Attendance
Research indicates that for students to achieve quality educational outcomes, they need to attend school each and every day. Students with irregular and poor attendance habits significantly struggle to achieve satisfactory educational outcomes at school and are at a higher risk of future unemployment, involvement in criminal activity and poor health.

At Collinsville State High School, we are working hard to improve student attendance rates in 2016.

In term one this year, we implemented a new whole school attendance policy to clearly articulate the school, parent/carer and student roles and responsibilities in managing student attendance. Please see the attached documentation for details. In term two, we will be implementing a range of supportive measures to continue to improve student attendance across the whole school.

Attendance Passports
In weeks three, six and nine of every term, students will complete their ‘Attendance Passport’ as part of our whole school wellbeing program.

An ‘Attendance Passport’ allows students to track how many days they have been present and absent over a set time period and also allows them to calculate their attendance percentage. Students then identify reasons as to why they have been absent from school and, in collaboration with their classroom teacher, develop strategies to increase their attendance. This document is then taken home, signed by the parent/carer and returned to school.

Attendance Support Meetings
Students with less than 90% attendance will also be referred to our Youth Support Coordinator (YSC) to participate in an ‘Attendance Support Meeting’. In this meeting, students will examine their attendance patterns in detail and work collaboratively with the Youth Support Coordinator to develop strategies for improvement.

What can you do to support your child?
Parents can support their child in attending school regularly by:
- Attending school events in order to develop a relationship with the school and your child’s teachers
- Reading the school newsletter
- Supervising homework
- Asking your child about their day

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Attendance continued….

Are you having problems getting your child to attend school? Do some reasons sound familiar?

- staying up too late at night
- difficulty getting out of bed in the morning
- unable to find their uniform, school bag, or books
- slow to eat breakfast
- failure to complete their homework
- assessment is due
- watching TV
- they want to go shopping
- it’s their birthday.

If so, a set routine can help:

- have a set time to go to bed and get out of bed
- organise their uniform and school bag ready the night before
- set a time for starting and finishing breakfast
- set a time for daily homework activities including assessment
- speak about school positively
- be firm, send your child to school each and every day

Parent-Teacher Interviews
On Tuesday 12th April, we hosted our first parent-teacher interviews for the year. This was a great opportunity for students and parents to meet with teachers to discuss student achievement in term one and strategies for improvement. Thank you to all of the students and parents who attended the event and for your support in your child’s education.

Student Uniform
A school uniform is an important element in building a sense of community and pride in self and in the school.

As we approach winter, I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and students of the uniform policy. In winter, students are permitted to wear plain navy blue crew or v-neck jumpers/jackets and plain navy blue track pants/trousers. Hoodies and jeans will not be permitted.

Plain navy blue zip up jackets ($15) and a range of plain navy blue track pants ($8 to $15) are available to purchase from the school. We have elected not to embroider the school emblem on the jumpers in order to make them more affordable and enable students to wear them outside of school.

Earlier this term, I spoke to our female students regarding the style and length of shorts. Students were advised that leggings and tights are not an acceptable part of the school’s uniform. I asked students to address these issues by sourcing alternative shorts by the commencement of term two. Shorts and skirts are available from the school and prices range from $5 to $30.

P&C News
The next P&C meeting is Monday 16th May at 3.00pm in the school library. We hope to see you there.

Yours sincerely,

Heather Murry
Principal
On Friday the 22nd of April, 2016 Collinsville State High School held a service to commemorate ANZAC day. Students gathered in the morning to each make a poppy that was used to construct the wreaths that were laid at the service. The whole school attended the mid-morning service and showed respect and reverence for the occasion. Mrs Wilson spoke about the valiant deeds of the original ANZACs and the sacrifices of Australia’s defence forces in all conflicts and missions. The national anthems of both Australia and New Zealand were played, acknowledging the contributions of both countries defence forces in forming the ANZAC legend. Thomas Grant, Dorothy Vallada and Henry Peckett presented a moving reading of the ANZAC Requiem as students stood to pay their respects. The poem *New Generation Veterans* by David Delaney was beautifully read by Britney Hathaway and Abby Messenger. The wreaths constructed by students in the morning were laid by student representatives Chloe Fletcher, Jessie McPhee, Jessica Miller & Bianca Anonuevo, before a moving rendition of *The Ode* by Billy Hinchcliffe was followed by the Last Post and Minute’s Silence. The flag raising ceremony was performed by Joseph Howarth as the notes of the Reveille rang out.

