

Emerald Secondary College



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Term 4 - 2017:

15th December 2017

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Important Dates:

Every Thursday: Homework Club
3.20pm - 4.30pm in A7

DECEMBER:

Wed 13th-Sun 17th: Queensland
Camp

Wed 13th-Mon 18th School
Activity Week

Tues 19th-Thu 21st: Clean Up
days - buses will continue
to run until Thu 21st Dec.
at their normal times

2018

JANUARY

Tue 30th: First day of School for
Yr 7 and Yr 12's

Wed 31st: All students return to
school. Classes begin
today

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From the Principal:

Teaching and Learning

This week all our staff have been busy planning and preparing their lessons and resources for 2018. Staff have been working collaboratively in teams to ensure that our lessons are consistent and engaging for our students.

The College Leadership team and new School Improvement Teams have also met this week with an outside coach to plan an implementation plan for 2018 that will engage all our staff and students to help us to continue our school improvement and see students learning continue to grow.

Welcome to our Grade 6 cohort

On Monday this week, we formally welcomed the new parents and families of the current Grade 6 cohort into the ESC family. I would like to thank Ms Julie Cross Gunn and Ms Rebecca Holmes for organising this information session, and all our wonderful staff for attending and supporting the evening.

It was a wonderful evening with student guest speakers and musical talents to enhance the welcome for our new families. With standing room only, it was a pleasure to see so many families interested in our College and their child's future education at Emerald Secondary College.

On Tuesday 12th December, all our new students spent the day with us as part of their orientation and introduction to Emerald Secondary College. The new students met their home groups and took part in a number of classes with our teachers. When I visited classes it was wonderful to see all the Grade 6 students engaged in their learning and speak about their favourite part of the day. Although the cafeteria was a hit at lunchtime, students enjoyed activities in the Art room, Science labs, Gym, Japanese class rooms to name just a few activities. Many thanks to all our students and staff for making this such a welcoming and enjoyable day.

Arts and Technology Exhibition

On Tuesday evening following on from the Grade 6 orientation day, our Technology and Visual Arts staff organised and presented our students work.

The new Mayor Collin Ross officially opened the evening and spoke highly of our students high quality works of art and craftsmanship, it was lovely to see so many students and their families attend. It would also be very remiss of me not to mention our outstanding musicians who played and sang throughout the whole event, entertaining all our guests and adding atmosphere to the evening. The mayor was so impressed with our college he asked to join us at our Annual Awards Evening.



Annual Awards Evening

On Tuesday evening following on from the opening of the Arts and Technology Exhibition, we held our annual Awards Evening in EPAC. The event was opened by our college choir guided by the wonderful Sally McKenzie.

As a Principal, the Annual Awards evening is one of the many highlights of my role. It was wonderful to be able to recognise and celebrate with our College Community the pinnacle of what our students and college community have achieved throughout the year. It was also an honour to be able to officially recognise our 2016 College Dux, Callum Boreham, with an outstanding VCE result and an ATAR of 96.6.

Providing the best for our school community is our goal and we are all really very proud to be a part of Emerald Secondary College. I would like to congratulate all the recipients of the awards, and encourage all our students in 2018 to work to achieve their personal best.

We are extremely grateful to all our sponsors for their ongoing support and contributions to our College and our Annual presentation Night. It is wonderful to have such strong community partnerships where our local businesses and community groups recognise and help celebrate the successes of our students, and our College. I would also like to thank our local Primary Principals and staff for continuing the support of our students this evening.

On behalf of the College I would like to personally thank Tanya Moran for her organisation and coordination of Presentation Night. Mr Edwards for leading all things 'EPAC', Ms Holmes for assisting behind the scenes with the trophies and awards, and Ms Cameron for assisting our students on the evening and taking the official photographs. I would also like to thank all our hard working staff for providing the varied and many opportunities for our students that go above and beyond the classroom, and for supporting each and every student in achieving their personal best.

Finally, I would like to thank you, all our parents and families, for attending this evening showing your continued support for our students and our College as a whole.

VCE Results

On Friday this week our students and school received the 2017 VCE results. It was wonderful to see our students achievements continue to improve with over 3% of our cohort receiving a study score of 40+ and the median study score continue to improve. Many schools un-score students with low achievement results to raise their school overall results, but at ESC we believe all our students should be able to complete scored pathways if they choose.

Our staff are reviewing the results and analysing the scores and exam results to plan for further improvement next year. Peter Congdon, a specialist in VCE data analysis, will also be working with our staff in January to ensure that our programs and teachers maximize all our students learning.

Congratulations to all our students, staff and families.

