Kariya High School Study Tour

William Ross SHS was pleased to welcome the very excited and enthusiastic students of the 2015 Kariya High School Study Tour to our school community on Monday afternoon. Kariya High School is a public co-educational school and has been accredited as “Super Science School” by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology in Japan. The group of 16 students in total will be on tour from 2nd – 6th March. During this time they will be experiencing ESL and Science Focussed Lessons as well as visiting James Cook University and Reef HQ. The group is looking forward to experiencing homestay with our students and attending lessons in an Australian school.

Special well wishes to Shiori Sugiura and Chisato Matsunaga who will celebrate their birthdays during the tour on the 4th and 5th of March respectively. We sincerely hope they enjoy the Tour and their time at William Ross State High School.

Lani McMINN
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2015 has ‘kicked-off’ in a very positive way. To date we have enjoyed five weeks of very smooth running considering the many events and efforts put in place for our incoming Year 7 students. These new secondary school students, or now correctly named, Junior Secondary (Years 7,8,9) have blended well into our school community and are now fully engaged in the curriculum approach in a secondary setting. This introduction has been well complemented by a very successful “Meet-and-Greet” parent evening on Wednesday 11th February, where many parents took the opportunity to discuss their child’s progress with their classroom teachers. More opportunities will take place throughout the year and parents will be informed of these dates.

**Reflection 2014:**
Each year we review our departing Year 12 student performance to examine our processes to better inform our future.
In 2014 these student results were exceptional. There are a number of areas of direct comparison to ‘measure’ our school performance.

- **Student undertaking tertiary pathways** are measured in OP (Overall Position) 1 to 25 – OP1 represents the top 2% of highest achieving students in Queensland.
  **In 2014 - 3 students at William Ross achieved an OP1**
- The OP1 to OP15 is also a standard measure against State performance.
  **In 2014 - 80.8% students achieved in the OP1 to 15 band.(State average is around 74%)**
- **Students achieving the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE).**
  **In 2014 – 96.3% students achieved a QCE – highest performing large school in North Queensland.**
- **In Vocational Education students achieving a Certificate 2 in industry subjects.**
  **In 2014 - 95.1% students achieved a Certificate 2 in VET subjects.**

Overall 99% of students achieved a recognised State Accredited outcome, a fantastic outcome and congratulations to our past Year 12 students and reflective praise to our teachers for all their efforts.

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2014. The Next Step survey is a brief, confidential survey that gains a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers in the year after they finish Year 12. Between March and June, all our students who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate.

Thank you for your support of the Next Step survey in 2015.

Allan EVANS
Principal
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**From the Defence Transition Mentor**

**WELCOME** back to all our defence families for 2015 and a special warm welcome to our new families.

It has been amazing how well all these new students have settled into William Ross and have found friends and are fully engaging in their learning.

**EDUCATION ASSISTANCE SCHEME**
New families are reminded that they are entitled to free tutoring through the EAS. If you feel your child would benefit from using this scheme or you are unsure how to apply please contact me so I can assist you.

**SERVICE SEPARATIONS**
Please advise me if you are deploying, on course or on exercise so I can support your child while you are away.

Ceri BRIANT
Defence Transition Mentor
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JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

READY…… SET…… GO……

The Junior Secondary ‘Meet and Greet’ was held on Wednesday 11th February. The evening was a huge success and helped cement positive and productive relationships between home and school. The evening was informal and informative allowing questions and answers to be discussed and built upon. Parents and carers could feel comfortable to engage in conversation and ask questions around the processes and procedures of our Junior Secondary school. The scrumptious slices were also a fabulous hit. Thank you to the catering from our Willy Ross Snack Shack.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS for both Junior and Senior Secondary students is scheduled for the 28th and 29th April.

INTERIM REPORTS will be issued on Friday 27th March.

