



# A message from the Principal's desk

## Term 1 2026

Dear Parents and Caregivers,  
2026 is well underway and we have settled straight into work from day one at Burnside State High School. We celebrated the amazing start to the year last week as staff took Zooper Doopers around to thank students for the great start to the year.

Burnside State High School has hosted our first International Study tour from South Korea; a delegation of officials from their region also visited and were incredibly impressed with their students' experiences; this is such a wonderfully rich cultural opportunity for both our visiting students and also our children and host families.

## Facilities

2026 has seen our new Performing Arts Centre in full operation with our dance, drama, music, film and TV classes using the new facilities. The canteen upgrade is progressing well and is planned to be in operation for the start of Term 2.

## Student Code of Conduct

Like all Queensland State Schools, Burnside State High School has a Student Code of

Conduct. The Students Code of Conduct outlines policies and procedures that each school uses to help create and maintain a safe and supportive school environment. It clearly outlines the schools core values of Care, Consideration and Co-operation and the specific behaviours that are expected in all settings at Burnside.

The school has a positive rewards program with our Gotcha's which I would encourage every student to use and submit for our prize draws designed to reinforce appropriate behaviour. The Student Code of Conduct outlines the possible consequences that may be used to manage inappropriate behaviour. It also identifies the differentiated processes that may be used to support and manage behaviour at Burnside. In addition to the school's Student Code of Conduct, Burnside has significantly invested into the Student Wellbeing and Engagement Team that provides support to all students. This support is also differentiated based on the needs of each student. The Student Code of Conduct can be found on the school's website and in the student's digital diaries.

## NAPLAN

NAPLAN is for everyone! It's important as many students participate in NAPLAN as possible. More students participating in NAPLAN will provide more data, as well as a more accurate picture of how schools and students are progressing. Better data, both in terms of quality and quantity, leads to more effective decisions and greater support for all students.

The online tests have many features to enhance the test experience for students. We also provide adjustments and alternative test formats to allow students with disability to access the tests and show what they know and can do. Please contact the school if you need more information.

We look forward to working with all students and parents to ensure every child's success in 2026.

Regards  
Paul Fitzgerald  
Principal

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## Uniform Guide

Burnside State High School is a progressive and socially responsible school maximising student learning outcomes and preparing young people to become active citizens in a global society. Burnside State High School is a uniform school because the Parents and Citizen Association, representing the parents of the school, has decided to support the wearing of a school uniform. The Minister for Education has stated that the advantages of wearing school uniforms include “developing a sense of belonging to a group, pride in membership of that group and identification of students to and from school”. Research has also shown that there is a clear link between dress standards, school discipline, school spirit and community perceptions of the school in general. It is our policy that the correct school uniform is worn each day and we urge all parents to support the accepted standard of dress as detailed in this brochure. The Burnside State High School uniform can only be purchased from the school uniform shop.

**Uniform:** Formal uniform must be worn on Mondays and on excursions. Either uniform may be worn on other days, but formal and day uniforms must not be mixed. Volleyball attire (volleyball shirt, shorts or tracksuit pants) is not part of the school uniform. The PESV volleyball shirt may only be worn if the student has a PESV class that day.

**Hair:** Hair must be neat, clean and tidy. Unnatural/brightly coloured hair or extreme styles are not permitted.

**Jewellery:** Students may wear a single nose stud. No other facial piercings are permitted. No wrist or ankle jewellery is allowed. Earrings must be smaller than

than a five cent piece. Necklaces must not be visible. All jewellery should be simple, safe and in keeping with the school's professional image.

**Make-up:** Visible make-up or nail polish is not permitted.

**Jumpers:** An approved school jumper or plain navy jumper/cardigan may be worn. Jumpers must not have a hood, emblem or logo.

**Shoes and Socks:** Shoes must be completely black with black laces. No coloured logo, soles, boots or high top styles are permitted. Socks must be plain white. Black or blue stockings may be worn under skirts but cannot be worn with socks or under shorts.

**Hats:** Hats must be plain navy and free from emblems or logos.

**Tattoos or Body Art:** Tattoos or body art must be covered at all times.

## Uniform Shop

**Phone:** 5459 7332

**Email:**

SchoolUniform@burnsideshs.eq.edu.au

**Opening Hours:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8am - 9am

Scan our QR code for a link to our website.



