



Kawana Waters State College eNewsletter

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P-12 College News

Executive Principal's Report



Dear School Community

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2024.

Our Year 12 students have now left us for a well-deserved break before they commence university or other further study, apprenticeships or full and part-time work to kick off their careers.

Their program of events, study and examinations over the past month has been gruelling and we now wait with anticipation for ATAR results to be released on Friday 13 December and the first QTAC offer rounds on Monday 23 December and Thursday 16 January. Again in 2024, all Year 12 graduates have achieved their Queensland Certificate of Education. All staff wish these students the very best in the future and we look forward to hearing about their achievements

and endeavours.

Final Assessments and Report Cards

Year 10 and 11 students are sitting exams and completing assessment with their final day being Friday 22 November. Prep to Year 9 students' final assessments will be taking place in weeks 9 and 10 of term and report cards are scheduled to be emailed to parents on Monday 9 December for all year levels.

Final Week of the School Year (December 9-13)

Every six to seven years, the Queensland school calendar requires a recalibration and in doing so we have an extra week added to the school year. As such Term 4 this year is an 11-week term.

This year, while our academic school year finishes on Friday 6 December, there is one more gazetted week that our gates will be open for students. Schools will close for summer vacation on Friday 13 December.

The Department of Education has given permission for all schools to continue with the 10-week academic

Term followed by a week of supervised programmes not directly connected with the Australian curriculum. Therefore, all school learning, programs and events will be completed by Friday 6 December. In our school, that will mean by Friday 6 December we will have completed:

- All learning and assessments necessary for the year,
- Report cards,
- All ceremonies (eg. Graduation and Celebrations of Learning),
- All transitions days into Prep and Year 7 and any Step-up activities for other year levels.

Any families wishing to undertake any alternative activities (eg holidays) will be able to do so from the end of the day Friday 6 December.

In week 11, from Monday 9 December, any students attending school will be involved in supervised alternative activities and not their regular class-based programs. It should be noted:

- Students may not necessarily be supervised by their regular teacher,
- Students will be combined into groups depending on the students who are at school,
- Groups of teachers will be taken off line to work on planning and preparation for the 2025 school year,
- The School Canteens will only be open at first break Monday to Wednesday and closed Thursday and Friday. Therefore, students will be required to bring their own food and drink for outside of these times,
- Uniform is still expected to be worn each day.

College Strategic Directions 2025

As I have repeatedly shared, Kawana Waters State College students continue to do very well academically with a pass rate above 96% and over 65% of all results being an A or B. We also understand that achieving best outcomes for every student in our college is not just about academic performance. As such we continue to expand our co-curricular opportunities for students in leadership, sport, the arts, camps, international experiences and other cultural and academic specialities. We also continue to strengthen our Student Services team to provide additional supports beyond the classroom to maintain and enhance student well-being, including Guidance Officers, Health Nurse, Psychologist, School-based

Police Officer, Chaplain and Year Level Co-ordinators.

As we move into 2025, I would like to gauge your thoughts as parents and carers on what we are doing well, what we need to consider doing differently or stop doing and what you see as key areas of focus for our school in 2025 and beyond. Please take the time to complete this short, 5 question survey by clicking on this [link](#) or using the QR code below.



Kawana Community Festival

Our third Community Food Festival, hosted two weeks ago, was a huge success with a higher-than-expected turnout of over 2,500 people. The event showcased an array of delicious food and drinks, combined with live performances across, roving entertainment, carnival rides, youth and children's activities, and much more.

Many thanks must go to the organising committee led by Ms Elly Gerbo and the P&C for the endless hours dedicated to ensuring the event was a success. We want to also acknowledge the generosity of our major sponsors - Balfe Insurance, DCM, Just Sing Out, Stone Concepts, Bendigo Bank and Toshiba and our other sponsors - Simply Pies, Kangaroo Bus Lines, The Pride Group, Link and Launch and Greenhalgh Pickard. Lastly, we are grateful to our community who supported the event, we could not have done it without you.