JUNIOR SECONDARY OPEN DAY

Our Junior Secondary Open Day will be held on Tuesday the 5th May. This is an exciting opportunity for parents of our 2016 Year 7 students to visit our school in action. Our Student Council will be hosting tours to a range of classrooms where our Junior Secondary students are actively engaged in the learning program. This is a fantastic opportunity to experience a Secondary school in full operation with students providing real-life examples of the academic and career potential William Ross State High School provides. Our students and staff from each of the learning areas will be hosting many visits to our primary partner schools throughout each school term providing our primary school students with opportunities to ask questions and find answers about their future experiences in secondary school.

AVATAR LESSONS will also be held on Wednesday the 20th May from 3:30-4:30pm. Information regarding the Year 6-7 Transition days, Avatar lessons and school visits will be provided to each of our feeder schools and will also be available on our website.

READY….SET…..GO Information sessions are also scheduled throughout the year which will involve our staff and students visiting our partner primary schools to provide detailed and extensive information to ensure our future students transition successfully to William Ross State High school.

YEAR 6 IN TO 7 TRANSITION DAYS (Feeder Schools excluding Annandale) is scheduled for Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th November whilst Annandale and Non-Feeder schools is scheduled for Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd December. Our school website is new and exciting and has an ever increasing amount of information regarding our Junior Secondary School. A Junior Secondary App and Blog allowing interactive discussion forums is available via our website. This is an exciting time for Junior Secondary students as we continue to assist our students for a seamless, positive and purposeful transition to William Ross State High School.

JUNIOR SECONDARY ENROLMENT INTERVIEW BLOCKS are scheduled for the 15th – 19th June, 7th – 11th September and the 16th – 20th November. Please call the school to book an enrolment interview in preparation for secondary schooling 2016.

JUNIOR SECONDARY LEADERS’ INDUCTION

Congratulations to our Junior Secondary Leaders. Our students were acknowledged and awarded with their leadership badges and certificates in a formal celebration on Wednesday 18th February. This occasion marked the beginning of a new and exciting tradition and process at William Ross State High school. Our Junior Secondary leaders publicly accepted their responsibilities and commitments through taking a pledge in front of a captivated audience including school staff and peers, family and friends. Our leaders formulated their own pledge which illustrated their direction as the first of many Junior Secondary leaders. We are excited and passionate about the inclusion of our Junior Secondary leaders as vital participants in establishing a voice in our school and ensuring that our Junior Secondary school continues to grow from strength to strength and from success to success.

JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS

The Parents and Citizens Association and William Ross State High School offered five (5) scholarships for students attending our school in 2015. Scholarships for academic excellence, sporting excellence/potential and arts/cultural excellence were offered for 2015. Congratulations to the following successful applicants: Mia Sexton, Kyanlee Coleman and Emma Woods. 2016 Scholarships applications are now available. Please contact the school administration or the school website https://willrossshs.eq.edu.au for the 2016 scholarship applications.
SAY NO TO BULLYING SAY NO TO VIOLENCE
The fifth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence will be held on Friday, 20th March 2015. The National Day of Action is Australia’s key anti-bullying event for schools, encouraging all students to ‘take a stand together’ against bullying and violence. The Department of Education, Training and Employment’s Cybersafety and Reputation Management team in partnership with online safety expert Brett Lee, are offering all Queensland state schools a series of web conferences during March 2015. Please find below the dates and the link for web conferences for parents. William Ross will be holding a number of events throughout the day to support our students with taking a stand against bullying and violence. Those events will be promoted and advertised through our school website and year level assemblies.

WEB CONFERENCES
Parents:
- Embracing and managing the online world – Tuesday 10 March, 4:30pm
- Positive approaches and strategies for online safety – Thursday 19 March, 4:30pm
Book your place via the OneChannel web conference calendar or email the CSRM team for further information cybersafety.reputationmanagement@dete.qld.gov.au.