**Uniform Returns Policy:** We are happy to accept returns or exchanges items for like items, however all returns and exchanges require a receipt as proof of purchase and can only be returned in the form of original payment. Must be unworn and in it's as sold condition. If faulty due to manufacturing faults please return within 30 days of purchase.

## GP Clinic

Bulk-billed student appointments are available with Dr Richard at our GP clinic Wednesday afternoons. To book see below.

Email:

GPappointment@burnsideshs.eq.edu.au or speak with the Guidance Officer.



## Student Absences

At BSHS student attendance and safety is a high priority. We know that students who attend regularly are more likely to be successful and safe. If you know your child is going to be late, absent or leaving early, please notify the school ASAP. You can notify the school by:

**Absence Line:** 5459 7366 Please leave a message clearly stating student's name, reason for absence and duration.

**Email:**

student\_absences@burnsideshs.eq.edu.au

**Phone:** Student Administration 5259 7309 or 5259 7321

**SMS:** 0429 814 931 for SMS correspondence only.

**QParents:**

App: <https://qparents.qld.edu.au/> download the app and contact Student Administration for any help.

**Late Arrivals:** Students who are late should go directly to Student Administration to be signed in. Students are then given a 24 hour window for an explanation to be provided from a parent or carer. If no explanation is received their lateness will be recorded as unauthorised and detentions will be issued.

**Early Departures:** Please contact the school as early as possible. Students must then go to Student Administration and obtain their early departure slip before school. They can then show this to their teacher who will then permit them to leave class.



## Sick Bay Procedures

If a student becomes unwell during school time, they are to present to sick bay. Administration staff will contact a parent or carer to advise and request an early collection or permission to leave school. Students must NOT contact a parent or carer directly.

## Fee Payment Options and Finance Information

**Posting of Invoices/Statements:** If you require invoices and statements to be sent via post rather than email, please contact administration to confirm we have your correct address and preference for post logged on OneSchool.

### Payment by direct deposit

**Name:** Burnside State High School

**BSB:** 064424

**Account Number:** 00091012

**Reference:** Options available so we can track payment.

- Student surname, initial and short description of the payment.
- Invoice number and surname.

It would be appreciated if you could also email details of the payment to [accounts@burnsideshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:accounts@burnsideshs.eq.edu.au) that way if a reference does not show on our bank statement we can track it via your email and ensure that it is processed

correctly against your account.

**Payments by BPoint:** Use the link on the bottom of invoice/statement to access BPoint online.

**BPOINT is to be used ONLY when making a payment relating to an invoice number; if you do not have the invoice number please deposit into the school bank account with a reference.**

Access BPoint IVR over the phone by calling 1300 631 073 and enter your CRN, amount and credit card details to complete payment. At the end of the call you will be provided with a unique payment receipt number.

**The school office is not able to take payment/credit card details over the phone.**

### Process for payment plans:

Email [accounts@burnsideshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:accounts@burnsideshs.eq.edu.au) to request a payment plan and whether you would prefer BPoint or Electric Direct Debit Registration or Direct Deposit to bank account. A form with terms and conditions will then be sent for your final approval and signature.



## Rewards Day Requirements

Each Semester our school runs a 'Rewards Day' to celebrate students who exhibit excellent behaviour and effort who engage enthusiastically in their schooling. Students who are invited to attend celebrate by attending enjoyable activities such as trips to the movies, or a trip to the beach. Criteria to attend includes:

- Excellence in Behaviour
- Excellence in Effort
- At least 90% attendance
- Attendance in all major sporting days (swimming carnival and athletics carnival).

Note: Sickness on the day would need to be justified via a medical certificate. This is one of the many ways Burnside SHS is encouraging of your student to do their best.

## Drop Off and Pick Up

Driveways via gate 1 and 2 at Burnside State High School are not to be used to drop off or pick up students. Please use the designated drop off and pick up zones which can be found on Blaxland Road outside both Burnside State High School and Burnside State School. These areas are indicated by signage noting the short time limit that applies. There is limited visitor parking available through gate 2 for those wishing to visit the administration building, disabled parking is also available in this car park. Local street parking is available but be aware that time limits do apply.

