

Tullascope



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Term 4 is now coming to a close. It has been an extraordinary year with outstanding accomplishments from the students at Tullawong SHS in areas of academia, sport, citizenship and cultural activities. It has been an absolute pleasure to lead the Tullawong school community over the past three terms.

As we reflect on the accomplishments achieved and the relationships we have built, we can surely say and believe that Tullawong SHS is a great school. As I personally reflect on the past three terms I am thankful for the students, parents/carers and staff who have taught me so much about what it means to be a school leader.

Next year will see the implementation of the 5 day week across all year levels as well as introducing the 8.30 am to 2.30 pm school day. 2013 will be an exciting time as we focus on curriculum and teacher practice through the continued implementation of the Art and Science of Teaching. We will also be reviewing the house structure in 2013 to ensure that we continue to focus on excellence and that all systems at Tullawong SHS focus on the best outcomes for students.

I am also excited to announce that the new Principal for Tullawong SHS will be Deborah Murphy. Deborah is the current Principal of Earnshaw State College in the northern suburbs of Brisbane. She holds a Master of School Leadership and Management and a Graduate Diploma of Special Education. Her experience as an educator and school leader stretches across primary, middle and secondary contexts in both low and high socioeconomic settings. She is a passionate advocate for school improvement that targets the individual needs of students and forms interventions based on evidence-based conversations. In addition to her role as Principal, Deborah works across the Brisbane Metropolitan Region leading the Aspiring Leaders Program which seeks to identify and actively support emerging leadership talent in Education Queensland schools. Deborah was also a member of the team of Principals conducting Teaching and Learning Audits across Queensland. Her appointment to Tullawong SHS will ensure the Tullawong school community will continue to grow to meet our student needs.

So as 2012 comes to a close I'd like to conclude by saying that the students and staff at Tullawong SHS should never be underestimated. They are talented, and committed, and they will rise above the obstacles that stand in their way. As the saying goes, watch this space, in future years history will demonstrate what I say is true, Tullawong SHS students achieve great things, because they have great teachers, committed to a common goal, to make sure every student, in every lesson, every day can achieve beyond their own expectations.

I wish the Tullawong SHS school community best wishes for the festive season. Enjoy the time with your family and friends and we look forward to the 2013 academic year ahead.

Soaring to Great Heights

STARS STEP OUT FOR THE 2012 SENIOR FORMAL

150 Year 12 students stepped out onto the red carpet for this year's senior formal. Family, friends and teachers joined our graduates at the front of our school for Pre-Formal refreshments put on by Mrs Keegan's Hospitality class while also enjoying music played by Brad Columbine, one of the stars of our Music program.

Upon departing Pre-Formal, students were driven in style to The Landing at Dockside and began their evening with mocktails and canapes on the waterfront. Our two MC's, Caitlin Friis and Sam Dickfos did a fantastic job entertaining everyone and hosting activities such as the 'Guess the Teacher' competition and 'Schoolies Survival Pack' raffles.

As the theme for the evening was 'Hollywood', congratulations goes to the following students who won awards:

Most likely couple to get married: Lucas Smith and Rebecca Gibson

Most loudest voice: Will O'Connell

Most likely to win an Olympic medal: Jess Donnelly

Most likely to be Prime Minister: Sean Fitzpatrick

Most likely to be a millionaire: Brandon Smith

Most likely to be a comedian: Daniel Ball

Most likely to become famous: Jahmarley Dawson

Most obvious bromance: Patrick Campbell and friends

Throughout the evening, students also enjoyed a memorable slide show produced by Beth Wellings, a moving speech by Miss Wells and later in the night students danced the night away.

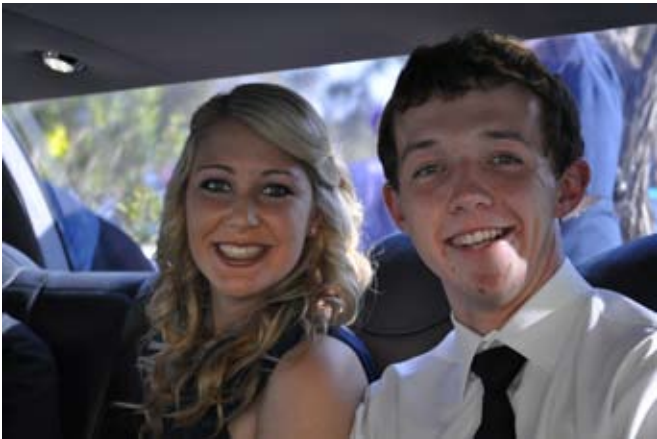
Once again, congratulations to our 2012 Year 12s and a big thank you to the Formal Committee and all staff involved in the organisation of this successful event.

Mr Brett Stout
Formal Organiser



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Encouragement



Aspiration

Care

Honesty

LET'S CELEBRATE OUR AWARD WINNING DANCE PROGRAM

2012 has marked another successful year for the Tullawong State High School Dance Extension Program. The program now has 100 students enrolled from Years 8 - 12. Students have studied all styles of dance throughout the year including ballet, jazz, tap, contemporary, musical theatre and hip hop, which has helped them to build on their technical and performance skills.

