



Chinchilla State High School

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NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to 2018!



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Great state. Great opportunity.



From the Principal...

Dear Parents, students, staff and community supporters,
A very warm welcome to the 2018 school year, especially to all of the students and families who are new to our school. I hope that all of our students and families find their time at Chinchilla State High School to be very enjoyable and rewarding.

Our staff have made a very positive start to the school year by participating in a breadth of professional development and planning sessions across the three Student Free Days last week. Hopefully, all of the students will be equally focused on getting their school year off to a positive start.

This year, our school staff will continue working with a shared vision of **'every student succeeding.'** To develop a platform where students can succeed it is important that **'every staff member is succeeding'** in their respective roles.

Sad News

- ❑ It was with great sorrow that our school community learned that one of our 2015 Seniors, Ben Wright, was tragically killed in a motorcycle accident in December. Ben was very highly regarded within the school community and we are still processing the tragic loss of a great young man at such a young age. We continue to extend our sympathies and support to the Wright family.
- ❑ Our school community learned last week that Mrs Binu Roy's husband passed away in late December. Mrs Roy is one of our replacement teachers and has been working within the school for many years. We extend our sincere sympathies to Mrs Roy and her family at this very difficult time.

Staffing News

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the following staff who have joined our school this year:

New Teaching Staff: Mrs Kate Offner (Learning Support), Mrs Alison Pearce (Learning Support), Mr Anthony Maher (HPE/Maths), Mrs Alison Harland (Technology), Ms Gemma Candish (Maths/Humanities), Mr Matthew Fletcher (English/Humanities/Technology), Miss Lucinda Bates (Maths/Science), Miss Cassie Cooper (English/Humanities), Miss Ashleigh Calnan (English/Humanities),

Mr Matthew Ryall (English/Humanities), Miss Joanne Mulligan (Drama/English/Humanities), Miss Bonnie Goulet (Special Education).

Returning from leave: Mrs Rebecca Davis (English/Humanities), Mr Noel Deacon (Technology).

Deputy Principal year level leadership for this year:

Year 7/8 – Mr Bret Bowman

Year 9/10 – Mr Chris McEvoy

Year 11 – Mr Marcus Weller

Year 12 – Mrs Amanda Cooper

Marriage: Congratulations to Miss Amber Szulikowska and her husband Nick, who were married on 31 December 2017. Miss Szulikowska has now assumed the name of Mrs Byrne.

Births: Congratulations to Mrs and Mr Ballinger on the safe arrival of a baby boy, Lawson James, on 8 December 2017. Congratulations also to Mr and Mrs Morrison on the safe arrival of a baby boy, Andrew Graham, on 11 January 2018.

2017 Year 12 Results Summary

The 2017 Year 12 cohort deserve congratulations for returning some of the strongest academic results in the last 10 years at Chinchilla State High School. It was great to see so many of these hard-working students achieve excellent results and I am very proud of the work of the students and the staff who worked with them.

- ❑ 92 students achieved a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)
- ❑ 3 achieve a Queensland Certificate of Individual Attainment (QCIA)
- ❑ OP summary (out of 47 eligible students):
 - OP 1- 5: 13 students (27.7%);
 - OP 6 - 10: 8 students (17%);
 - OP 11-15: 19 students (40.4%);
 - OP 16 - 20: 7 students (14.9%);
 - OP 21-25: 0 students.
- ❑ A number of students attained certificates in Vocational Education and Training courses.
 - Certificate 1 - 145
 - Certificate 2 - 64
 - Certificate 3 - 2



Recommendations that Contribute to a Successful Education

At Chinchilla State High School we pride ourselves on reinforcing high standards and promoting the development of resilience in our students. Each year I include these simple recommendations that parents, guardians and staff can all work together to reinforce with students throughout the year. Following these simple routines will maximise a student's potential to succeed at school and develop invaluable life skills that will hold them in good stead in attaining long term employment.