## Aerosol Ban at Burnside

Some members of the Burnside State High School community suffer severe allergies to aerosol sprays or perfumes that can act as a trigger to an (often) serious asthma attack, or bring on a

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a severe migraine. The allergy can be sufficiently serious to put one of our students into anaphylactic shock if an aerosol or perfume has been sprayed anywhere in the student's vicinity. This can be a life threatening situation, resulting in the student's airways closing and the student having to be transported to hospital in an ambulance.

- Aerosols are banned from school premises, excursions, sporting events and all events where students are in confined spaces. To provide the safest environment, students are banned from bringing aerosol sprays and perfume pump-packs to Burnside State High School. This includes for any excursions, camps or other onsite or offsite activities. Risk management strategies will be in place for any aerosol sprays used as part of the curriculum and school business. Aerosol sprays or perfume pump-packs brought to school by students will be confiscated and disposed of. Breaches of this policy will result in disciplinary action. Remember: No student is to use or bring aerosol deodorants or sprays to school. Roll-on and stick deodorants are permitted at school.

Thank you for considering the health and safety of others.

## Homestay Families Needed

We seek caring, supportive, nurturing families for short and long term homestays for international students. Home stay families are required to provide:

- A Private Furnished Room • All Meals
- Access to Public Transport • Care and Supervision

Host families receive financial assistance for hosting students. For more details on becoming a Homestay Family please contact our International Student Homestay Coordinator, Malou Gemino on 5459 7371 or email [international@burnsideshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:international@burnsideshs.eq.edu.au)



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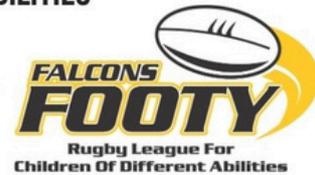
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# FALCONS FOOTY KIDZ

## RUGBY LEAGUE FOR CHILDREN OF DIFFERENT ABILITIES

Falcons Footy - Rugby League for Children of Different Abilities is for girls and boys aged between 5-16 years, living with challenges such as Autism Spectrum Disorder, Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, emotional, social, neurological and/or physical disabilities.



Children learn Rugby League skills and play modified non-contact Rugby League tag in a specialised program. The program assists in developing social and motor skills for children with challenges, where qualified coaches from NRL Game Development, local Hostplus Cup Sunshine Coast Falcons, and NRL players are involved in a safe and supportive environment.

Falcons Footy Kidz allows children with challenges the opportunity to participate in a team sport and be part of a club that supports and encourages differences. The positive environment encourages children with challenges, and their families, to get involved and come along to experience the all-inclusive game of Rugby League with the Sunshine Coast Falcons.



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**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

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**Swimming Carnival  
2026**

On February 6, our annual School Swimming Carnival made a spectacular splash, bringing together students and staff for a day full of energy, teamwork, and house spirit. With clear skies and plenty of enthusiasm, the atmosphere was electric from the very first race to the final relay.

Events like our Swimming Carnival showcase more than just athletic ability. They highlight teamwork, perseverance, sportsmanship, and school pride. It was pleasing to see students encouraging one another, celebrating successes, and demonstrating respect both in and out of the water.



Students from all year levels participated in a wide range of events. From our confident competitive swimmers to those bravely diving in to earn points for their house. It was fantastic to see so many students stepping outside their comfort zones and giving their very best effort.



The cheering from the sidelines was incredible, with house colours proudly on display and chants echoing across the pool. The sense of camaraderie and friendly competition truly captured the spirit of the carnival. Staff and student events also added plenty of fun and laughter to the program, creating memorable moments for everyone involved.



The fun didn't stop between races! Throughout the day, students kept the energy high with some enthusiastic dance breaks. The poolside came alive as everyone joined in to dance to Y.M.C.A. the Macarena and more.



A big congratulations goes to all our age champions and place-getters on their outstanding achievements.

**Age Champion 12 Yrs**

Sahara Gates and Henry Larpent.  
Runners up - Lily Cook and Neo Erbacher.

**Age Champion 13 Yrs**

Casey Singh, Hayden McDonnell and Logan Payne. Runners up - Siena Moldoveanu and Anders Bohl.

**Age Champion 14 Yrs**

Milla Meenhorst and Joshua Manly.  
Runners up Layla Cusack and Tessa MacDonald.

**Age Champion 15 Yrs**

Lilyana Heyer and Flynn Jordan.  
Runners up Hayley Crosby and Benjamin Pearce.

