Welcome to a new school year. I hope you all had a very relaxing and enjoyable break. My name is Heather Murry and I am pleased to announce that I am the new Principal at Collinsville SHS.

I began my teaching career in Central Queensland at Mount Morgan SHS as a Health and Physical Education, Mathematics and Science teacher. Mount Morgan is a small community, very similar to Collinsville in some ways, which is famous for gold mining in the late 1800s.

In 2008, I moved to Ayr SHS to begin my leadership journey as the Head of Department for Mathematics. Unfortunately, my time in Ayr was short lived and in 2009 I moved to the Gold Coast to open a new school, Ormeau Woods SHS, as the Health and Physical Education, Mathematics and Science Head of Department.

For the past four years, I have been the Senior Secondary Deputy Principal at Mabel Park SHS in Logan. At the end of last year I made the decision to move back to North Queensland in order to be closer to my family and I was lucky enough to be appointed the Principal at Collinsville SHS for Term one. I am very excited to be a member of this community and I look forward to working with you in 2016.

I openly welcome students and parents/carers to discuss any concerns or ideas that you may have with me or the relevant staff member and this can be organised through several communication means, including making face-to-face appointments through the office, via a phone call or emailing the respective staff member. You can also keep up to date with school events on our Facebook page ‘Collinsville High School Information Board’.

Staffing News
I would like to welcome Kerry Powell (Art, English and Humanities teacher) and Annie Wilson (English and Humanities teacher) to the school community.

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform parents/carers of some key people in the school and their areas of responsibility.

Heads of Department:
- Melinda Daly: Year 7
- Margaret Farmer: Years 8 and 9
- Sue Lawn: Years 10, 11 and 12

Coordinators:
- Mitch Sanson: Junior Secondary (Years 7, 8, 9)
- Sonia Bennett: Senior Secondary (Years 10, 11, 12)
- Sonya Batchelor: Vocational Education and Training
- Jade Baker: Sport

Finance:
- Jen Fisher: Business Services Manager

P&C Association AGM & General Meeting - Monday, 15th Feb 2016 at 2:45 pm in the library

IMPORTANT DATES

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Student Attendance
Low school attendance is commonly associated with lower academic achievement, leaving school early and decreased opportunities for future employment. Every day counts and this year we will be focussing on improving student attendance. We have set ourselves a target of increasing the average student attendance rate to 90% and we would like parents/carers to work with us in achieving this target.

Wednesday is a compulsory day for all senior secondary students who do not participate in workplace training.

I strongly encourage parents/carers to monitor their child’s attendance and place school as a priority over functions, holidays and other events which often see students away from school.

As of Monday 1st February, student attendance is being monitored for the end of term Rewards’ Day.

Student Uniform
A school uniform is an important element in building a sense of community and pride in the school. This year we are also focussing on ensuring all students are wearing the full and correct school uniform each and every day. We would like to remind parent/carers that the uniform includes plain navy blue or black shorts.

As of Monday 8th February, student uniform is being monitored for the end of term Rewards’ Day.

Heather Murry
Principal

Uniform Policy
The Collinsville State High School dress code:
- promotes a safe environment for learning by enabling ready identification of students and non-students of the school
- promotes an effective teaching and learning environment by eliminating the distraction of competition in dress and fashion at the school
- promotes a supportive environment by fostering a sense of belonging
- fosters mutual respect among individuals at the school by minimising visible evidence of economic, class or social differences and promotes a supportive environment at the school by fostering a sense of belonging.
- supports the school’s Sunsmart Policy.

Boys: Navy blue Collinsville State High School shirt
Navy Blue shorts
(T-shirts with commercial prints/mottos are not acceptable)

Girls: Navy blue Collinsville State High School shirt
Navy blue skirt or shorts
(T-shirts with commercial prints/mottos are not acceptable)

Formal Uniform: White shirt / blouse
Navy Blue trousers / skirt
Navy Blue tie

Jumpers: A sweatshirt in navy blue V-neck or crew neck. A dark blue tracksuit can also be worn in winter.

Senior Jersey: Students in Years 11 and 12 are able to purchase a Senior Jersey.

Hat: Any style that protects the face, neck and ears.

Shoes: Shoes should be either leather, suede or have full vinyl uppers.

Hair: Should be clean and neat at all times.

Cosmetics: Cosmetics are not to be used.

Jewellery: Watches, sleepers/studs in ears and medical bracelets are the only jewellery to be worn. At all times jewellery should be unobtrusive & safe.

Sunglasses: May be worn where appropriate.