- ❑ Be on time for school.
- ❑ Be at school every day unless too ill to attend.
- ❑ Wear the uniform as required. Lots of jobs have uniform requirements that must be followed.
- ❑ Focus on learning in every lesson, every day. Education is the key to your journey through life. Take responsibility for developing a strong work ethic that represents a desire to learn every day. Employers want people who want to continue to learn and develop their skills.

- ❑ Work closely with teachers. Set goals to achieve and complete study, assignments, assessment drafts and homework.
- ❑ Work at time management. Minimise the time lost with distractions eg. phones, social media.
- ❑ Senior students should be mindful of not over-committing to excessive hours of part-time employment.

Thank you in anticipation of your support of our school and for working with us to ensure that all of our students reach their potential by following the school motto – **“Learning together for a happy and productive future.”**

On behalf of all of the staff I would like to wish all of the students, families and supportive community members all the very best for a happy, safe and successful 2018.

*Kind regards,
Mr Scott Rowan*

Meet the Staff Evening

INVITATION

**Chinchilla State High School welcomes our
current students and their families**

Please join us as for a brief introduction as we detail some of the opportunities your child will experience in 2018

Tuesday 30 January 2018

Presentation 6.00 pm in the Hall

**followed by an opportunity to meet and greet staff
and an informal barbeque**

All guests are requested to meet by 6.00 pm in School Hall, Zeller Street

Taste a Trade 2018

The Taste a Trade Program, a Chinchilla State High School initiative, will commence at the beginning of Term Two for eligible students in Year 10. The program allows students to explore and gain an insight into a range of trades in the region.

To be eligible students must have: satisfactory or above in effort and behaviour in all classes; have great attendance; and not have any suspensions. Mrs Dorries, Head of Department for Technology and VET said, “this program is a great incentive for students

who want to enter the workplace, to see the advantages of continuing to do your best at school.”

Initially students in the program complete their Construction White Card with Blue Dog Training. They then embark on nine weeks of work experience in industry. Each student will work at three different businesses, working one day a week for three weeks before rotating to the next business.

The Taste a Trade Program helps students to develop knowledge learnt in the classroom

and understand skills, attitudes and personal and social qualities related to the world of work. It is also valuable in assisting students to narrow down their future career pathway.

Application Forms were distributed to interested students on Monday. For more information on the Taste a Trade Program or to collect an Application Form, see Mrs Griffiths in the Resource Centre.

Applications close 3.30pm Wednesday 14 February 2018.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

This year the annual Inter-house Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday, 9 February. The carnival will run during the school day, beginning at 8.45 am and finishing at approximately 2.45 pm. The carnival will run with the same format as previous years, with competitive events that contribute to age championships and some participation events that contribute to house points. Details about the day are listed below.

Date: Friday, 9 February 2018

Venue: Chinchilla Fitness and Aquatic Centre

Travel: **The school day will begin at the Chinchilla Aquatic Centre at 8.45 am.** Rolls will be marked by Form Teachers at 8.45 am sharp. Students arriving by bus should get off at St Joseph's Primary School and walk under teacher supervision to the pool.

Time: Students will be admitted to the pool from 8.20 am. **The first race will commence at 9.10 am and the carnival will finish at approximately 2.45 pm.**

Students travelling by bus will be **dismissed from the pool at 2.50 pm** to give them enough time to walk under staff supervision to St Joseph's Primary School to catch their bus. Students who do not catch the bus will be **dismissed from the pool at 3.05 pm.**

What to Bring: Water bottle (complimentary cold water will be provided for students), hat, sunscreen, packed lunch, money (a canteen will be in operation), **suitable swimwear for competitive swimming** and house spirit.

What to Wear: Students are encouraged to wear their house colours on the day. Students are also to ensure they are sun safe by wearing a collared shirt and a school hat when not competing.

The following items are strictly not permitted at the pool: **coloured zinc, body paint, nikko pens, streamers, silly string and crepe paper.** Students may use balloons and banners to decorate their house area

Please Note: Times swum throughout the day will be recorded and results posted to the C Block noticeboard. No results will be published on the day of the carnival.

