QCS

Recently (3rd and 4th of September) we saw 72 of our students sit for the Queensland Core Skills Test (QCS). Weekly preparations for almost a year, a full practice test and many discussions beforehand meant they were eager and fully prepared. All of the students were nutritionally ready for the intense rigour of the test with a fantastic breakfast served to the Year 12s on both mornings. Janine Silcox and her team of Bernadine Collins and numerous Year 11 and 12 Hospitality students worked from before sun-up to provide a great start to the day.

While the outcome of the test will not be known until December, I feel confident that we can all be proud of our students. One thing all students need to remember, the QCS test, while very important, is not the number one requirement for success. Ensuring the maximum result in their classroom subjects should be the major focus for all.

As the end of Year 12 approaches, Senior students need to avoid “clocking off” and thinking the hard work is done. I’ve often noticed students waste years of effort by not meeting deadlines, not focusing on exams, or allowing a lack of attendance to influence their outcome. The whole school community, particularly parents and the students themselves, need to guard against this syndrome.

VET opportunities:

Those of you with students in Year 10 will be fully aware that the Senior Education & Training Plan (SETP) process has recently been completed. This process ensures that Year 10 students, their parents and their teachers, have an awareness of the opportunities and pathways available to them. As a result students have selected the subjects that will best enable them to achieve success in their chosen field.

At the moment, students can apply to do school-based courses through Metropolitan South Institute of TAFE (MSIT), Skills Tech (Trade-based courses) and Southbank Institute of Technology. If successful, these students will study four days a week at school, and complete the week at their chosen course. These courses contribute to their final Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). Time is running out, with close to 80 students that have already applied, if you are considering this pathway you will need to contact our ILO, Ms Bel Brown (3804 2358 or bbrow196@eq.edu.au).
Term 3 highlights
There were several sporting and cultural events in term 3 in which our students performed with some impressive results. Some of the highlights include:

- **Music** students competed in the Logan Idol competition at the Logan Entertainment Centre
- 3 of our **Art** students had pieces displayed in the Regional Creative Generations competition
- **Regional Athletics**: 54 students were selected in the Pacific athletics team and 19 students selected in the South Coast Athletics team to compete at the State Championships
- **State Knockout Finals**: Junior Girls 14th at the Queensland Schools Knockout competition, Intermediate 10th, Junior Boys 10th
- **Pacific district Champions**: 100 students in the team that won the 14th title, key students Jess Hill (11 events), Kallin Willis (11 events and age champion), Chavez Loomans (Age Champion), Tess Gillham (11 events and age champion), Renee Luru (11 events), Micheal Osborne, Rakaii Solomon, Tamara Orika, Greg Davis, Dom Espino

**Teacher Aide Day**
The first Friday of September was Teacher Aid Day. On this day we recognised the great work our teacher aides do to support our students and teachers. The help they offer goes a long way in our classrooms, providing the extra attention some students need to get the most out of a lesson and supporting our teachers to organise engaging and educational activities each day. We held a lunch in our Trade Training Centre to celebrate this event and the contribution that these staff make to our school.

**Year 8 enrolments for 2014**
On the 22nd of October we will be holding another Enrolment Night for Year 7 students intending to enrol at Windaroo Valley State High School in 2014. Please let friends and relatives know about this important event. More information about this evening is available from the school office.

**Term 4 Events**
Term 3 was a busy and eventful term and term 4 will be the same. There are many important events held in Term 4, many of which celebrate the achievements of our students. These events include Sports Awards Night, our Annual Academic Excellence Awards Night and the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony. I look forward to seeing you at these events.

Kay Louwrens
Principal

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Firstly, may I thank everyone at Windaroo Valley for making me feel very welcome. For those who do not know me, I am Jacqueline Bates and I started in the position of Head of Department for Junior Secondary at the beginning of term 3. I have moved from Maryborough where I lived for the past 28 years so this has been quite a move for me. 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:

- Distinct Identity,
- Quality Teaching,
- Student Well-being,
- Parent & Community Involvement,
- Leadership
- 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 motto is “Creating Futures” and I am certainly committed to helping our students begin and continue along that journey towards their dreams and aspirations.