**Age Champion 16 Yrs**

Leila Clancy and Hamish Jackson.  
Runners up Abigail Dunn and Aksel Mann.

**Age Champion 17+ Yrs**

Mabel White, Wade Wallis and Callen Short. Runners up Jamey Bartholomew and Oliver Todd.

**Junior Trophy Winners - Mering****Senior Trophy Winners - Tingara****Overall Winning House - Mering**

A heartfelt thank you to all staff who helped organise and run the day so smoothly. A tremendous success, we are incredibly proud of all our students and look forward to next years carnival!

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# SWPBS NEWS

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## SWPBS News

The School Wide Positive Behaviour Scheme is a program in place here at Burnside State High School that recognises and rewards positive behaviour in students. Students receive a 'GOTCHA' ticket whenever a teacher catches them doing the right thing around the school. This may be for displaying excellent manners in class, completing class work, helping another student etc. The program tries to encourage positive behaviours by rewarding them. Students place their GOTCHA tickets in the year level boxes at Student Administration and prizes are distributed on year level assemblies every few weeks. Students may receive tuckshop vouchers, or a number of other great prizes donated from our supporting sponsors. If you would like to donate any prizes to the SWPBS Program please contact Mr Luke Ward on 5459 7333.

The smiles on their faces said it all. It was a wonderful way to acknowledge the positive behaviours we see every day across our school.

Our SWPBS program is all about recognising and reinforcing positive actions, helping us build a supportive and respectful school community. Every Gotcha earned is a reminder that positive behaviour does not go unnoticed.

Congratulations to our lucky winners, and well done to all students who continue to make great choices. Keep collecting those Gotcha's you never know when your name might be drawn next!



## SWPBS Celebrate with Ice Cream!

Our School Wide Positive Behaviour Scheme (SWPBS) program continues to encourage students to be safe, respectful, and responsible. Recently, we celebrated this in a very exciting (and delicious!) way!

Students who consistently demonstrate our school values receive "Gotcha's" as recognition for their positive behaviour. These Gotcha's are placed into our reward box, and at our latest draw, several lucky students had their names picked out. We had a very special visit from an ice cream van, and these students were treated to a well-deserved ice cream.



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# LANGUAGES AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

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## Term 1

Time certainly flies - we're already halfway through term one, and it's been a busy start to the Languages and International Student Program here at Burnside State High School.

Japanese and Indonesian classes have begun, with junior and senior classes enjoying the variety of language and culture being taught by our staff. This year shapes as a big year for our languages programs, with our school offering a Japan tour for our studying Japanese students at the conclusion of the year as well as our school being selected to host an Indonesian ambassador to assist in classes as part of the ILLA program (Indonesian Language Learning Ambassadors) in Term one.

The program connects Indonesian scholars with Australian schools and universities, providing a unique opportunity to engage and foster meaningful cross-cultural connections. Scholars share their expertise in the Indonesian language, culture, and customs while forming lasting friendships in Australia.

From an International Student Program perspective, we warmly welcome back our continuing students, along with three new Year 11 students from Brazil: Camilla Demoendi de Lira, Renzo de Deus Almeida Capobianco, and Gabriel Costa do Nascimento. Joining us for Term 1 under a Sao Paulo scholarship program, they are embracing school life in Australia and exploring all that Queensland has to offer.

Our study tours in 2026 have also commenced with our school hosting the



visit of JYS Cheorwon County Study Tour from South Korea

The group arrived in week two and made the most of their two-week stay. Our ISP team, Principal, Mr Fitzgerald, and Deputy Principal, Mr Trampnau, welcomed the students, their Korean teachers, and their agent with a morning tea.



In keeping with BSHS tradition, each student, their chaperone teachers, and guest dignitaries received a gift pack of school merchandise as well as an Australian keepsake.



Our success in hosting both ISP and Study Tour programs is thanks to our host families - long-term supporters and new families alike. We greatly appreciate you welcoming our students, guiding them, and helping them experience the Australian way of living, THANK YOU!



With that in mind, we are always looking for host families who may be interested in welcoming students. If you know anyone, or would like to share this with your friends and family, please feel free to contact the ISP team directly on 07 5459 7371 or 0459 866 889, or email Malou Gemino on [mgemi0@eq.edu.au](mailto:mgemi0@eq.edu.au) to request an information pack.