If there are any issues or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

*Mr Auryn Nelmes and Mr Lachlan McKensey
Convenors*

Chooks Wanted



Any families willing to donate chooks of mixed breeds to the CSHS Agricultural Farm please contact Miss Natalie Budden at the school on 4672 9333.

Uniform Donations

The school welcomes the donation of any pre-loved school uniforms items including: school shirts, shorts and black leather shoes. Please drop off to the School Office.

*Mrs Belinda Jones
Year 12 Coordinator*

School Photos

Year 7 students will have their ID photos taken on Friday 2 February. All other school photos will be taken on Monday 26 February 2018. This year's photographers will be Silver Rose Photography.

Further information on the ordering process will be distributed closer to the date.

All students will have their photo taken regardless of whether photographs are being purchased. Students are required to be in full school uniform.

Year 7 Camp

Year 7 Camp is fast approaching with students departing for the Sunshine Coast on Monday 12 February and returning Wednesday 14 February.

Over the next two weeks, there will be a range of letters and invoices sent home. A 'What to bring list' will also be sent out in Week 2.

If you have any questions please contact the Year 7 Coordinator, Mrs Tiffany Ross.

Year 12 Camp

The Year 12 Camp for 2018 will be held from Monday 5 February to Wednesday 7 February, 2018. All Senior Students are encouraged to participate in the Camp as part of our Student Development Program. Permission Slips are due back Wednesday 24 January 2018.

The anticipated cost for this excursion is \$250. This fee includes accommodation, meals, transport and activities undertaken on the camp.

Due to the short timelines associated with participation in this activity, the school is requesting a minimum deposit of \$100, with the balance of fees due and payable by the end of Term 1, 2018. Payment of the camp deposit is due no later than Friday 2 February, 2018. It is not the aim of the school to place parents under any financial duress. Parents are encouraged to contact the school to discuss payment options/arrangements for payment of fees.

*Mrs Belinda Jones
Year 12 Coordinator*

Leadership Ceremony

*Parents, families and friends
are warmly invited to a special assembly on*

Thursday 8 February 2018

commencing at 8.50 am in the School Hall.

*During this assembly, School Captains, House Captains,
Committee Chairpersons and Form Class Captains
will be officially acknowledged and presented with their badges of office.*



Chaplaincy Corner

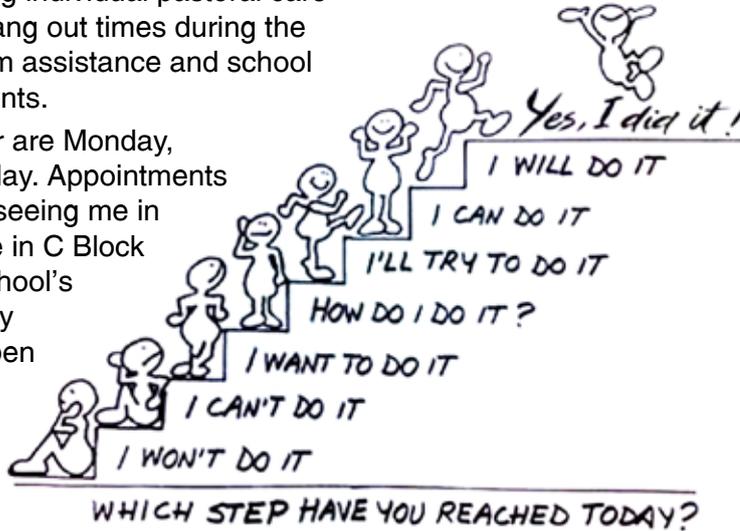
A Message From Miss Lilyan Flett

Hello everyone and welcome back to another school year! A very special welcome to all new students, especially to our Year 7s. I hope you all had a wonderful break and ready to make this year one to remember.

Throughout the year I will continue my role here as Chaplain providing social, emotional and spiritual support to all within the school community. This can be during individual pastoral care conversations, hang out times during the breaks, classroom assistance and school activities and events.