Pam PRICHARD
Deputy Principal
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SAY NO TO BULLYING SAY NO TO VIOLENCE

From the Deputy Principal
Senior Secondary

YEAR 12 STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES
Thank you to all parents and students who attended the Year 12 student-led conferences last Tuesday and Wednesday. This is a very important event to support our senior students to achieve successful educational outcomes at our school. The conferences provided the opportunity for students to evaluate their own academic performance and encouraged them to take responsibility for their learning and future outcomes. The format was important but the success of the student-led conferences was due to how well our students prepared. We were very impressed with their preparation and what they presented at their conferences.

We will be conducting another round of student-led conferences for Year 11 and 12 students in Semester Two.

SENIOR SECONDARY STUDENT LEADERS
Cameron Bealing School Captain
Emily Davey School Captain
Oliver Dale School Vice-Captain
Shaneika Passi School Vice-Captain
Katelyn Clegg Student Council President
Rebecca Wescombe Vice President / Secretary
Drew Wooler Treasurer
Andrew Strachan School Ambassador
Jessica Courtney Indigenous Leader
Brenton Foster Sport Leader
Kysa McCall Community Service Leader
Elena Pope Arts Leader
Paige Clayton Year 11 Representative
Rhiannon Dance Year 11 Representative
Brittany Foster Year 11 Representative
Kayleigh Farrell Year 10 Representative
Amy Withers Year 10 Representative

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Making the Difference
ASSESSMENT PLANNERS
Assessment Planners were distributed last week during Positive Education Class (PEC). Students are encouraged to use these to plan and organise their study program and ensure that due dates are met. These individualised planners show only the assessment due dates for the subjects that your child is studying this year. It is important that your child keeps this document in their Student Learning Journal so that they can keep track of their upcoming assessment due dates for this semester. Please encourage your child to also write all assessment due dates in their Student Learning Journal.

The Assessment Planner can be accessed and printed through OneSchool at any time from home or school. Students log in to this with their school login credentials.

To do this:
1. Log on to OneSchool https://oslp.eq.edu.au/
2. From the Available Reports/Letter drop down list, select Student Course Planner
3. Select 2015, Semester 1
4. Click the Assessment box
5. Click Generate Report

Parents can support their student with their assessment planning by assisting them to identify important dates, posting these on the family calendar and planning family events around the busy times, especially towards the end of each school term.

ATTENDANCE
Every day counts at William Ross SHS, therefore it is essential that all students attend school all day, every day. There is a clear link between school attendance and achievement, so student absences should only occur for reasons of sickness, bereavement or events of cultural significance. Caregivers are asked to explain all student absences within two days of the absence by replying to our text messages, sending an email to absence@willrossshs.eq.edu.au, phoning the school Office or sending a note.

QSCHOOLS APP
Please take the time to install the QSchools App onto your mobile device.
1. Download the QSchools app from your app store. (http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/app/qschools-app.html)
2. If you already have the app, please ensure it is up-to-date, as out-dated versions will not receive notifications.
3. Make sure you have favourited your school. You are now ready to receive important school messages direct to your mobile device. This wonderful app will keep you updated with all the latest information from the school including: contact details, school location, news feeds directly from the website, calendar events, newsletters, class times, tuckshop menu, uniform shop details, forms and documents as well as annual reports. It's a great way to keep up with what's happening at our school.

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Peer Support Mentor Program
The transition into high school can be nerve rattling, confusing and downright scary. As a result, William Ross has welcomed the 7 and 8 students into high school with our inaugural Peer Support Mentor Program. We are a part of a small group of year 9 and 10 students selected to mentor our new year 7s and 8s. We were involved in a rigorous application process and training program to prepare ourselves for the responsibility. We strive to see every student taken care of and flourishing. We play a role in their everyday school life, including organising PEC activities, being a friendly face to talk too and someone to call on for support if they need it. On behalf of the Peer Support Mentor Team, we would like to welcome the Year 7s and 8s to our school and hope you enjoy it as much as we do.