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# BURNSIDE BANDITS

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## How to become a Burnside Bandit Volleyball Supporter -



We are always looking for financial assistance to continue to provide the excellent opportunities we do for our students to compete at the highest levels in Queensland and Australia in their sport.

### How to become a Silver Level Burnside Bandits Supporter

We would require your business to assist us with a minimum input of \$250. For that support we would assist your business by:

Displaying your Business Logo on all of our Volleyball Newsletters and publications.

- Displaying your Business Logo on all of our Parent Permission Forms.
- Displaying your Business Logo on all of our Brochures.

Displaying your Business Logo on all of our IT Presentations.

- Displaying your Business Logo on all of our School Newsletters (Which reaches a target audience in the local Nambour area of approximately 1000 people).

We could also brand your business on some of our equipment such as player water-bottles or promotional material such as coolers.

### How to become a Gold Level Burnside Bandits Supporter

We would require your business to assist us with a minimum input of \$1000 or more. For that support we would assist your business by:

Displaying your Business Logo on all of our Volleyball Newsletters and publications.

- Displaying your Business Logo on all of our Parent Permission Forms.
- Displaying your Business Logo on all of our Brochures.
- Displaying your Business Logo on all of our IT Presentations.
- Displaying your Business Logo on all of our School Newsletters (Which reaches a target audience in the local Nambour area of approximately 1000 people).

We could also brand your business on some of our equipment such as player

water-bottles or promotional material such as coolers.

- We could brand our playing shirts/shorts with your Business Logo and provide you with a framed playing shirt with your Business Logo on to display in your foyer.

- We could brand our tracksuit with your Business Logo and provide you with a framed tracksuit top with your Business Logo on to display in your foyer.

- We could brand our Volleyball Polo Dress Shirts with your Business Logo and provide you with a framed Volleyball Polo Dress Shirts with your Business Logo on to display in your foyer. We could brand our Volleyball Sports Bags with your Business Logo and provide you with a Volleyball Sports Bag with your Business Logo on to display in your foyer.

If you wish to become a Burnside Bandits Volleyball Supporter please contact us and we will be more than happy to discuss a supporter's package with you.

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## Australian Volleyball School Cup

In the final week of 2025, Burnside State High School proudly sent seven teams to the Gold Coast to compete in the 41st Australian Volleyball Schools Cup (AVSC), marking the school's 30th appearance at this prestigious national event.



The 2025 AVSC featuring 529 teams from 164 schools, more than 5,000 student-athletes, and over 2,500 matches played across five venues. Burnside's teams, made up of students from Years 8 to 12, enjoyed an outstanding week of volleyball. They had the opportunity to compete against schools from across Australia while also making the most of some well-earned downtime exploring the Gold Coast.



Burnside finished an impressive 12th overall out of 164 competing schools, a fantastic achievement that highlights the talent, commitment and teamwork of our athletes.



As the pinnacle of school volleyball competition in Australia, AVSC provided invaluable experiences for our students both on and off the court, supporting their physical development, resilience, and social growth.

A huge thank you to our dedicated coaches, managers and parent helpers who generously gave their time throughout the week to guide, mentor and support our players. Special congratulations to Cassidy Muller and Tony Schwieso, who were recognised with their 10-year and 30-year participation awards, and to Burnside SHS, which was honoured for its 30 years of participation at the AVSC opening ceremony.

We are incredibly proud of our volleyball program and look forward to what 2026 brings for Burnside volleyball.



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**BEYOND THE CLASSROOM**

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**Valentine's Day**

We've had a flying start to the year on the SRC. Our first event – Valentine's Day serenades and rose deliveries – preceded our Student Investiture and was a lovely way to start the year. It's always fun to be able to deliver joy to others.



We sincerely thank these students for putting their hand up to help with SRC activities this year, and we really look forward to working with them.

Mrs Griffin and Mrs Reilly  
SRC Coordinators



had its challenges and required some support along the way, Bailey has got involved, finding what he loves and has been enjoying the success! We encourage all students to have a go!

**Student Investiture 2026**

Our Student Investiture ceremony was held on Monday 16 February and we were chuffed with the number of students who have joined the SRC in 2026. We would like to formally acknowledge our SRC reps and student leaders for this year.