My days this year are Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Appointments can be made by seeing me in the Chappy office in C Block or through the school's administration. My door is always open and everyone is welcome!

Have a great year!



WHICH STEP HAVE YOU REACHED TODAY?

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For all your school uniform requirements



School Uniforms

Saddlery

Boots

Firearms

Country Clothing

Phone | 4662 8416

Address | 76 Warrego Highway
Chinchilla Q 4413

Proprietors | John and Lara Dolling

CYBERSAFETY MATTERS

We all know that our young people see the internet and mobile phone technology as a life-line to their peers. Whether we like it or not, it is a very real part of their life. However, we also know that this technology exposes them to inappropriate content, cyberbullying, sexting, online grooming and identity theft. The perceived anonymity of the internet provides a false sense of security, so we frequently see teens engaging in behaviours that they would not consider in the real world. Some of these poor choices online have far reaching effects which are not simply fixed by pushing the 'undo' button.

The following is a brief overview of 10 important facts that can form the basis of discussions with your children.

- 1. Respect and Responsibility** – Before you post, **THINK!** Is it **True**, is it **Helpful**, is it **Inspiring**, is it **Necessary**, is it **Kind**?
- 2. Cyberspace is PUBLIC!** Regardless of the privacy or security settings, it cannot be guaranteed that your information will be kept private....forever.
- 3. Nothing can be totally deleted** – Everything you receive is recorded and saved. It is always out there!
- 4. You are NEVER anonymous online** – regardless of your online "name" or accounts set up. It can all be traced back to you.
- 5. You ALWAYS leave a digital footprint** – If you are doing something wrong using technology, it is only a matter of **WHEN**, not **IF**, you get caught.
- 6. Always remember your manners** – Remember 'netiquette' rules: Words don't convey facial expressions/emotion. Be aware of tone as things can easily be taken the wrong way. CAPS LOCK equals shouting, so please don't. If you wouldn't swear in front of your Nanna, best not to use it online – and if you would say it to a person's face, don't say it online. Leave sending that text if you are overtired, emotional, angry, etc.
- 7. NEVER share Passwords** – BFF's may not stay BFF's!
- 8. No such thing as a safe website or App** – Always be aware of your security settings and that not all users are honest and well-intentioned.
- 9. Anyone can be anyone online** – There is no way to really know who you are communicating with. Identify theft, voice-changing software and dishonest users make it impossible for you to know who is online.
- 10. There are cyberspace laws** – If it's a crime in the real world, it's usually a crime online too. There are laws about defamation, bullying and sending/recording explicit images of children under 18 years of age (considered as child pornography). Being charged with these crimes will cause problems for future travel, job opportunities, etc. So, **THINK** before you **ACT** online....

Resource: *Sexts, Texts & Selfies: How to keep your children safe in the digital space* by S. McLean.

Mrs Anne Cardillo
Learning Support Teacher

P&C Meeting

MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2018

7.00-8.30 pm

Shcool Resource Centre

If you are interested in being involved with our P&C please come along.

ALL WELCOME

School Hats

Due to a delay in delivery of School Hats, the supply of hats at the Tuckshop is low and some sizes, predominantly smaller sizes, are unavailable. It is anticipated that these supplies should be here within the next few weeks.

In the interim, students unable to purchase a school hat in their size at the Tuckshop may wear a non-school sun-safe, broad-brimmed hat. The hat is not to have any inappropriate emblems or wording and NO CAPS are permitted.

Students are reminded they are to sit in the shade if they do not have a hat on.

Your assistance during this transition period is appreciated. Parents will be informed when the hats are available.

What to do when you...