Our Dance Troupe also competed in a number of dance competitions and eisteddfods throughout the year with spectacular results. These included:

Sunshine Coast Dance Eisteddfod

- 2nd Place - Senior Dance Troupe
- 2nd Place - Junior Dance Troupe

Brisbane Dance Eisteddfod

- 2nd Place - Senior Dance Troupe
- 1st Place - Jazz Troupe

South East Queensland Performing Arts Festival

- 1st Place - Senior Dance Troupe
- 1st Place - Junior Dance Troupe
- 1st Place - Junior Mixed Troupe
- 4th Place - Jazz Troupe

Murrumba Dance Challenge

- 2nd Place - Senior Dance Troupe
- 2nd Place - Junior Mixed Troupe
- Overall School Champion

Miss Wells and Miss Gray-Hanna would also like to thank our 2012 Dance Troupe Leaders: Kianah Witt, Jessica Friis, Lexie Hatchman, Caitlin Friis, Nikita Werahiko, Kim Mesina and Angela Wilkinson-Dewar and our Tribal Dance Troupe Captain, Chloe Tarr. Your dedication and hard work is greatly appreciated. They have made a wonderful contribution to the Dance Extension Program throughout the year. We would also like to thank each and every single student who is enrolled in the Dance Extension Program - you inspire and motivate us every day to work harder and achieve bigger and better things! Enjoy your summer holidays!

We look forward to another successful and busy year in 2013.



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SPORTS AWARDS

Platinum Award - Jessica Donnelly

Special Recognition Awards

Keana Homes	Junior Queensland Softball Umpire of the year.
Tiffany Samain-Venning	Queensland U15 Ice Hockey Team Representative, Australian U18 Ice Hockey Team and travelled to Finland for the International Ice Hockey Federation Camp.
Tinnille Whiley	Played the INFQ State Titles for U18 Netball and made the U18 Queensland Netball Mixed Flames, Selected for the U18 Honors Australian Team
Alex Taranec	Played the INFQ State Titles for U18 Netball and made the U18 Queensland Netball Mixed Flames , Selected for the U18 Honors Australian Team
Taylah Howard	Queensland U15 Basketball Team Representative and touring North Carolina, USA
Vicky Clark	Representative of State Athletics Team for Javelin
Joanna Purvis	Queensland U15 Futsal Team Representative
Jessica Donnelly	Australian Under U19 Softball Team Representative
Jahmarley Dawson	2012 State and National Boxing Championship 49kg weight division and qualified for World Championship Titles in Bangkok
Sarah Hudson	Qualified for Australian Titles, Qld Junior BMX Development Squad
Laura Bridgman	Sunshine Coast Hockey Team and competed at State Hockey Championships
Josh Heath	Queensland U16 Basketball Team Representative
Liam Wilson	Won the Australian Boxing Title in featherweight division and competed in the Oceania Championships in Tahiti

Interschool Sports Zone Champions

Summer	Winter
Year 8 Girls Touch	Year 8 Boys Rugby League
Year 8 Boys Volleyball	Year 10 Boys Basketball
Year 8 10 Girls Basketball	Open Girls Netball
Year 10 Boys Basketball	Open Boys Rugby League

Coach of the Year	Patrick McPherson
Principal's Award	Claudia Werahiko
Junior Sports Person of the Year	Mitchell Denman
Senior Sports Person of the Year	Jessica Donnelly



SENIOR SCHOOLING – VOCATIONAL EDUCATION 2012 SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICES AND TRAINEES

Our School-based Apprenticeship and Traineeship (SAT) program has continued to be a great benefit to our students again this year. This program allows students to undertake, and often complete, a traineeship or apprenticeship giving them a nationally recognised certificate in their chosen industry field. Our students work for their employer one (or two) days per week and continue their school studies on the other days. This gives them the best of both worlds!

Students have the opportunity to earn money while they are learning, and gain valuable life skills that will prepare them for their future. In 2012 we have welcomed some new employers to our program and also congratulated existing employers for their continued support. At the end of this year we recorded 61 SATs - 41 Year 10/11 students and 20 students in Year 12. Another 5 completed SATs throughout the year. At least 10 of these students have been signed to an apprenticeship in such fields as Hairdressing, Mechanical, Building and Horticulture which will roll over to full or part time at the end of school. Most of our trainees, especially Year 12s, have completed their certificates before school ended. This is a great effort and we congratulate each of them on this success.

As always the success of this valuable program depends on local employers. As part of our school community, if you, as families are business owners, or know someone who is, we would love to hear from you. There are government monetary incentives for employers to take on a school-based trainee or apprentice that can go towards the cost of wages for the student. If someone in the past has helped you get started in your chosen career, you might like to consider helping someone else in the same way. We have eager students waiting to fill your vacancies and become part of your dynamic team.