Student Leaders: School Captains – Allie and Jack, Vice Captains – Alexandra, Mabel, Mya and Rahni, SRC President – Maddisen, SRC Secretaries – Jordan (also Arts Chair) and Lily (also Charity Chair), Roman (Student Welfare Chair), Karin (International Chair), Keely (Lunchtime Activities/Social Chair), Dante (STEM Chair)

Year 7 Reps: Joey, Kyla, Harper, Henry, Sakura, Oliver, Logan, Jack

Year 8 Reps: Lola, Freya, Eamonn, Eva

Year 9 Reps: Bailey, Kody, Jonathon, Benaiah

Year 10 Reps: Hayley, Charlee, Levi, Hayley

Year 11 Reps: Syra, Sasha-Rose, Tehya, Rhys, Sienna, Akisha, Lincoln, April

**DLH news**

Welcome back to our returning students and a very big welcome to the year 7's and new students across the grades. The Diverse Learning Hub (DLH) team has prepared for another busy year supporting students across all year levels. The transition into a new year and for our Year 7s, a new school can be a daunting, challenging and even exciting time for students and is different for every individual. It's important to take some chances to meet new people and try as many activities as possible. The school offers so much across academic, sporting and cultural pursuits.

I'd like to highlight one of our students, Bailey who had an amazing year last year. Bailey was involved in the Mamma Mia musical, committing to the auditions and rehearsals; won 3 different writing competition awards and was given an academic honours award. Bailey is also part of the choir performing the national anthem at school functions. While high school has

**P&C Annual General Meeting**

The Burnside State High State School P&C Association's Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 10 March 2026, commencing at 7pm. This year the AGM will be held in the Admin building, Jacaranda room.

We encourage all parents to join our P&C – as they say, many hands make light work! Simply download the membership form, complete and return addressed to the P&C either to the school's office administration, or via email at

[PanDCSecretary@burnsideshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:PanDCSecretary@burnsideshs.eq.edu.au)  
(both scanned versions and photos of the completed form will be accepted). Printed copies will also be available from the office administration for those who are unable to print the form at home.

At the AGM all Executive positions will be declared vacant, and nominations for

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the 2026 Executive Committee will be tabled for election. These positions are:

- **President** - provides leadership and is the accountable officer of the P&C. Their role is to act as the public representative of the P&C, encourage communication between the P&C, school, and community, and encourage participation to support the P&C. The President chairs all meetings and is educated on all P&C rules and guidelines, including P&C Constitution, Accounting Manual, and all other documents governing P&C operations. The President is the Accountable officer for all employment for Tuckshop services.
  - **Vice President** - provides essential support for the President and possibly other members of the Executive Committee. They will Chair those meetings from which the President is absent and carry out any duties that have been delegated by the President. They should also be familiar with all P&C rules and guidelines, including P&C Constitution and other documents governing P&C operations.
  - **Treasurer** - has the overall responsibility for the financial management of the P&C, including all subcommittee accounts. In their role they must comply with the Accounting Manual in all respects. They prepare an annual budget and annual operational plan for the Association in consultation with other members of the P&Cs Executive Committee. It is the Treasurer's responsibility to manage and keep accurate accounts of
    - receipts and expenditure. We have a wonderful book keeper who support the Treasurer.
    - **Secretary** - has overall responsibility to prepare all documents for all meetings, such as agenda, minutes, and other necessary reports (including subcommittee reports) and assists the President in preparing an agenda for each meeting. They present minutes of the P&Cs meetings, record and deal with correspondence in/out as directed and generally organise, record, and maintain information pertaining to the activities of the P&C.
- All P&C Executives are responsible for any urgent decisions required outside of P&C meetings and are the official employers of all P&C staff. The P&C Executive Committee are also the Business Managers of the Tuckshop, Uniform Shop.**
- Key membership information:
- Being a P&C member does not mean that you must attend all meetings. We understand families have busy schedules and sometimes it is physically impossible to commit to attending. We just ask for you to volunteer when and where you can.
  - You do not need to attend a meeting to become a member of the P&C. Simply complete the membership form and either return it to the office or email a copy to [PandCSecretary@burnsideshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:PandCSecretary@burnsideshs.eq.edu.au)
  - Blue cards may be required to join the P&C, see the Blue Card Services fact sheet. The P&C are happy to assist with Blue Card application.
  - All volunteers of the school (including P&C) are required to complete the mandatory volunteer induction training as per Department of Education requirements. This is to ensure that all volunteers are covered under the P&Cs Personal Accident Insurance Policy. This training is conducted at the start of the year by the school and is also available at school administration. This takes approximately 15 minutes to complete.
  - Remember, the P&C is made up of parents.....just like you! The primary goal of the P&C is to enhance the educational opportunities for the students at our school. But along with that, it is also a great platform to -
    - Build lifelong friendships with other like-minded parents.
    - Enhance your skill set.
    - Become more informed on important school matters and policies and provide parent input.
    - Give back to our wonderful school community.
    - And most importantly, have fun!
- If there any questions regarding our upcoming AGM or how to become involved with our P&C, please don't hesitate to contact us at [PandCSecretary@burnsideshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:PandCSecretary@burnsideshs.eq.edu.au). We look forward to seeing you all at the AGM!