Changes to Uniform Purchasing Location

Please note that from Monday 23 September, Kawana Waters State College uniform items will be available at ‘School Locker’ in the Homemaker Centre, 55 Maroochy Boulevard. This offers many benefits to parents in terms of opening hours 7 days a week, including school holidays, ample fitting rooms, expert staff, online ordering, easy payment options and the overall cost of uniform items will be less than current school-based purchasing arrangements.

Finance

Last fortnight details about 2025 Student Resource Scheme (SRS) fees were emailed to parents of existing and future students and invoices were also emailed home.

- Minimum deposit of 20% due by Friday 31 January, 2025
- Full payment by Monday 31 March, 2025
- For payment plans or to vary from the above dates please contact Ms Charlie Vincent on 5436 9332 or email ar@kawanawaterssc.eq.edu.au

It is important that these payment dates are adhered to, as staff cannot buy resources for students until funds become available. Students cannot be given subject resources until at least a payment plan is in place. If you do not wish to be part of the SRS, parents will be required to source all of their own texts, online resources and physical materials, amounting to many hundreds of dollars per subject. These are itemised by subject by year level and on the school website at <https://kawanawaterssc.eq.edu.au/enrolments/resource-scheme>. Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Happy Holidays

I wish all parents and students a fabulous festive season with family and friends and look forward to seeing all students on Day 1 of 2025, Tuesday 28 January.

Brett Burgess
Executive Principal

[Click here to view the Events Calendar](#)

Primary News



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move towards the end of the year, I wanted to thank you all for the wonderful welcome and continued support in my role here at Kawana Waters State College. Please find some key dates below for some

important upcoming events for the end of term.

Date	Event	Who for?
Week 9	Year 6 camp 2x groups across the week Prep Graduation – Prep Yuangan	Year 6 Prep Yuangan
Week 10		
Monday 9	Academic Awards	P-6 Selected students (based on criteria) and their families.
Monday 9	Year 2 Celebration of Learning	Year 2 and 2/3
Tuesday 10	Step Up Day – P-5 Year 6 Transition Day	All Students
Wednesday 11	3-6 Swimming Carnival	3-6 Students and families
Thursday 12	Year 6 Clap-Out Class Parties Prep Graduation – Prep Gigum, Prep Gulla	Year 6 students and their families Prep Gigum and Prep Gulla families
Friday 13	Last Day of Formal schooling for 2025	
Week 11	Additional Correspondence to follow	

SRS Payments

You should have received your 2025 SRS statement and invoice ready for next year. Please see office staff if you need a payment plan put in place. Payment plans can be tailored to include excursion costs, so that when excursion fees are due, you can just draw back on your credit. If

you also need assistance in getting your QParents account set-up, please come and see Michelle in the office so that other permission and payments are easily accessed.

Year 5 and 6 Camp

In week 5 of this term our Year 5 students had the opportunity to experience our first camp for this year level. Our students enjoyed 2 nights and 3 days up at Mapleton, taking part in activities such as canoeing, climbing wall and the very popular Giant Swing. Students were challenged to step outside their comfort zones and in turn increased their confidence and resilience. Next week our Year 6 students take part in their last primary school camp enjoying the activities and camp life of Tallebudgera Camp on the Gold Coast. We know, like our Year 5's, these students will represent our school exceptionally well.



Uniforms

As we move into the new year and begin purchasing new uniform items here are some reminders:

- Our uniform shop is now located up at School Locker in the Maroochydore Homemaker Centre <https://theschoollocker.com.au>.
- Please note one of the most important items is a school hat, as this allows your child to go out and enjoy play time safely. The office does not have spare ones to provide students so make sure this is top of the list!

- When purchasing shoes, compliant shoes are all black leather or leather like. Please note shoes cannot have mesh, cloth or colour. The new year is the perfect opportunity to ensure your child has shoes that meet our school uniform policy and are safe to wear. Shoes must also cover the whole of the top of the foot. Mary-Jane style is not permitted. Shoes however, do not need to be a formal shoe. A runner type shoe is perfectly acceptable and very practical, as long as it is all black leather or leather like.