Mara-Jade O'BRIEN (10)
Owen BEALING (10)
Nick MASNADA (10)

BROTHERS TSV FOOTBALL CLUB (soccer) are looking for players born in 2003 for their Under 12 mixed team, training Mon and Wed. Just come down to training at High Vista Park, Mt Louisa, or ring Christen 0448 993 685 outside school hours for more information. Limited vacancies available in most other age groups.

UNDER 18 BOYS BASKETBALL Competition (must not turn 18 before Dec 31st) are looking for players to play at Murray Stadium. Please ring Brenda on 0408150365 for more information.

CHEERLEADING CLASSES
Competition and Recreational
For details phone Fiona Brown at Townsville Dance and Cheerleading on 4778 2564 or 0413 745 016

ROSS RIVER CROCS FC SIGN ON
Positions available in Under 5 through to Under 18 teams. For details call Catherine 0412 583 532 or email registrar@kelsocrocs.com.au. Trainings Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:00 – 6:00pm at the Croc's Clubhouse, Clint Street, Kelso.
Student Council Report

On Sunday the 15th of February, Kayleigh Farrell and myself attended a memorial with Ceri Briant. This memorial recognised the Fall of Singapore which occurred on the 15th of February 1942. Two students from our school (Emma Fenton and Ben Fenton) were part of the Naval Cadets participating with pride on this occasion. The memorial for the Fall of Singapore is a day where we remember the Commonwealth Prisoners of War and what is considered one of the greatest defeats of World War II. Kayleigh and I presented our wreath on behalf of William Ross State High School to pay our respects.

My name is Katelyn Clegg and I am the 2015 Senior Student Council President. Our first event of 2015 was Valentine’s Day and we as a council decided to sell red roses for $5 each. Students were able to write on either a red card for love, pink card for crush or a yellow card for friendship. These roses were then sent out during PEC class on Friday the 13th of February. In total we sold around 80 roses. Our second fundraiser was a sausage sizzle held at the swimming carnival. This was where students or staff were able to purchase a sausage on bread for $2 each. All in all we raised a total of $651.00 for our first two events. $341.00 was donated to the 65 rose’s campaign which is otherwise known as the Cystic Fibrosis foundation, with the remaining $310.00 donated back to the school. I want to, on behalf of the Student Council thank everyone who purchased a rose or a sausage and I would also like to thank Ceri for her generous helping hand and Natasha for organising the BBQ.

Junior Secondary Captain

On the 12th of February, members of the Junior and Senior Student Council attended the GRIP Student Leadership Conference at the Townsville Mecure Inn. Grip Leadership is an organisation with a purpose to help students develop initiative and confidence, particularly aimed towards student leaders. Students actively participated in a variety of presentations where they got to explore the strengths of successful leaders, got to know others and still be highly entertained. Out of the variety of sessions students went to, the main sessions were about ‘Building GREAT team DNA,” and “Stand up; Making the most of leadership opportunities.” After having the privilege of attending such an amazing conference, the goals are for the student leaders who attended this conference to take their knowledge back to school and share with the remainder of the Student Council Executive. Overall, we can say that attending the Grip Student Leadership Conference was ‘loads of fun’ and a great way to spend our day. We are looking forward to our next Student Leader Conference at the end of Term One.

From the P & C

The William Ross SHS P & C Association wish to advise that our Annual AGM will be held on Tuesday the 10th of March at 7:30pm in the Administration Block. All interested parents / carers are welcome to attend.

Congratulations to Year 10 student Jarrod McMillan who won a $50 voucher at JB Hi-Fi and successfully named our Tuckshop – “The Willy Ross Snack Shack”. Thank you for all the students who entered in this competition.

We will be running a sausage sizzle at Bunnings Fairfield Waters on Saturday the 14th of March. Raffle tickets will be sold with great prizes on offer. All proceeds go back to our school. Your support would be welcomed.