### School based Apprenticeships/ Traineeships news

We are proud to announce that some of our Year 11 students have officially commenced their School based Apprenticeships/ Traineeships (SATs). This is a wonderful opportunity to gain hands-on experience in their chosen industries while continuing their studies. These SATs provide valuable workplace skills; industry knowledge and a significant head start in their future careers. We congratulate these students on taking this important step and look forward to seeing them thrive in their new roles. Well done!

For further information regarding School Based Apprenticeships or Traineeships, please contact Michelle Muglietti on 5459 7324 or via email at mmugl1@eq.edu.au



Brayden Argent: Cert III Engineering – Metalink Palmwoods



Ben: Cert III Concreting – Lancon Landscape & Concrete Construction



Alex Boardman: Cert III Automotive Electrical Technology – Western Truck Group Chevallum



Xavier Dunstan & Bella Ebert: Cert III Business – Commonwealth Bank Nambour & Kawana



Trey Wolfe: Cert III Hospitality – Hungry Jack's Nambour



Sophie: Cert III Hospitality – Alsahwa Estate Palmwoods



Olivia: Cert III Community Pharmacy – Friendlies Day & Night Pharmacy



Max - Cert III Meat Processing – Queen St Meats Nambour

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**BEYOND THE CLASSROOM**

February 2026

**Chappy Chat**

It has been a fantastic start to the term, with plenty happening already!

**Week 2 - Swimming Carnival Fun**

Our Swimming Carnival was a brilliant day of colour, competition and community spirit. I had the great privilege of joining forces with Mr Broad on the decks, helping keep the energy high as we DJ'd throughout the day. There's something special about seeing students cheer each other on, step out of their comfort zones, and represent their houses with pride. Days like this remind us that school is about more than just the classroom — it's about belonging, participation and shared memories.

**Top Blokes Program Launch (Year 9)**

In Week 3, we officially kicked off our Top Blokes 14-17 program with 15 Year 9 boys. Over the course of this semester, we'll be meeting regularly to explore topics around character, resilience, respect, leadership, and healthy relationships.

The Top Blokes Foundation program is designed to support young men in making positive choices and becoming strong, respectful leaders in their communities. It's been encouraging to see the boys already engaging in honest conversations and supporting one another. I'm looking forward to seeing the growth that comes from these sessions over the coming months.

**Pathfinders Program - Year 10 Expressions of Interest Open**

Expressions of Interest are now open for our Year 10 Pathfinders Program. Pathfinders is a two-term leadership and personal development journey that includes weekly sessions, practical challenges, team-building experiences and our highlight event — the Wilderness/Canoe Trek.

This program is designed to challenge students, build resilience, strengthen identity, and develop trust and teamwork. If you're a Year 10 student



who is ready to step up, grow, and be stretched in new ways, I encourage you to consider applying. The program starts in Term 2.

It's shaping up to be an exciting term ahead. As always, my door is open for students who need a chat, encouragement, or someone to walk alongside them.

**Red Frogs**

Each Tuesday morning, the Red Frogs crew bring a burst of energy and generosity to our school as they fire up the BBQ and cook fresh pancakes for students. Red Frogs Australia are well known for their positive presence in schools and at youth events, and their weekly visit has quickly become a highlight of the week. More than just a free breakfast, the pancakes create a space where students can connect, chat, and start the day feeling seen and supported. The Red Frogs team model kindness, encouragement and genuine care, helping build a welcoming school culture one pancake at a time.

Love & Peace,  
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