

# Tullascope



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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

My name is Deborah Murphy and I am very honoured to introduce myself to you as Principals of Tullawong State High School.

During these first few weeks of the school year I have had the opportunity to meet many of you at various school events and meetings. Everyone has been very welcoming and very generous with their time and support during my first weeks in the school.

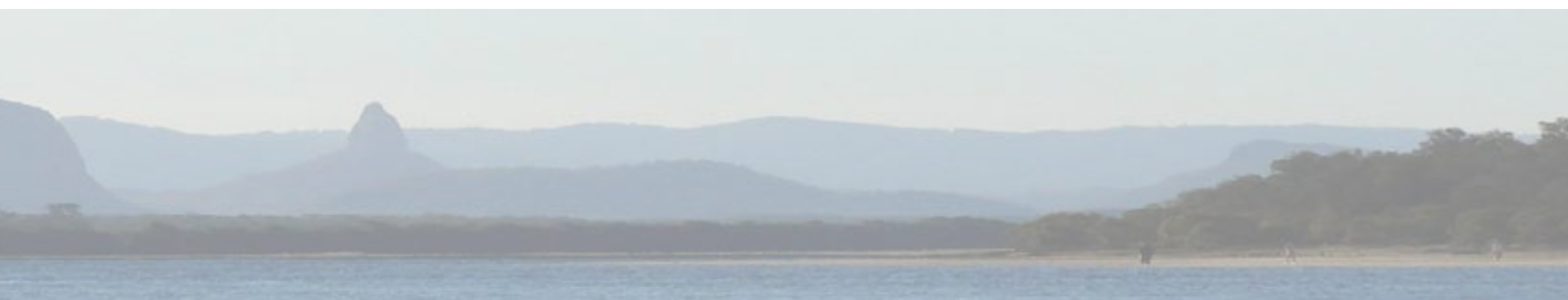
We have enjoyed a very smooth start to the school year and I would like to congratulate our staff and students on their work, commitment and cooperation in the first month of the term. I would also like to extend my appreciation to our parents and carers for your support and assistance, ensuring that our students returned to school well prepared for 2013 with books, materials and correct uniform.

The direction for Tullawong State High School in 2013 will be explicitly focused on the achievement of the best possible results for our students and excellence in the quality of teaching that will support our students to achieve those results.

In future newsletters and correspondence, I will outline for you in more detail, our priorities for 2013.

Once again, thank you for the warm welcome and I look forward to working with you throughout 2013 and in the coming years.

Deborah Murphy  
Principal



*Soaring to Great Heights*

## DANCE EXTENSION UPDATE

The students in the Dance Extension Program have been off to a flying start in 2013 with a collaborative Project entitled "Body Stories" that they have been working on with professional artists from The Queensland University of Technology. The Year 8 and 9 students have been perfecting their ballet technique in class and working on a large classical ballet dance during after school rehearsals.

The Year 10, 11 and 12 Dance Extension students have been working on their contemporary technique and creating and rehearsing a large scale performance work to be performed later this term. Students have enjoyed working with professional dance artists and travelling to Brisbane to rehearse in the QUT Brisbane studios.

Students in our Performance Troupes are also working very hard to prepare for our upcoming Eisteddfod and competition season with The Sunshine Coast Dance Eisteddfod and Brisbane Eisteddfod approaching quickly. The two pieces that the students have been working on are "Sleeper Awake" and "The Beautiful People". Both pieces are contemporary based but incorporate strong themes and issues to make the audience question and think.

We look forward to another successful year with Dance Extension!



### Tullawong SHS Students and Teachers support World's Greatest Shave

Three Senior students: Nicola Cowin, Jacob Fox and Blake Mara will represent Tullawong SHS in the World's Greatest Shave. These students will be seeking sponsorship, with money raised going to the Leukaemia Foundation. At assembly on 11 March, the students will lose their locks.

This gesture helps students empathise with people who lose their hair as a result of chemotherapy. There may be some surprises also, as rumour has it that some teachers will also take part. Please support this cause through your donations.

#### "Livid"

On Tuesday the 5th of February, a group of Year 10, 11 and 12 English and Film, Television and Media students were lucky enough to be invited to attend a performance by the renowned Grin & Tonic Theatre Troupe. The performance, titled 'Livid', was based on three Shakespearean tragedies – 'Hamlet', 'Macbeth' and 'Othello'. A contemporary production, students were engaged in this traditional story through the clever use of multi-media elements, including projections and animations, as well as the live action performance of the two actors.