WULGURU LITTLE ATHLETICS meet every Saturday 2:30 – 5:00pm, starting March 7th at Wulguru State School, Edison Street, Wulguru. Phone Anna (0412 825 218) or Claire (0408 702 038) for more information.
From the Arts Department

Digital Art students in Year 11 and enrolled in Certificate 2 Visual Arts are currently participating in an Artists-in-Schools programme. Organised by Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, digital artist, Ben Green, is tutoring and mentoring these students in different Photoshop applications over several lessons. This is an excellent opportunity for the Year 11 class to be taught by a practising artist in the field of digital imagery. The experience will culminate in a stairwell exhibition of our student work during May at the Gallery.

Instrumental lessons and concert band practice have been occurring for several weeks. Please remind your student to bring their instrument and attend lessons as sometimes they forget. Guitar invoices have been mailed out and students will be informed they can no longer attend classes if the fee is not paid. These lessons are run by an outside provider.

Y factor finals have commenced and we wish all contestants the very best with their performances. Do we have some stars in the making?

Isabella SHATTE
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From the Science Department

Meet our 2015 Scientist in School – Dr. Glenn Harrison! Dr. Harrison brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in the biomedical research areas of cardiovascular function, physiotherapy and exercise science. We are looking very forward to working closely with Dr. Harrison to enhance opportunities for the delivery of Science and the Health and Physical Education curriculum across all year levels throughout the 2015 school year.

SCIENCE TUTORING
An important reminder to students and parents that Science Tutoring is on every Thursday from 3:15 – 4:15pm in B05. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to get personalised assistance and support from teachers in the completion of homework, assessment or study. Students: Please be vigilant about managing your time so that all assessment is completed on time and to the best of your ability!

Information about the Assessment policy and study techniques can be found in your student learning journals.

Are you interested in a career in science, technology or engineering? The National Youth Science Forum is for students studying Year 11 science subjects. It provides students with an opportunity to learn about study options in the diverse fields of science, engineering and technology. The student participants will attend a 12 day intensive residential program in Canberra in January 2016 where they will live on campus as university students, gain an insider’s perspective of campus life and experience real science, working with scientists at a range of laboratories and workshops. They work with researchers and have the opportunity to build life-long professional and personal networks. For more information please go to: www.nysf.edu.au. Applications for this program open on the 1st of March and close on 31st of May. Applications are online at the NYSF website and must be endorsed by a rotary club. If you are interested in applying, do some research about what is required before you submit your application. If you would like support in applying, please see Ms DeRuyter in Staffroom Two.

Coriander – you either love it or hate it! Studies have found that your ability to taste coriander is inherited and therefore genetically linked. Those people that don’t like it often describe a soapy taste, and compare it to eating stink bugs!

In light of recent sightings in Townsville (or if you’re looking to become the next Steve Irwin)... To escape the grip of a crocodile’s jaw, push your thumb into its eyeball – It will let you go. instantly!

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YEAR 11 SCIENCE IN PRACTICE STUDENTS ASSISTING NQ BARRAMUNDI STOCKS

On Friday 27th February, 60 barramundi arrived to finalise the setup of the school Aquaponics system. Aquaponics is a food production system that combines conventional aquaculture (farming fish) with hydroponics (plants grown in a water medium) in a symbiotic environment.

To get the system up and running each student in Year 11 Science in Practice class was responsible for the germination of vegetable seeds. The seedlings will stock the aquaponics system for the remainder of the year. Maintenance of pumps, auto syphons and polypipe was carried out, fish tanks were cleaned and the entire system was test run and monitored for 2 weeks in preparation for the barramundi.

On the 19th and the 22nd of February 2015 our school students participated in the Townsville Chinese New Year Festival Celebration with local community in Cannon Park Capitol Restaurant and Townsville Bulletin Square. The participants were: Cheyanne Ross, Caitlin Iszlaub, Emma Fenton, Nadine Flynn, Teagan McCubbin, Kayleigh Farrell, Jessie Field, Liley Gray, Christina Doyle and Christiana Sabijon. This event was broadcast on Townsville Seven News, on the radio station and in the Townsville Bulletin. Well done girls! Well done William Ross!