Students and staff members represented the school at both the community Dawn Service and the march to the Cenotaph later in the morning. Britney Hathaway and Tahnee Hanlon in the lay the school wreath, and Britney also read *The Ode* and presented another poetic rendition of *New Generation Veterans*.
On Friday afternoon April 15th, Collinsville State High had their annual Inter-house Cross Country carnival. I have said this before and I will say it again, “I just love our school carnivals”. The students who attend are always so enthusiastic and love to take part. There is always plenty of cheering – and not just for the winners but for everyone giving it their best. There were also plenty of students showing great determination to finish their race regardless of their fitness level and the immense heat, because that is what they set out to do. This year the student council decided to include a student vs teacher race. This dawned on me that I was the only teacher nomination. Congratulations to Cody Jones and Arthur Darr for being the only two students to beat the minute per kilometre time I ran on the day. The Whitsunday Cross Country is on Friday 13th May in Collinsville. All students who ran in the inter-house carnival are encouraged to compete to score their place on the Whitsunday Cross Country team.

Training sessions leading up to this event are every Tuesday morning (6:30-7:30am) and Thursday afternoon (2:45-3:45pm) at Collinsville State High school. Thank you again to all of the teachers for your help on the day and to the parents who continue to show their support. A special thank you to Lorna Drinkwater, Melinda Daly, Sonya Batchelor and Jenna Green. The carnival would not have happened without your support. Finally, a big congratulations to Woomera for winning the carnival, all age champions and students who participated in yet another successful sporting event for 2016.

Miss Jade Baker.

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Woomera | 128.5 points
Boomerang | 93.5 points

From Left: Woomera Captains Owen Widt & Taylah Wallace with Vice-Captain Keely-Jean Johnson

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Above: Woomera Captains Owen Widt & Taylah Wallace with Vice-Captain Keely-Jean Johnson

Above: Kailan Batchelor

Above: Owen Williamson

Above: Arthur Darr, Sonny Widt and Rylie Fisher
Recently all Year 7, 8 and 9 students were provided with an information booklet regarding Collinsville State High School’s Junior Certificate of Education (JCE). The JCE is a school-based junior schooling qualification awarded to eligible students at the end of Year 9 on completion of the junior phase of learning. In their senior years students work towards attaining a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and the process for attaining a JCE has been modelled on this, to further prepare our students for the rigours of senior schooling.

To be awarded a JCE, students are required to achieve a significant amount of learning, at a set standard that includes achieving a “C” or higher, in a number of core and elective subjects across six semesters in Year 7, 8 and 9. As stipulated in the information booklets to attain a JCE, students are required to accumulate a minimum amount of points. The process has been differentiated depending on the student’s current year of study.

If you have any further questions or queries relating to this please do not hesitate to contact Melinda Daly or Margaret Farmer on 4785 8111.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 7 and 9. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008 and occurs in the second full week in May.

NAPLAN tests identify the level of a student’s literacy and numeracy skills, that provide the critical foundation for their learning. Students are assessed using common national tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

NAPLAN tests are not tests students can ‘prepare’ for however our Year 7 and 9 students have completed practice tests so that they can get a sense of the ‘look and feel’ of the tests and understand what types of questions are asked. Students have been working on developing their literacy and numeracy skills through their school curriculum.

Test Schedule for 2016

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Vocational education and training (VET) provides students with the opportunity to acquire workplace skills and knowledge through nationally recognised qualifications from industry-developed training packages or accredited courses while still at school.

Once a student is assessed as competent against the nationally agreed standards required to perform effectively in the workplace they are awarded a full or partial VET qualification issued by a Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

It’s important to note the VET delivered to secondary students is nationally recognised, is the same as VET delivered in non-school settings, and is held to same quality standards.


As a small school with limited subject offerings, CSHS VET program plays a key role in ensuring our students are competitive in the job market when they complete Year 12. By training students we develop their employment skills, provide them with entry level skills and also boost the students self-confidence.
Senior Secondary Certificates and Statements

When a student at Collinsville SHS completes Year 12 they may be issued with a number of statements or certificates depending on the type of subjects and or courses they've studied. They may receive one or more of the following.

Senior Statement, This is an overview of the learning that students completing Year 12 have undertaken. The Senior Statement shows all studies and the results achieved that may contribute to the award of a QCE or Tertiary Entrance Statement. If a student receives a Senior Statement, then they have satisfied the completion requirements for Year 12 in Queensland.

Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)

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In Years 11 and 12, the majority of students are working towards achieving a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). The QCE is Queensland's senior school qualification and offers flexibility in what is learnt, as well as where and when learning occurs. It is internationally recognised and is achievable for students.

Students have a wide range of learning options at Collinsville SHS which include Authority and Authority-Registered school subjects and vocational education and training (VET).

To be awarded a QCE a student must achieve at least 20 credits of learning to a set standard and in a set pattern, while meeting literacy and numeracy requirements.

A wide variety of courses of study can contribute to a QCE. These are organised into four categories: Core courses, Preparatory courses, Enrichment courses and Advanced courses.