Gifted and Talented Science Extension Days

As part of our Junior Secondary agenda, creating a seamless transition from primary to high school is an important part of the process. During the last week of term 3 Windaroo Valley SHS hosted over eighty Year 5 students for Science Extension Days where students experienced hands-on activities within a science laboratory context. In the first session, students used their senses to examine, smell and taste a variety of solutions. In the second session, our future surgeons dissected sea mullet in the quest to identify various body parts and organs. Amongst the expressions of delight and disgust, and a few nauseous casualties, our young scientists’ inquisitive minds were stimulated and enhanced their love for science. Students expressed how valuable these days were not only in the area of Science but also in giving them their first experience at high school since they will be the first group to start high school as Year 7s in 2015. May I thank all staff who were involved and contributed to the success of these days.

2013 Kids’ STEM Conference Gold Coast

“Let’s Go H20”

On Wednesday July 17th four Year 9 GTEK students attended the 2013 Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) Convention “Let’s go H20” held at Queensland Academy of Health and Science. Monique Koina, Sharleah Hay, Sophie Austerberry and Ellie Smith were treated to a variety of lectures from scientists and academics and attended a series of workshops based around our precious resource – water. When our students returned to school they had 6 weeks to design and implement a scientific investigation based around water. This event culminated on Tuesday September 17th where students needed to present their investigations at the STEM Forum. Our students represented Windaroo Valley with the utmost pride and must be congratulated on the high standard of their investigations and presentations.

Well done girls!
Logan Idol and the Jam Club

Students have recently formed their very own “Jam Club” and are now known as ‘THE ELEMENTS’. This group involves talented instrumental and vocal students and is a chance for the students to showcase their talents. ‘Elements’ recently competed in Logan Idol at the Logan Entertainment Centre competing against a variety of Logan Schools and the students performance was both professional and of an extremely high standard.

All students involved should be congratulated on their dedication and commitment. We look forward to seeing this group perform at upcoming events.

Visual Arts Excellence

Recently the Arts Department has had some fantastic news for senior students studying Visual Art. Three students were successful in gaining recognition in the Regional Creative Generations competition where their work was exhibited in a professional gallery space.

Students Tiffany Hartwig, Bryce Wells and Imogene Mackey should be extremely proud of this achievement in this prestigious state wide competition.
Windaroo Valley State High School was established in 1994 and has provided quality education in the Beenleigh area for more than nineteen years.

**Technology Excellence:** Dual computer operating platforms—Macintosh and Windows. 1 to 1 Laptop Program

**Academic Excellence:** A history of being the best performing academic state school in the Logan area for Year 12 results.

**Gifted and Talented Programs:** Academic Excellence in the Junior School. Debating Finalists since 2010. Year 12 Academic Mentoring Program. $1.5 million Science Centre.

**Sporting Excellence:** Winner of District Athletics trophy thirteen years in a row. 2012 Pacific District X Country Champions. ACE (Athletics Excellence Program) in all year levels. Rugby League, Cheerleading Squads, Touch Football/Basketball Premiers.

**Extensive Arts Programs:** Music extension, Musicals, Performances, Recitals, Glee Club, and Instrumental music.

**VET Excellence:** We offer an extensive array of school based traineeships/apprenticeships and alternative education opportunities including Certificate Three.

**Arts Excellence:** Logan Art Waves winner—2012. GOMA State Winners 2012. Logan Film and TV competition winner—2012.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Year 8—2014 Enrolment Night**  
Tuesday 22nd of October from 3:30-7:30pm  
at Windaroo Valley SHS

- If you are interested in attending please contact the Administration team on ph: 3804 2333.