From the LOTE Department

Carol HU HAIPING
Chinese Language Teacher
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From the Year 12 Co-ordinator

So far this year I have been impressed by the way in which the vast majority of our Year 12s are representing William Ross SHS with pride. I have had the pleasure of witnessing some fantastic efforts by students who have pushed themselves to step outside of their comfort zones and participate in community activities. Firstly, I’d like to mention those students who participated in their last ever Inter-house swimming carnival. They showed fantastic house spirit – well done to Orpheus who were the winners!

Public speaking is daunting for many. William Ross SHS has had some amazing representation from students in the Lions Youth of the Year Competition as well as the Constitutional Convention. Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Lions Youth of the Year competition: Katelyn Clegg (overall school winner and onto the next round on the 14th March), Shaneika Passi (public speaking winner on the night), Emily Davey, Cameron Bealing, Oliver Dale and Jessica Courtney.

Finally, I just wanted to reiterate the school and Education Queensland expectations regarding attendance for all students. In the graphic below you can see that the Year 12 cohort is generally tracking closely to the 95% and above attendance expectation, however there needs to be some improvement. Letters will be sent home shortly reminding students to explain their absences. Every day counts and I hope to work together with parents and students to achieve positive results.

Jessica THOMAS
Year 12 Co-ordinator
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From the Year 11 Co-ordinator

We have had a tremendous start to the year. All students seem to be happy with their classes and teachers. Week ten of this term is the senior block exams. Students are required to attend school ONLY for their exam/session as there will not be classes held and no supervision for students outside of exams/session this time.

I would like to remind parents and students that school starts at 8.45am and all students are required to attend PEC. PEC is when all of the schools important information is distributed to the students. The majority of the years 11’s have transitioned into senior secondary well, however, there are a minority of students who are not following the school expectations.
Students who continuously refuse to follow school expectations (including attendance, lateness, uniforms and engagement) will be required to have a meeting with the Deputy Principal (Senior School), to discuss their enrolment. All of the school expectations can be found in the students learning journal. Please take some time to go through these expectations so you are well informed of the school expectation and processes. Thank you for helping me to support your student.

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From the Sports Department

RHINOS SPORTS NEWS

Inter-house Swimming Carnival
The 2015 Inter-house Swimming Carnival was held on the 10th of February. This year saw the inclusion of the year 7 students, which meant this was our loudest most colourful year so far. Mr Evans was extremely impressed with the standard of competition and the individual talent of our swimmers. Congratulations to Orpheus House who are Swim Champions for 2015. Miss Parker and Mr Parrish, Orpheus House Coordinators are extremely happy to have won again this year and commend all the Orpheus Tiger's on their superb efforts. The day ran incredibly smoothly thanks to the staff of William Ross, Miss Alloway our carnival convenor and the participation of the students.

Congratulations to our age champions:

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Interschool Swimming Carnival 11th March
Our highest performing swimmers have been selected and are currently training hard in preparation for the up-coming John Melton Black ‘A’ Schools Swimming Carnival. The Interschool Carnival is to be held on Wednesday March 11, 2015. Students who have been selected are to return their permission forms by March 6 to either Mr Ottoway or Ms Newton. We will be taking the bus to and from Long Tan Pool and once again students are expected to wear enclosed shoes on the bus and full school uniform at the pool.

BLOCK SPORT
We have 12 teams competing in Block Sport this term and we must thank our dedicated coaches and committed students who have worked hard over the last three weeks to get their teams organised. Block Sport will continue until week nine and any student who would like to support the school see Ms Newton to see if there are any vacancies.

RHINOS OPEN GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

TOWNSVILLE SPORTS TRIALS
There are many opportunities for students to represent Townsville in Sporting trials this term. We have had several students who have already gained places in the Townsville and North Queensland Schoolboy and Schoolgirl teams. Students who would like to nominate for any of the trials taking place this term need to see Ms Newton in Staffroom Two and collect a permission
form and ensure that their school fees are paid prior to attending the trials.