Classes for 2025

In week 9 you will receive correspondence around your child's class and teacher for next year. This allows students the wonderful opportunity to then visit their new class on Step-Up day. Please note that a lot of work goes into making sure these classes are balanced and supportive of based on the broad knowledge our staff have of students. We appreciate your support and the positive conversations you will have with your children around their new classes.

On behalf of all the staff in the Primary campus I would like to wish all our Kawana families a wonderful Christmas and holiday break and we look forward to seeing you and all our new families in 2025.

Allison Bye
Principal Primary

Secondary News

Head of Secondary Campus Report



Year 12 Graduation

This year our Year 12 Graduation Ceremony took place over two days. Commencing Tuesday evening we acknowledged the tremendous work of our teachers and parents. On the Friday we concluded the ceremonies with an equally emotional and fitting culminating event, including a final roll call and clap-out.

We wish our graduating class of 2024 the very best in their future endeavours.



Young Academics Program (YAP)

Our Young Academic Program for Years 5 and 6 students in our district again attracted enormous interest. We have had the arduous task of working through those applications and selecting students for our 2025 program. Students selected to be part of the Young Academics Program will be notified Friday 22 November. An information session for successful students and their families will be held Thursday 6 February 2025. Details regarding this event will be released early next year.

Years 10 and 11 Exam Block

Our Year 11 and Year 10 students completed their exam block this week. Many thanks for their diligence and careful preparation during this period. As their final day is today, we wish them a safe and happy holiday.

End of Year Junior Secondary Activities

Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 students will soon receive the overview of final year activities program. Up till Monday 2 December students will be engaged in their regular timetable. On Wednesday 4 December our Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 students who have been well behaved, during the semester, are invited to attend an activity day at Aussie World. Students not attending this activity will participate in a program at school. On Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of week 10, students will enjoy activities organised by each of the curriculum areas.

Transition Day

Current Year 6's enrolled at Kawana Waters State

College for 2025 are invited to attend a full day program on Tuesday 3 December. This will be an opportunity to experience another day in the life of a secondary student before the start of next year. Contact Ms Amy Ferrington, Deputy Principal, Junior Secondary on aferr3@eq.edu.au if you have questions.

Key Dates

Semester Two reports will be emailed out Monday 9 December. I would encourage parents/carers to review the details of this report with their child. No semester two reports will be issued to Year 12 students as they will have access to final subject results and their Senior Education Profile (SEP) on Wednesday 11 December in their learning account found in the Student Portal, accessed via the myQCE website at <https://myqce.qcaa.qld.edu.au>.

ATARs will be available via the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) at www.qtac.edu.au/atar on Friday 13 December. First round QTAC offers (major offer rounds) will be 22 Dec 2024 and 16 Jan 2025 but Universities are offering outside of major offer rounds. As soon as a student meets eligibility and threshold, they will receive an offer.

On behalf of the secondary campus, I would like to extend a very happy and relaxed Christmas break. To those families not returning we thank you for your support and commitment to your child's learning and wish you all the best. To our returning families we look forward to seeing you all Tuesday 28 January.

Kawana Waters State College wishes you a very merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Elly Gerbo

Head of Secondary Campus

First Nations News

Congratulations to our 2025 QATSIF Scholarship Recipients!

We are delighted to announce that the following students have been awarded the prestigious Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation (QATSIF) scholarships for 2025.

Congratulations to Meeka, Zai, Odin, Chloe, Bailey and Ashton.

This remarkable achievement highlights their dedication and commitment to their education.

The QATSIF scholarship recognises the hard work of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and provides essential support to help them achieve their academic and personal goals. These scholarships are a testament to the efforts of our students and the strength of their families and communities in encouraging their success.

We are incredibly proud of each of our recipients and look forward to seeing them continue to grow and excel in their studies.



Lisa Hardidge
Head of Inclusion

Environmental News

Turtle Care

This month a group of environmentally-conscious

Kawana Waters State College students participated in the Schools Beach Clean Up hosted by the Sunshine Coast Council in preparation for turtle season. It was the first time the College has been involved in the project and the first initiative of the new Student Council with Science Ambassadors across Years 9, 10 and 11 taking part. Congratulations to Student Council President Millie Ives for spearheading the event and Environmental Student Leader Maya Teerink for her exemplary organisation – the turtles getting ready to nest between Bok Beach and Kawana Surf Club will undoubtedly be very grateful for your efforts.