An excerpt from the
2018 Student Diary

Are absent from school	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To explain your absence, supply a note of explanation from your parent/guardian or a Medical Certificate to the School Office, unless a phone call has been received by the school from your parent/guardian.• Your parent/guardian should contact the school if you are to be absent for several days.
Are late to school	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bring a note from your parent/guardian, unless a phone call has been received explaining your reason for arriving late.• Report to the office and office staff will sign you in.• Take your Late Pass to class.
Need to leave school during the day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Before school present a note from your parent/guardian to the Deputy Principal stating the reason why a pass is requested. The Deputy Principal will issue you with a Leave Request.• When it is time to leave, show your Leave Request to the relevant class teacher and then report to the office staff where you will be issued with a Leave Pass.• If you return to school, report to the office to have your pass scanned.• It is expected that all students will remain in the school grounds during morning tea and lunch breaks.
Are sick while at school	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tell your teacher then report to the office.• Every effort will be made to contact your parents if you become ill or are injured in an accident at school. Ensure your emergency contact details are current.• You may be sent to the sick room during the day upon teacher discretion: however, if you continue to feel unwell and are unable to return to class, your parents will be contacted.
Take medication	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you take regular medication or need to take medications at school, your parents will need to fill out a medication form, which is filed in the school office.
Are not in correct uniform	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It is expected that all students will be in correct school uniform.• Before school present a note of explanation from your parent/guardian to be signed by the Deputy Principal.• Keep your permission note to produce on request throughout the day. For further information about uniforms, refer to School Uniform page.
Repeatedly wear incorrect or untidy uniform	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contact will occur with home and you will only be allowed to return if wearing neat, correct uniform.
Are asked to do something which means you will miss classtime	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• See the teacher of the class you would miss, and ask permission from that teacher. The teacher's decision is final.
Change address or telephone number	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Notify the office in writing immediately. It is essential that school records are accurate and up to date in case of an emergency.
Have money to pay to the office	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report to the office before school to process the payment.
Have money or valuable at school	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Avoid bringing large amounts of money to school.• Do not leave money or valuables unattended in school bags. If there is a need to bring valuables to school, hand them in at the office before school and collect after school.• Students should not bring personal belongings to school unless they have special permission. Personal sporting equipment, jewellery and iPods are too valuable to risk being damaged at school.

What to do when you...

An excerpt from the
2018 Student Diary

<p>Items not allowed at School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items such as nikko pens, rubber bands, steel rulers and pocket knives are banned from school. Where students require such items for school purposes, they will be provided by the teacher. • Only roll-on deodorants are allowed at school. Aerosols are banned. • Chewing gum is banned from school.
<p>Misplace property</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that all property brought or worn to school is named. • Retrace steps and check where you may have been earlier. • Report lost articles to the office and check Lost Property. • Return later to see if property has been located. • Advise office staff when property is located.
<p>Lose your timetable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your timetable is to be kept in this diary. • Report to the office and request a replacement timetable.
<p>Wish to change subjects</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss with the Deputy Principal who will issue a Change of Subject Form. • Change of subject can only occur at the end of a semester except in special circumstances. Have the form completed by all relevant staff and your parent/guardian before returning it to the Deputy Principal. • Students do not go to the new class until a new timetable has been issued to them.
<p>Bring a mobile phone to school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are not encouraged to bring mobile phones to school. Students who bring a mobile phone to school are required to take it to the Office for collection at 3.05pm. • Students can present to the Office to check their phones for urgent messages during morning tea and lunch breaks. • Any phones found on students at school throughout the day may be confiscated. Only Parents can collect student mobile phones from the Deputy Principal.
<p>Wish to see the Guidance Officer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make an appointment through the Office. • Obtain an Appointment Form from Guidance Officer and show it to your relevant teacher for permission/signature to attend appointment.
<p>Intend to leave school permanently</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your parent/guardian needs to contact the Deputy Principal. • Return all school resources (books, laptop, etc.) to the appropriate school personnel.
<p>Are unable to participate in Physical Education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A parent note should be presented to the School Office and your teacher organising the activity.
<p>Are participating in an excursion, sporting or cultural event</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remember that when you are on an excursion or other event you are representing the school. • Display quality participation, and ensure your actions are sporting, respectful and appropriate to the occasion. • Forms must be completed fully and returned promptly. Note any particular details or requirements. • Always drink water and be sun safe.
<p>Are having difficulties with other students, school work or family issues</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell someone - Form Class Teacher, Class Teacher, Year Coordinator Head of Department, Guidance Officer, Chaplain, Deputy Principal, Principal or Parent. • They will be able to advise you or refer you to someone who can help.