Congratulations to Taylor Lemmon and Hayden Woodhouse who will be representing NQ in Volleyball.

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* All Student Resource Scheme fees for current and previous years need to be paid in full before students can participate in optional school activities in 2015.

From the School CEC

THE HARVEY NORMAN RUGBY LEAGUE ALL STARS returned in 2015 Indigenous students were given the opportunity to attend the All Stars Indigenous Youth Summit and The Harvey Norman Rugby League All Stars game.

64 young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students were selected nationwide to attend the Youth Summit and were recognised for their outstanding achievements in education and leadership. **George Rueben and Mershayla Skelton**, both Year 11 OP Indigenous students were successful in their application to attend the Youth Summit. They met with Indigenous and non-Indigenous Rugby League stars and gained valuable information from industry leaders in pursuing leadership and career goals. Both students also attended the All Stars Game, had breakfast and lunch with both Indigenous and non-Indigenous Football Players!

QATSIF SCHOLARSHIPS

The Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation awarded nine Indigenous senior students a QATSIF Scholarship. QATSIF is an independent public trust established to provide young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders with a secure funding source to assist students in their senior years of education. Congratulations to: **Sierra Brown, Maddison Appleby, Jessica Courtney, Emma Green, Corin Carltoff, Brianna Spring, Caiya Cole, Mershayla Skelton and Louisha Rosser**.

The scholarships will provide assistance for the completion of Year 11 and 12. Under the QCE Scholarship Program, QATSIF provides two-year scholarship funding to support students commencing in Year 11. QATSIF funds successful schools which then provide scholarships to individual students. The intention of the funding is to increase Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student retention in Years 11 and 12.

From the School CEC

**MID TERM TUITION SPECIALS** Maths, Writing or Reading tuition at Tutorfruition (opposite Officeworks). Call 4721 0115 or 0408 773 614.
Dear Parent/Guardian

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SENIORS: UNIQUE STUDENT IDENTIFIER (USI) NUMBER

As of January 2015, a new National Register for Vocational Education and Training has been introduced that requires all students to have an individual USI number. VET certificates cannot be issued to any student in Australia without this number. As every senior student at William Ross SHS undertakes at least one VET course (e.g., Certificate II Workplace Practices), it is imperative that all senior students (years 10-12) generate a USI number and report it to the school (the school cannot generate this number of students behalf).

Steps To Create Your Unique Student Identifier (USI)

Step 1 Have at least one form of ID ready: Driver’s Licence, Medicare Card, Australian Passport, Visa, Original Australian Birth Certificate, Certificate of Registration by Descent Citizenship Certificate, ImmiCard
Step 2 Go to: www.usi.gov.au
Step 3 Click on ‘Create your USI’. Agree to the terms and conditions.
Step 4 Fill in your personal and contact details.
Step 5 Enter the requested details as shown on your form of ID (see list above).
Step 6 Set your USI account password and questions for security.
Step 7 Your USI will now be displayed on the screen.
Step 8 You should write down your USI somewhere safe or enter it into your phone for safe keeping.
Step 9 Your USI will also be sent to you by either your email, phone or by mailing address (which ever you choose as your preferred contact method when creating your USI).
Step 10 Fill in the form below and return to the main administration office at William Ross SHS

If you have any difficulties generating a USI number please contact the Deputy Principal, Mrs Corcoran, or the Head of Senior School, Mr Dove.

Allan Evans
Principal

Kaye Corcoran
Deputy Principal

Shane Dove
Senior School/VET

UNIQUE STUDENT IDENTIFIER (USI) NUMBER

Please complete this form and return to the main administration office. Ensure all details are written clearly and accurately

Student Name:__________________________________________
PEC Class:__________________________________________
USI Number:__________________________________________

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