2016 Queensland School Immunisation Program
In 2016, all Year 7 and 8 students are being offered free vaccinations as recommended on the National Immunisation Program against Human Papillomavirus, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough) and varicella (chicken pox). Transitioning the program to Year 7 in 2016 will ensure adolescents continue to receive their vaccinations within the recommended age range (11 – 13 years) and align Queensland’s School Immunisation Program with other Australian adolescent programs which are delivered in the first year of secondary school.

Consent forms for the vaccinations have been sent home to all students in Years 7 and 8. Only students with a completed and signed consent form will be vaccinated. These forms include contain information about diseases, the vaccinations and your privacy. More information about the Queensland School Immunisation Program is available at www.health.qld.gov.au/immunisation.

If you have any concerns, please contact your local health professional.
THAT’S TOPS
Congratulations to this fortnight’s recipients of the That’s Tops Awards:
Kristal Chapman (Yr 9)
Jessie McPhee (Yr 9)

Student Absences
Please notify the office if your child is away either by phoning the office during the hours of 8.00am to 3.00pm on 47858111, email or sending a note along on the next school day.

Senior Leadership Day
Last Thursday our Year 10, 11 and 12 students ventured to the Bowls Club to participate in a leadership day full of activities that focused on teamwork and enhancing leadership skills, in preparation for their roles as senior leaders in 2016.

The day was hot and humid, but that didn’t dampen the spirits of our senior students as they joined in activities such as Paper Planes, Teamwork Musical Chairs (where we may have become a little too enthusiastic), ‘The Cup Game’ and the Ping Pong Rollercoaster Construction challenge. Also on the day Thiess and QCoal gave a very informative talk to students about careers in the mining industry as well as about their traineeship program.

All students who attended were commended for their level of participation, their commitment to teamwork and on their overall behaviour on the day. Well done students.

Thank you to all staff whom assisted to make the day such a success and in particular to Mrs Bennett and Mrs Lawn for their organisation of the day.

P&C AGM to be followed by a General Meeting
MONDAY 15TH FEBRUARY @ 2:45 PM
in the Library
Come along and have a say in the decisions that affect your student

Junior Secondary Student of the Week Awards!!

Week 2
Jordyn Carmody – Starting the year with an excellent attitude and seriously dominating her Maths work!
Arthur Darr – Being an ultimate question asking champion and having a stone-cold acting face in drama!
James Sbresni – Showing great enthusiasm and attitude in HPE!

Week 3
Skyra Goody - Excellent independent work & contribution to class discussions in Maths!
Jaryd May - Showing great enthusiasm & contributing to class discussions in Geography!
Matthew Fordham - Managing group tasks effectively in Maths!

Above: Students participating in problem solving exercise.
Left: Collaborative activity to construct a ping pong rollercoaster.
Below: Trust associated with leadership in musical chairs.
community notices...
Welcome back to what is sure to be another great year at CSHS!

In 2016, the Student Support Team (SST) has the following members:

Bhima Chapman – SEP Teacher – Mondays – Friday – bchap121
Heather Hancock - School Based Youth Health Nurse (SBYHN) – Mondays and Tuesdays – hhanc14
Andrew Poole (Chappy) – Tuesdays and Thursdays – apool38
Toni Akehurst (Youth Support Co-ordinator – YSC) – Thursdays – takeh2
Lauren Doyle (Guidance Officer – GO) – Thursdays – lross63

Whilst here, we can assist students with subject selections/changes, career education (SET plans/ QCE’s/ OP’s/ QTAC, future pathways), individual counselling in social/emotional concerns; health issues; confidential matters; life skills; attendance/engagement and so on. We will also be heavily involved in the LOL Program throughout the year. Teachers, we can also assist you in providing strategies for students whom require additional support within the classrooms (behaviour/academic/social & emotional) and can administer assessments and complete observations if and when required.

Students, teachers and parents can make appointments with, or referrals to, all support staff in the appointment books in the office (please ask one of your office staff to direct you there).

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us!

Student Support Team

Collinsville State High School Teachers and Staff

Welcome back to what is sure to be another great year at CSHS!

In 2016, I will be visiting your school every Thursday. Whilst here, I can assist students with subject selections/changes, career education (SET plans/ QCE’s/ OP’s/ QTAC, future pathways), supporting students with diverse needs, social/emotional counselling and referrals to outside agencies. I will also be heavily involved in the LOL Program for our Seniors throughout the year. Teachers, I can also assist you in providing strategies for students whom require additional support and can administer assessments and complete observations if and when required.

Students, teachers and parents can make appointments with or referrals to the Guidance Officer in the appointment book in the office (please ask one of your office staff to direct you there).

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

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