IMPORTANT FINANCE INFORMATION

2018 Student Resource Scheme Information Booklet and documents were sent home to parents late last year (Year 8-12 students only).

The documents provide details of our School's Resource Scheme and the costs involved. The Resource Scheme Fee is \$240 per student and Instrumental Music is \$150. The Participation Agreement was also included. This **agreement must be signed-indicating participation/non participation in the scheme -and returned to the school as soon as possible. It is a condition of enrolment that this agreement is signed and returned to the school immediately.** Where forms have not been returned, the school will be contacting parents to determine if they intend to participate/not participate. Parents will be required to provide educational materials (textbooks and consumables) for non-participating students.

Thank you very much to all the families who have returned their forms, paid fees or arranged payment plans. Invoices for the Student Resource Scheme for 2018 will be posted home in the next few weeks.

Payment Options

There are several options for paying invoices.

Paying by BPAY

Method: Direct Payment from your Bank Account to Students Account

- Enter School's Biller Code – 149781
- Enter Customer Reference Number (CRN) – this is the unique identifier for your invoice, located on the invoice
- Enter amount to be paid/Invoice Number or Student Name as identifier.

Paying by BPOINT for Credit Card Payments

Method: Direct Payment by Credit Card Online System to Student Account

- Log onto BPOINT weblink – <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete>
- Enter Customer Reference Number (CRN) from the invoice you are paying – this is the unique identifier identified on the bottom of your invoice/statement
- Enter Invoice Number. Enter Student's name. Indicate amount of payment and follow prompts. Select Invoice for payment.

Paying through Centrelink

Method: Direct payment into the school bank account

- Contributions can be paid directly to the school through Centrelink. Parents can nominate a fortnightly amount, not less than \$20.00, and this is credited to the school account until the fees are fully paid. Forms for this are available from the Business Manager.

Paying by Internet Banking

Method: Direct Payment into School Bank Account

- Contact the school Office on 07 46729333 for bank account details.

Paying in Person

Method: Payment by Credit Card, Debit Card, Cash, Cheque or Money Order

- Payment can be made at the School Office, Monday to Friday between the hours of 8.00 am and 4.00 pm
- EFTPOS facilities are available
- Credit Cards and Debit Cards (EFTPOS), Cash, Cheques and Money Orders are accepted

Paying by Phone

Method: Payment by Credit Card Only

- Call the School on 07 46729333, Monday to Friday between the hours of 8.30 am and 3.30 pm
- Please have the account and your credit card details with you when you call
- Accepted cards are VISA and Mastercard

Paying by Mail

Method: Payment by Credit Card, Cheque or Money Order

- Credit Card details completed on Payment Advice
- Cheque and Money Orders made payable to Chinchilla State High School
- Post to Chinchilla State High School, PO Box 195, Chinchilla Qld 4413

Payment Installment Scheme

The school also offers parents the option of negotiating an individual payment plan to meet student costs. An agreement is entered into with the parent stipulating the amount of payment, the method of payment and the timeline for payment (fortnightly, monthly etc.). Arrangements can be made by contacting the Administration Office.

Debt Management Policy

This policy outlines the school's conditions in relation to the above scheme, extra-curricular activities or other fees. The focus is on the management of outstanding accounts, debt recovery and attendance at functions/excursions. Parents who are experiencing financial hardship or who have concerns with meeting their debt are encouraged to contact the School and speak to the Business Manager.

Refund Policy

This policy outlines the process for refunds for extra-curricular activities due to non-participation.

Financial Payment Information

This information is to inform parents of the various methods of payment options, including Centrepay and Payment Plans as well as giving parents a guide on other forms of financial assistance that may be available for them.

All policies and documentation can be located on the school website (www.chinchilshs.eq.edu.au).