More details on how you can meet these requirements can be found at https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/certificates-qualifications/qce

The Queensland Studies Authority publishes a brochure explaining more information about QCE works. You can access this brochure from https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/downloads/senior/qce_brochure.pdf

Tertiary Entrance Statement

This is a statement showing a student's Overall Position (OP) and Field Positions (FPs). These rankings are used to determine whether a student is eligible for admission to tertiary courses.

The Tertiary Entrance Statement provides information that is recognised by interstate and international universities and tertiary providers and may be required to enrol in study at institutions outside Queensland.

Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA)

The Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievements (QCIA) recognises the achievements of students who are on individualised learning program and are not working towards a QCE.

The certificate is an official record that students have completed at least 12 years of education, and provides students with a summary of their skills and knowledge that they can present to employers and training providers.

To be eligible, students must have impairments or difficulties in learning that are not primarily due to socioeconomic, cultural or linguistic factors.
**Student of the Week Awards!!**

**Week 11**

- **Year 7** Sonny Widt
- **Year 8** Bailey Dawson
- **Year 9** Tyrell Portelli

Sonny Widt - For working extremely hard in Maths and completing more challenging extension levels.

Bailey Dawson - For displaying a persistent approach when completing set tasks.

Tyrell Portelli - For offering help to others in Graphics!

**Week 12**

- **Year 7** Trae Brown
- **Year 8** Ryan Hathaway
- **Year 9** Kristal Chapman

Trae Brown - For demonstrating an improved effort with his class work as well as helping other students complete tasks!

Ryan Hathaway - For working efficiently in Literacy class to complete all tasks on time and to a high standard!

Kristal Chapman - For consistently applying herself to complete challenging Numeracy questions and maintaining high levels of participation!

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

**May**
- 2 Labour Day (Public Holiday)
- 10-12 Naplan
- 13 Whitsunday Cross Country
- 17 Year 7 & 8 Vaccinations

**June**
- 13 Arts Council
- 24 Rewards Day & Last Day Term 2

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**This Fortnights Recipe …**

**Awesome Home Made Muesli Bars**

**Ingredients**
- 80g butter
- 80g brown sugar
- 60g (2 tbsp) golden syrup
- ½ tsp salt
- 130g porridge oats
- 35g chopped dried apple
- 35g chopped dried apricots
- 25g dried cranberries
- 25g pumpkin seeds
- 2 tbsp sunflower seeds
- 25g desiccated coconut

**Method**
1. In a saucepan, melt together the butter, sugar, golden syrup and salt.
2. Mix all the dry ingredients together in a bowl.
3. Stir in the butter and syrup mixture.
4. Line and grease a 20cm square baking tin. Spoon the mixture into the tin and press down to level the surface (try using a potato masher to make it easier)
5. Bake in an oven pre-heated to 180°C for 18 to 20 minutes.
6. Store in the fridge and cut into bars before serving.

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**Community Notices**

**TUTORING AVAILABLE**

Monday - Thursday afternoons 3.30pm — 6.00pm

Primary School - Prep to Year 6
- Language/Literacy
- Maths

Secondary School - Years 8 to 12
- English
- Humanities/Social Sciences

$25 per hour

Ring Debbie Casey on 0401871576
CSCSC Inc. SUNDAY CHARITY BINGO
Sunday 1st May - 11am BOWLS CLUB
"GRANNY DAY SPECIAL"
PART OF THE COLLINSVILLE BOWLS CLUB
90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS
$10,000 in 55*
$2300 in 59* & $300 in 56*
Prize for the best dressed to Theme
EVERY PLAYER RECEIVES FREE FALSE TEETH
GUEST CALLER—BIG BAD BESSIE

MIXED SOCIAL NETBALL

Every Tuesday night from 6:00pm—7:00pm
At the Netball court next to the CVC
So what are you waiting for?? Get out there
and join in – your body and mind will thank you for it later.

For updates and details like the Collinsville Sport
and Fitness page!

COLLINSVILLE COMMUNITY
GAMES DAY
4TH OF JUNE, 2016
10AM TO 2PM
LIONS PARK

TOUCH FOOTY GAME, BALL GAMES, BASIC HEALTH
CHECKS AVAILABLE, MUSIC ON THE SPEAKER AND
PRIZES & GIVEAWAYS!
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL GIRUDALA AT 4766 1000

SCOTTVILLE STATE SCHOOL
TRIVIA ON WHEELS
NON-COMPETITIVE CAR RALLY

DATE: Saturday 14th May 2016
TIME: 1.30pm for Registration
2.00pm Start
VENUE: Scottville State School
11th Avenue, Scottville
COST: $20 per Car

BBQ & BAR AVAILABLE ON THE DAY
NO BYO

Nominations close: Friday 6th May 2016
For more information phone Karla 0438718799