Welcome to all of our new Year 8 students for 2014. The first year of high school is both an exciting and sometimes daunting time for students. There are a number of staff at the school who are responsible for the Year 8 students. Below is an introduction to a few of those staff members:

**Year 8 Coordinator**

I started teaching at Windaroo Valley SHS in 2011 and have loved every day of it. I started teaching to help enrich students’ lives and help them work towards an exciting and rewarding future. I have been house master for Moreton for the past four years with wins in many carnivals and we took out the overall house championship last year. As the year 8 coordinator this year, I am hoping to develop a group of students that are motivated to achieve their goals and who are confident enough within themselves to overcome any obstacle.

Debbie Cooper

**Year 8 Deputy Principal**

I began my teaching career in 1990 in Mt Isa and then moved to Yeronga SHS in 1993 and Wellington Point SHS in 1990. In 2000 I started at Windaroo Valley SHS as the Head of Department for Vocational Technology and then Deputy Principal in 2008. My aim is for students to get the best out of their education and I do this by considering their individual needs. I am passionate about students reaching their full potential and I encourage all of our new Year 8 students to remember that each day is a gift and to make the most of their time in high school.

Graham Ritchie

**HOD - Junior Secondary**

I started in the position of Head of Department for Junior Secondary at the beginning of term 3 of 2013 after moving from Maryborough. For the past 2 years I have been in the role of Acting Junior Secondary HOD at Maryborough SHS where I implemented EQ’s Flying Start agenda under the six guiding principles. The six principles: Distinct Identity, Quality Teaching, Student Well-being, Parent & Community Involvement, Leadership and Local Decision Making, are designed to support young adolescent students in their transition from primary to secondary school and onwards to senior schooling. I am passionate about engaging students in their education as I see this is the key to their success. Windaroo Valley SHS’s vision is “Creating Better Futures” and I am certainly committed to helping our students begin and continue along that journey towards their dreams and aspirations.

Jacque Bates

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New Students and Staff
Welcome to 2014 and another exciting year of learning at Windaroo Valley State High School. A warm welcome to all our Year 8 students and their families as well. I hope that you find this first year of high school exciting and rewarding, as you meet new people and take on new challenges. There are also a number of new and returning staff starting this year:

New Staff:
Zac Ashford
Catherine Hope
Jessie Sampson
Tim Chappell
Ian Wedlock

Returning Staff:
Karen Lindsey
Melinda Baker

Year 12 Investiture Ceremony
On Friday we held our Year 12 Investiture Ceremony. This is an important process where we recognise and commit our elected Year 12 Leaders into their positions and our Year 12 cohort as a whole into their roles as the 2014 senior student leaders in the school.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS: Taneesha Gray & Isaac Hamon-O’Brien
SCHOOL VICE CAPTAINS: Bridget Silcox & Byron Te Paea
SCHOOL SPORTS CAPTAINS: Jaydornea Gairo
SCHOOL CULTURAL CAPTAINS: Rebecca Kucks & Felicity Middis
20th Year Anniversary Captain: Taylah Kelly

SENIOR LEADERS: (Yr8) Sarah Coleman & Michelle Newton
(Yr9) Brearna Hawkins & Nathan Rushby
(Yr10) Shane Linfield & Rachelle Ware
(Yr11) Samantha Seargeant & Danielle Sharp
(Yr12) Ally O’Sullivan & Nartika Thompson

BRIBIE CAPTAINS: Brearna Hawkins & Quinn Cantarella
FRASER CAPTAINS: Taylah Kelly & Connor Kirrane
MORETON CAPTAINS: Michelle Newton & Alex McDonald
STRADBROKE CAPTAINS: Rachelle Ware & Martel Tomoare

Windaroo Valley State High School was established in 1994 to provide quality public education to the local community. Our students continue to achieve favourable destinations in year 12. Congratulations to all of our students who received an OP for 2013 and especially to Jack Pinnow, who achieved an OP 1, has accepted a Vice Chancellor's scholarship at QUT for an Engineering Degree. Congratulations to all 104 students who were awarded a VET Certificate and those students who received a QCE. In 2013 we saw improvements in academic performance across all year levels, improvements in attendance and improvements in student engagement in their own learning. These great achievements were possible because of the committed work of our staff, student focus and a strong partnership between parents and the school. I encourage you to make contact with your children’s teachers and to regularly use the Student Planner to stay in contact. You can also contact the relevant Year Coordinator or Deputy Principal or contact the office to make a time to speak to or meet with me.

Kay Louwrens
Principal
This year’s swimming carnival was so much fun. The sun was out, competitive races, water polo challenges hosted by national level players and the famous Windaroo dance offs.

Congratulations to the HPE team led by carnival coordinator Emma Jackson for organizing this fantastic event, and of course congratulations to all our age champions and the winning house FRASER.

**House Champions**

1<sup>st</sup> Fraser – 552 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> Moreton – 519 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> Bribie – 444 points  
4<sup>th</sup> Stradbroke – 375 points

**Age Champions**

13 yrs Girls – Taylah McGuirk  
13 yrs Boys – Kye Sunderland  
14 yrs Girls – Sam Bubb  
14 yrs Boys – Connor McGuirk  
15 yrs Girls – Georgia Frankcom  
15 yrs Boys – Cody Sunderland  
16 yrs Girls – Nicola Christensen  
16 yrs Boys – Luca Hatton  
17 yrs Girls – Sarah Dickie  
17 yrs Boys – Tim Odell  
18 yrs Girls – Felicity Middis  
18 yrs Boys – Patrick Frawley
Connect Students Receive Cert. II

On 16 December 2013 three Year 11 students, Ayrton Blaxland, Justin Forno, and Michael Pitkin, attended a Graduation ceremony where they were awarded a Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation. The students achieved the necessary competencies through completing Connect - an adventure-based learning program run through the Chaplaincy service. Connect, run in conjunction with Scripture Union QLD, aims to build values, teamwork, responsibility and leadership. Students participate in a number of camps, each increasing in difficulty, that challenge them both individually and collectively.