End of Year

This week marks the end of the official school year with environmental duties scheduled next week for those students attending.

The EOY Activities organised by Ms Sarah Trounson and supported by all our staff have offered a range of exciting or interesting opportunities for all our students. Thank you to all our families, students and staff for supporting this wonderful end of year program.

It has been a very busy but productive year and to wrap up, I would like to thank our whole community for their effort, dedication and support of our College throughout the year.

2018 Student Start Dates

A reminder to everyone that Tuesday 30th January is the start date for Year 7 and Year 12 only. This has been organised to assist our Year 7 students and Year 12 students into their studies. Wednesday 31st January is the whole school start day where Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 students will commence 2018. Have a safe and happy break and we will see you all in 2018.

Jodie Doble - Principal



Orientation Day

The move from primary school to secondary school is a major milestone for all young adults. It is generally met with a mixture of nerves and excitement as it is understandably a time of big change in a student's education and life. Tuesday 12th December saw 159 of our newest Emerald Secondary students have their first taste of high school life. The goal was for our young learners to feel comfortable and safe in their new environments.

Our fresh faced, eager students took part in an extended P.A.S.E (Personal and Social Education) session, which allowed them to meet their new home group teachers and class mates to begin making new friendships. This was also followed by taking a tour of the school.

The remainder of the day was spent getting a taste of a range of subjects offered in Year 7. Students undertook activities like observing an exciting Science experiment called Elephant's Toothpaste or a quiz about aspects of Japan to name a few.

The success of the day was enhanced by our student hosts who did a fabulous job of answering questions and guiding the new cohort around to their classes. Thank you Jessica Van Steyn, Georgia Polidoris, Joel Hudson, Jasmine Knight, Ruby Pugh, Paige Baguley, Gemma Baguley, Daniel Lee, Kaden Dempsey, Ethan Penn, Kayla South, Jade Wilkinson and Abbey Williams for your time and leadership.

It was also lovely to see parents stay for a morning tea, as the more informed and involved parents are in their child's transition the more positive the experience will be.

We hope all our students have a fabulous break and we warmly welcome you to Emerald Secondary College.

Rebecca Holmes - Yr 7 Coordinator



Uniform Sale

There will be a uniform sale held at the Emerald Performing Arts Centre (EPAC) on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th December from 9am to 2pm.

Please see the table below for items and pricing. There are several sizes available and prices are not negotiable. It will be first in best dressed and items will not be held. Limited stock. Cash and EFTPOS facilities will be available on the day.

DESCRIPTION	COLOUR	PRICE
JUNIOR S/S POLO SHIRT	RED	\$15
SENIOR S/S POLO SHIRT	NAVY	\$15
JUNIOR KNITTED RUGBY TOP	NAVY/RED/WHITE	\$40
JUNIOR POLAR FLEECE TOP	NAVY/RED/WHITE	\$25
SENIOR HOODIE	NAVY	\$25
SENIOR RUGBY TOP	NAVY/WHITE	\$25
SENIOR SPLICE JACKET	NAVY/WHITE	\$30
SOFT SHELL SPRAY JACKET	NAVY/RED/WHITE	\$35
SUMMER DRESS	SCHOOL CHECK	\$35
WINTER SKIRT	SCHOOL CHECK	\$35
SPORTS TOP	NAVY/RED/WHITE	\$20
SPORTS SHORTS	NAVY/RED/WHITE	\$15
MICRO FIBRE SHORTS	NAVY	\$15





Homework Club

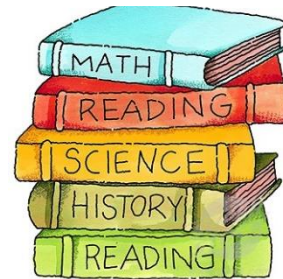
If you need a quiet place to get your homework done or require extra help from your teachers, the place to be is Homework Club.

Details

When: Every Thursday from 3.20-4.30pm

Where: Room A7 with teacher assistance

Who: All students from Years 7 - 12



Any questions, please contact Ms. Sarah Trounson – D Block staffroom



**Non-Perishable
FOOD
Drive**

We're proud to be working alongside community groups & helping out local families in need this Christmas!

If you'd like to contribute, please drop off any non-perishable food items to the **Barry Plant Emerald office.**

We will be collecting through to 15th December.



In 2018 ECSD will be offering –

HIP HOP classes!!!

Book now as places are limited!

Kids hip hop (5-12yrs) Tuesdays 4-5pm

Teens hip hop (12-18) Tuesdays 5-6pm

With
TANYA LEE SMITH

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ADULTS Music Theatre – Tuesdays 9:30-10:45am

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