We also had our very own students included in the performance, with Blake Mara and Josh Stewart bravely performing in front of their peers and interacting with the actors. As all English students study Shakespeare in their course, it will no doubt be of great value in helping to make Shakespeare relevant and engaging for modern audiences.

*Respect*

*Encouragement*

## SWIMMING CARNIVAL



### IN PARTNERSHIP WITH UNITY COLLEGE

Tullawong SHS Legal Studies Students of 2013 have been offered the opportunity to complete a Certificate IV in Justice Studies.

#### Overview

The Business Department were offered this wonderful opportunity for their students this year. The course is run over two years but already 9 very dedicated and committed Year 12s have taken the opportunity to expand their options at the end of their schooling year by vowing to complete the course in one year! The Year 11 students have also seen the benefits of this course and 7 have signed up so far. Enrolments are still being taken. We are hoping to offer this course on a regular basis.

#### Why?

Completing this course creates pathways into various legal careers and university. Content is taught during normal legal classes, specialised tutorials organised, direct contact with course supervisor for assistance, tutorial lessons with legal teacher and 3 units are completed during the normal course of the legal studies course. A certificate course means that you are either competent or not yet competent so this course caters for all students as they can re submit pieces that require further work.

#### Benefits

- QCE - 8 credit points gained
- Direct entry into Sunshine Coast University's Bachelor of Justice
- An improved University ranking (equivalent to an OP 12/13)
- Cost is only \$600 (including texts etc) - a huge saving compared to approx. \$4000 plus it would cost of doing the course at TAFE.



*Aspiration*

*Care*

*Honesty*

## GARAGAH HOUSE LEADER



Mr Jon Keal was so impressed with his Garagah house members swimming prowess at the last Swimming Carnival. The team managed an impressive second place for the carnival. Students who attended the swimming carnival had their names drawn from a hat and were given a sheet of wax to remove hair from the bottom of Mr Keal's legs. There was much laughter from the gathered Garagah students as they watched their fellow house members remove, not so gently, Mr Keal's hair from his legs.

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## Welcome to Tullawong SHS newest initiative which is our:- Junior Secondary School (JSS)

### Parent Forum

It was great to meet so many parents of our Year 8 students at the recent BBQ. This year, a series of Parent Forums for parents of Year 8 and 9 students will be held. The dates calendared are for Tuesday afternoons from 5.30 until 6.30pm on 19 February, 28 May and 20 August. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss issues that affect our Junior Secondary students, and also to look at ways to support them. Segments from The Resourceful Adolescent Parent Program will be presented including: Parents are people too, What makes teenagers tick? and Promoting positive family relationships. We look forward to seeing you there and together making our students' time in Junior Secondary as productive as possible.

### JSS Leadership Opportunities

We are expanding the Student Representative Council to include JSS representatives. In the coming weeks, students will be asked to nominate to represent their Care class, subject to meeting the leadership criteria. Elections for the role will be held in Care group. From this group, two Year 9 and two Year 8 students will be elected to be JSS Captains and vice-captains respectively. Look out for an information letter soon!

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## LET'S TALK - Parent and Youth Forum

Tullawong SHS invites parents and students to the 2013 Parent and Youth Forum

### Overview

Teens that do well in life and make good choices are those who have good self-awareness, have effective decision making skills and have strong support relationships. Join us for a parent and teen forum to talk about issues such as risk taking, alcohol, peer pressure, bullying and gambling and develop skills and strategies to better manage these issues. We will work with a new resource that helps open up insightful constructive conversations in order to strengthen effective supportive relationships between teens and adults.

<b>Forum Structure</b>	Informal, interactive forum, which is based on sharing information in a fun, entertaining and engaging way.
<b>Who should attend?</b>	Youth (13 years -17 years) with their parent/s or guardian/s
<b>Venue</b>	Centenary Lakes Sports Club, Stringfellow Road, Caboolture
<b>Date</b>	Wednesday 27 February 2013
<b>Time</b>	Arrive at 5.30pm for a 5.45pm start to 7:30 pm
<b>Refreshments</b>	Finger food and soft drinks will be available on arrival
<b>Dress</b>	Casual

### Registration & Further Information

Contact Tony Clarke 0403 619 577 or [tony@cabsports.com.au](mailto:tony@cabsports.com.au)

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