To achieve their Certificate the boys also had to attend a Connect camp as a helper with younger students where they were given extra responsibility. Their Certificate will be counted towards their QCE exit points in Year 12. Windaroo Valley is extremely proud and we would like to acknowledge Scripture Union QLD for their financial support allowing the students to receive their certificates. In 2014 we are hopeful that more Windaroo Valley students will achieve their certificate!

Jono Kyffin
School Chaplain

Working Bees

Many hands make light work! Working bees are a great way to meet other parents and help give the school a helping hand to improve the school grounds.

Working Bees run from 8am until 12pm and afterwards you can enjoy a free sausage sizzle! These are the dates for this year:

   Saturday 15th of March
   Saturday 8th of June
   Saturday 30th of August
   Sunday 9th of November
P&C Association

The P & C Association is made up of parents and community members who wish to be actively involved in their children’s education and assist their school in making effective decisions. Many people believe that P & Cs are only concerned with raising funds for school equipment, such as computers, sporting gear or books. However while fundraising and the allocation of funds continue to be key roles, P & C’s are also an integral part of their school decision making processes. Principals and Education Queensland actively seek out the thoughts and opinions of parents and community members so that decisions made at the school level are consistent with what parents and the wider community would like to see happen in their school.

The Windaroo Valley State High School Parents & Citizens Association meets every **Second Tuesday** of the month in the Windaroo Valley State High School common room, **starting at 6.30pm**. A genuine effort is made to see that the meetings close at **8.30pm**. Your involvement is encouraged and we therefore wish to extend an invitation to you to join us. Membership forms may be obtained at meetings or from the P & C Secretary at any time.

Windaroo Valley State High School P & C is grateful to the many parents and community members who have contributed over the years. Essential items of equipment such as information technology items as well as support for co-curricular activities are all example of the many benefits that the P & C have generously provided to our students.

Yours faithfully
Sheryl Raine
President of Windaroo Valley State High School Parents & Citizens Association, Inc

**2014 Meeting Dates**
- 11 March
- 13 May
- 10 June
- 12 August
- 9 September
- 11 November
## Term Dates

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TransLink fare increases

TransLink public transport fares have increased by 7.5 per cent and off-peak times changed to provide more opportunities to take advantage of the 20 per cent off-peak discount.

Students should ensure they travel with a valid concession card and check its expiry date.

For more information visit www.translink.com.au or phone 13 12 30.
Exploring Depression
Cognitive Behaviour Therapy to Understand and Cope with Depression

What is this program?
Exploring Depression is a program aimed at helping adolescents with Asperger’s syndrome and high functioning autism spectrum disorders cope with symptoms of depression. It is delivered to small groups of 4-5 participants by provisionally registered psychologists.

What does the program involve?
An individualised assessment session and 10 weekly group therapy sessions that will take approximately 1.5 hours each, followed by a booster session after 4 weeks.

Who can participate?
We are seeking adolescents aged between 13 and 18 years old who have a diagnosis of Asperger’s syndrome or high functioning autism who are experiencing issues with depression.

Where will the program take place?
The assessment and group intervention sessions will be run at the University of Queensland Psychology Clinic. This program will be provided free of charge.

Who should I contact?
If you wish to be involved in this project please contact Damián Santomauro at the University of Queensland School of Psychology University of Queensland St Lucia, QLD 4072 Phone: 0422282169 Email: d.santomauro@uq.edu.au

Sign on with Ormeau Junior Rugby League Football Club NOW!
Currently seeking players in the following ages -

U13s – born 2001
U14s – born 2000 (Div 1 team won 2012 & 2013 Gold Coast Grand Final)
U15s – born 1999 (Div 1 team won 2012 & 2013 Gold Coast Grand Final)
U16s – born 1998

Come on in and see for yourself!

Phone: 0413 309 905 for further information.
Registrations available Thursdays 4.30-5.30 pm. Teams filling up fast!
The QSchools app is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information from and about schools.

The app is designed to integrate with Websites for Schools websites. When a school publishes content to their website, the smartphone app is automatically updated, meaning the school community remains up-to-date with the latest news, events and newsletters.

Emergency announcements, such as information about natural disasters and school closures, can be published via the app.

The app is particularly useful to parents who have students in different schools, as the app manages updates from multiple schools in a single view.

All Queensland state schools are searchable via the app, however only schools who have upgraded their school website with Websites for Schools will benefit from all the features of the app.

Features of the app to benefit parents/caregivers:

- access the latest school news and calendar events
- receive emergency announcements and information around school closures
- search for the nearest school by current location, postcode, school name or suburb and view school contact details
- follow multiple schools
- available to download free via the Apple iTunes store and Google Play

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Iphones

Smartphones
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Uniform Shop is open every day from 7:00am—2:00pm
Come in and see our friendly staff

**EFTPOS IS NOW AVAILABLE IN THE UNIFORM SHOP**

Our canteen is open for Breakfast everyday from 7:00. Orders can be placed for Morning Tea & Lunch (so no missing out on your favourite food)
Orders may be picked up from the middle counter, with no waiting in lines.