We thank the following employers for their support during 2012

Kmart Tyre and Auto *(AES)
All Homes Painting
Simon Gorman Mechanical
Red Rooster
Cosmetics Plus
Hogs Breath Café
Murray Mallee/Reece Plumbing
Australian Training Co. (Health)

Lightmare Studios
Cottrells Country Kitchen
Fitness N Motion
Caboolture Sport Club
Lukes IGA
ANZ Bank *(AES)
Caboolture RSL
EP Tease

Superior Walls and Ceilings
Pizza Hut
Barringtons/Fasta Pasta
Morayfield Diesel
Aust Indigenous Youth Academy
City Beach
Donut King
Caboolture Business Enterprise Centre
Expressions Hair design
Tullawong State High and P&C

Woodford Hotel
Kids Capers Child Care

Treemac Tree Loppers
PRD Realty

*(AES –Aboriginal Employment Strategies)
For more information on SATs contact Voc Ed Office. 54285222



**Calling all students who wish to learn the
Filipino language and culture
on weekends...**

**Classes will start
on 09 February 2013 (Saturday)
at Tullawong High School
from 9:00am 12:00noon**

**If interested, please contact:
Ms Mimi Carbery at Tullawong SHS
or ring 0418 622 007**

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CERTIFICATE IV in JUSTICE STUDIES

Tullawong SHS Business Department would like to offer our legal studies students the opportunity to complete a Certificate IV in Justice Studies.

- Who?** Students will study the course over two years during Years 11 & 12. We are offering as a one-off the opportunity for 2013 Year 12 Legal students to enrol and complete the course over the one year however the student must be fully committed to the extra work that would be involved. Miss Coleman will offer after school sessions to work on this. Year 11 2013 are also invited to enrol in the two year course.
- Why?** Course creates pathways into various careers eg. Police, legal secretary, Government justice, court jobs, corrections.
- Content is taught during normal Legal Studies classes. Extra content covered online and during specialised tutorials (at this point might be running at Caboolture SHS or Tullawong SHS after school four (4) times throughout the year (one per term).
- Benefits?** Receive 8 credit points to gain your QCE if you pass.
- Gain direct entry into Sunshine Coast University's Bachelor of Justice and receive valuable credit that will reduce how long it takes to complete the Bachelor.
- Cost?** ONLY \$600 (including GST)
A huge saving compared to doing the course at TAFE.



MP3 PLAYERS AND HEARING LOSS

An MP3 player, such as an iPod, is an essential item for many kids but listening to them for long periods of time can cause permanent hearing loss.

And the experts say the volume doesn't have to be ear-splitting to cause damage

- The loudness of sound is measured in units called decibels (dB).
- Conversation is generally 60dB
- Traffic noise can be around 80dB
- Louder noises, such as a plane taking off, a motorcycle or firecrackers can range from 120dB to 140dB
- Listening to music at levels above 80 decibels is going to damage hearing

The volume on MP3 players can reach more than 130dB, depending on the model of player and type of earphones used. It can take only 28 seconds of listening at too-high-a-volume to cause permanent hearing damage - and younger children are most vulnerable.

- Tips**
- Watch for warning signs of hearing loss such as vague feelings of pressure or a ringing sound in the ears (tinnitus) when in a quiet place.
 - Lock the volume on your child's MP3 player to a safe listening level (no more than 75dB).
 - If you can hear the music from your child's headphones, it's up too loud.
 - Over-ear headphones are less damaging than in-ear headphones or earbuds.
 - Limit the amount of time your child listens to their MP3 and advise them to give their ears a rest every hour

Small but Loud voices anthology is available for purchase from www.voicesonthecoast.com.au. The cost is \$20 + \$2.50 postage. Five students from Tullawong SHS have had their poems/stories published in this Anthology. Congratulations to Jessica Saddler, Sarah Murray, Melissa Sjaardema, Nytarra Buckley and Ayden Blackman. You are now published authors!

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Please remember that login and password information is for students and their families only, and extending this information to people who do not attend Tullawong SHS could result in loss of at-home access for our students.

STUDY SKILLS TIP FOR NOVEMBER: Independent Learning

Some students take a long time to realise that there are actually two types of work in secondary school. There is the obvious work, the compulsory work your teacher specifically tells you to do, and homework, working on assignments and preparing for tests. But students who get good results in school take a larger measure of responsibility for their learning, this means that the nights where they do not have much compulsory work, they also do independent learning. These are the additional things you do, if you have no other schoolwork to do that night, to improve your understanding of your subjects. Students who get good marks undertake independent learning!

Examples of independent learning:

- Reading
- Reviewing what you have been learning at school that week
- Extra practice on questions you find hard
- Research on an area you are interested in learning more about
- Making a mind map about what you have been learning
- Making study notes on a topic
- Improving your touch typing skills
- Reading ahead in your textbook
- Improving your study skills (you can complete units on www.studyskillshandbook.com.au)
- Doing work from a different textbook or study guide for one of your subjects (check the school library, local library and bookshops).

One component of independent learning in high school is making your own study notes or summaries. You can learn more about how to make study notes in the unit 'Summarising' on www.studyskillshandbook.com.au

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From all the Staff at Tullawong SHS, we would like to wish you a safe and enjoyable holidays.

We look forward to seeing you next year!!

