK TO FIND OUT MORE](#).

UNIVERSITY SCHOOL HOLIDAY TOURS

Explore your university options during the school holidays by taking a tour of the campus you are interested in:

- [AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY](#)
- [BOND UNIVERSITY](#)
- [UNIVERSITY OF THE SUNSHINE COAST](#)
- [THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND](#)
- [QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY](#)
- [GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY](#)

CAREERS BULLETIN

For comprehensive career information including career exploration, study skills, job information, holiday programs, competitions and updates from education providers, please see the latest [CAREERS BULLETIN ON THE GRACE CAREERS WEBSITE](#).

From the Careers team Monique Atwell, Suzanne Wright, Sharyn O'Connor and Lesley Barnard.

Grace Lutheran College
Caboolture Campus

Careers and Tertiary Studies Expo & Subject Selection Evening

Career and Tertiary Studies Expo Information:

Date: Tuesday 30 July 2019
Time: 3:05 pm – 6:00 pm
Venue: Grace Lutheran College, Caboolture Campus

Although the focus of the evening is on subject information, we envision parents and students coming before or after their Year 7 to Year 10 subject information sessions to talk with Tertiary and Industry representatives, about their future aspirations.

The aim of the Expo is to provide the opportunity for students from all Year levels, along with their parents, to meet and talk to tertiary representatives and training providers at a time when they will be making subject and career decisions.

Subject Selection Evening Information will be distributed via email on 28 June along with 2020 Curriculum Guides.



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MORETON BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL ACTIVE HOLIDAYS

Dear Grace Lutheran College (Caboolture), Council's popular Active Holidays program returns next month with more than 80 recreation, sport and well-being activities available for school-aged children.

From 1 to 13 July students can experience archery, netball, disc golf, cricket, drumming, gymnastics and much more. There is an activity for everyone and all activities are either free or \$5 per person.

Bookings open at 11:00AM on Tuesday 18 June 2019.
[CLICK TO SEE THE FULL TIMETABLE HOP ONLINE.](#)

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