Participants: Millie Ives, Maya Teerink, Sarah Bell, Jack Steif, Eliot Rowland, David Human, Stephanie Woods, Sienna Steele, May Baldwin, Jess Bell.



Chess News

Our annual Chess Day of Excellence will be held on Friday 29 November (week 9). The day will start with Chess Coaching from 9.00am – 10.00am, followed by a Chess Tournament with 6 or 7 rounds. Medals will be presented to the top 3 in each age group and a trophy to the overall winner in the Junior and Senior sections of the tournament, proudly sponsored by Jarrod Bleijie, State Member for Kawana. If you are interested in entering, please contact the Ms Cluer (dclue2@eq.edu.au). It will be great to see you there!

Ms Dianne Cluer
Senior Teacher – Mathematics

Instrumental Music News

KWSC invite all interested musician to submit an expression of interest for the 2025 Instrumental Music Program. Please

see the attached flyer for further information.

[Click here to download the Instrumental Music flyer](#)

International News

International Homestay Families Urgently Needed for January 2025

Short Stay (2 weeks) and Long Stay (3, 6, 9 months)

Got a spare room? Ever thought of becoming a homestay host to one of our international high school students? Share their life, discoveries, memories and cultural experiences. Oh, and did we mention you'll be reimbursed up to \$1,400 a month? Bonus! Contact: Megan O'Reilly, International Homestay Coordinator, moreil25@eq.edu.au, 07 5436 9388.

QParents

QParents is a user-friendly portal (accessible via app or web browser), that provides parents with secure online access to information about their child's schooling. We will be moving to online permission forms via QParents from January 2025, so please register as soon as possible.

You can access information about:

- Attendance details
- Timetables and upcoming events
- Report cards and assessments
- Invoices and payment history

For further information, please see the attached flyer.

[Click here to download the QParents Fact Sheet for Parents](#)

[Click here to download the QParents Poster for Parents](#)

OSHC – Helping Hands Kawana

As previously communicated, Helping Hands Network will be operating our Out of School Hours Care from Monday 16 December 2024. Please see the attached flyer for more details

and information on the Kawana Helping Hands Open Day taking place on Friday 29 November, 10.00am – 12.00pm.

[Click here to download the Kawana Prep Kindy Family Letter](#)

Dental Van News

Consent forms have now been issued to ALL primary year levels, Prep - 6. If you've missed out, please call by the dental van to collect one.

All secondary student families will have been notified of the offer of free dental care. If you haven't yet completed a consent form and wish your student to have a check-up, please call the Dental Van on 0418 879 358. Paper consent forms are available at the dental van and completed forms can be returned either to the van or to sc-maroochy-school dental@health.qld.gov.au.

Please return treatment permission forms promptly, so your child can have treatment completed before the van moves.

Keep brushing and smiling!

Helen, Linda and the Dental Van Team

Community News

Historymaker Church under Construction 2025

Historymaker Church will begin construction on its Sportsmans Parade Building in 2025. We would like to share these images with our school community to show the building will look like once completed.



Headstart Psychology – November Workshop

[Click here to download the Sunshine Coast November 2024 Friendship Workshop flyer](#)

If you would like to find out more or would like to REGISTER please visit:

[Click here for more information](#)
<https://www.headstartpsychology.com.au>

Festive Family Fun – Lights on the Lake

Currimundi Catchment Care Group are holding their annual Lights on the Lake Event on Sunday 8 December. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

[Click here to download the Lights on the Lake 2024 - School Notice](#)

Vibes Music Education for Wellness

Wanting to continue playing music throughout the holidays?

Vibes: Music Education for Wellness is offering lessons on piano, guitar, singing, music theory and song writing throughout the summer holidays. Come and get your groove on!

Find out more at vibesmusiceducation.org or email lrhodesmusic@gmail.com