**Year 7 to 8 Orientation Day**  
Tuesday 10th of December from 9:00am—2:50pm  
at Windaroo Valley SHS
Statewide recall of Acer Aspire 1830

Acer has informed Windaroo Valley State High School that we will undergo remediation in Term 4 2013. Acer has indicated that this will occur in November. It will be necessary to recall all laptops for a period of time. Acer can ‘do’ about 40 laptops per day, so we will need to stockpile the laptops so that Acer can keep working without a break. Logistically it will be challenging to recall 385 laptops for remediation.

At the appointed time it will be necessary for every student to return their laptop to the IT department. There will be paperwork to fill out and Acer will also do a health check of each laptop whilst they are here. Students will be kept informed at parades, on the notices and parents will be informed via the school website.

Students are responsible for the care of their device.

There have been cases where damage has occurred and a claim has been rejected by Acer and Education Queensland (EQ). e.g. EQ have stated that the keyboards have been rigorously tested and that keys do not fall off and any claim for this will be rejected. It is important, therefore, that students take good care of their notebooks otherwise excess charges will be incurred for accidental damage as per the Student Notebook Charter.

General Precautions

No food or drink is allowed next to your device while it is in use. Drinks or other liquids are not to be carried in the same bag as your device. Never remove plugs or cords by tugging at the cable Cords, cables and other devices are to be inserted and removed carefully. Do NOT plug the charger in across a walkway. Ensure the battery is fully charged each day

Carrying the Device

Screens must be closed prior to transporting the device Devices should always be carried within their protective sleeve Carry the minimum amount of paperwork in the same carry bag as the device to prevent pressure on the screen

Screen Care

The screen can be damaged through pressure. Do not poke at the screen. Do not lean on the device when it is closed. Do not place anything on the keyboard before closing the lid. Do not place anything in the carry case that could press against the cover. Do not pick the laptop up by the screen.

Phillip Hermitage
Information & Technology

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**Bookroom**

All students who have paid their Student Resource Hire Scheme are invited to collect their Text Books from the Bookroom in G205 Monday to Friday before school or during break times
Raymont Lodge Residential College Tertiary Student Accommodation Services

Raymont Lodge is currently offering accommodation options for tertiary students for 2014.

The college provides comfortable and safe services within a supportive Christian environment for tertiary students who are planning to study in the Brisbane area.

Facilities include fully furnished single rooms and onsite meals for up to 120 students, internet access, music practice and study rooms, onsite chaplaincy and recreational activities.

Raymont Lodge is centrally located in Auchenflower just four kms from the heart of Brisbane city and close to the University of Queensland, the Queensland University of Technology and other tertiary institutions. All public transport is within easy access.

The college has an active residents’ association providing opportunities to participate in a variety of team sports and social pursuits.

Raymont Lodge Residential College is an activity of the Queensland Synod of the Uniting Church in Australia.

More information is available at [www.raymont.com.au](http://www.raymont.com.au) or by contacting the college at 07 3377 9903.

Facility tours can be arranged by appointment.
**CENTREPAY DEDUCTIONS**

Centrepay is a free direct bill paying service available to customers who receive a Centrelink payment. Windaroo Valley SHS is registered as a provider to offer this service to the school community. It is the easy way to ensure your school financial commitments are met.

For further information please contact the Business Services Manager at school, Centrelink, or visit the Centrelink website at www.centrelink.gov.au.

**Wendy Hawkins**  
Business Services Manager

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**INTERNET BANKING IS HERE**

Windaroo Valley SHS is offering you internet banking as an alternative way to pay your school financial commitments. Internet banking is the preferred payment option for all activities. Payments made must be clearly identified to ensure that the correct outstanding invoices are credited against the correct student.

The reference code used must commence with your student’s EQ ID number. (This number is recorded on their Student ID card.) This should be followed by a description of the activity.

For example:  
Jason Smith, EQ ID No – 1234567893Q is going on the X-Country excursion.

The school account details are as follows:

BSB: 064-401  
Branch: Beenleigh, QLD  
Bank: Commonwealth Bank of Australia  
Account Number: 10078860  
Account Name: Windaroo Valley State High School – General Account

As a school we are pleased to offer you this alternative payment method.

**Wendy Hawkins**  
Business Services Manager

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

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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.