Welcome to “Gold Class” at Redcliffe High!

Who doesn’t love going to Gold Class at the movies? Everyone loves the special treat of having a chocolate-coated ice-cream, popcorn and a soft drink as you watch a great movie. With that in mind, here at Redcliffe High School, some of our year 9 English students recently got the ‘Gold Class treatment’ at our Gold Class Reading Celebration.

During Term 1 2014, all our Year 9 English students and their teachers worked consistently on improving literacy and preparing the students for the NAPLAN test in May. At the end of the term, those students whose reading improved substantially (a movement upwards by a minimum two NAPLAN-type bands) and all those students who achieved at the upper two bands of 9 and 10, were invited to celebrate their excellent progress. We believe Gold Class students deserve a Gold Class experience!

Well done, Year 9! You’re great examples of the school’s SABER ethos of Soaring Above and Beyond Expectations at Redcliffe.

Ms Sharon Chapman – HOD English, Redcliffe High

Enrolments for Yr 7, 2015
open 22 April 2014
Enrolments for Yr 8, 2015
open 14 July 2014

Remarkable Redcliffe High ... the IDEAL CHOICE!
Our F1 in Schools team Infinite Racing were in Canberra recently competing at the F1 in Schools national championships held at the Convention Centre.
The all girls team of Bronte, Christina, Freya and Olivia had a great competition and took out forth place overall, plus they were outright winners of the Best Industry Collaboration award for which they received a huge trophy to bring home.

The team were also nominated for
- Best Team Pit display
- Best Team Folio
- Best Innovation

The girls would like to say thank-you to their sponsors for all the support. It was a long journey and only possible with the help and support of the team’s fabulous sponsors.

Congratulations and well done girls on a great result!
“Creative” minds think alike!

The year 12 Visual Art students have had a unique opportunity this year as Carte Blanche, a group of eleven female contemporary artists completing a residency at Studio Red, have generously given time to mentor the students.

Members of the dynamic Carte Blanche artist group are

- Kim Cooper
- Maxine Cole
- Jenny Cope
- Sarah Coveney
- Helen Forrest
- Karin Hart
- Eva Hekel
- Fay McLeod
- Trudy Stephens
- Jan Trackson
- Jane Webster

The Visual Arts course is a challenging one, it asks students to be not only innovative and creative but also exploit the potential of art materials to communicate personal viewpoints and aesthetics, while at the same time demonstrating skills, techniques and processes in art making and appraising. The benefits for those who persevere with this course are grounding in creative thinking, problem solving and analytical skills, all of which are much in demand by the twenty-first century employer.

The eleven Artists in Residence (AIR), who make up Carte Blanche, have been able to offer the students additional support with these challenges and moreover provide much needed insight. They have shared techniques, ideas, processes, knowledge and varying perspectives all of which have greatly benefitted the students.

Carte Blanche is also providing further opportunities next term.

Students from the year 9 Program of Excellence in Visual Arts will be working alongside the AIRs producing pieces for a public art exhibition (to be held early in June) called Between the Tides, an exhibition which originated in New Zealand.

We are truly fortunate to be the only school on the Peninsula to offer this wonderful art opportunity, the chance to work with not just one AIR but eleven, plus a chance to be a part of the prestigious Between the Tides art exhibition.

On behalf of the school, I would like to thank the members of Carte Blanche, their assistance is invaluable.

Mr Justin Kramer - Visual Art teacher, Creative Industries Faculty.

OVERSEAS EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is pleased to inform you that we are offering our 2014 Scholarships to the Northern Hemisphere. This is an exciting, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for your students interested to join an overseas exchange program departing in late August/early September to the U.S.A., France, Italy or Germany.

Full details of the Scholarships’ application may be found on our website www.scce.com.au

The closing date is April 14. Scholarships are valued up to $4000.
Well done Students!!

On Friday 21 March, Redcliffe High joined more than 315,000 students from 596 schools across Queensland to take part in the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. This is the second year our school has participated and what a great day it was.

The day’s celebrations began with ‘Breakfast at the Blue Room’ where students indulged in toast and chocolate milk and later in the morning all students received a ‘Bullying No Way! TAKE A STAND TOGETHER’ wristband. Students were allowed to wear their wristbands here at school right the way through to the holidays, thus reinforcing the message that at Redcliffe High bullying is unacceptable.

During first and second break students were encouraged to ‘write a message to a bully’ and attach this message to a spider’s web that spread between two pillars under B block. Later in the day Yvette D’Ath (Member for Redcliffe) dropped in to write and attach her message to a bully. Yvette’s message was:

‘Standing up against bullying. Bullying is everybody’s responsibility! Enough is enough! Everybody needs to respect our differences and think before you act.’

The highlight of our celebration was the coming together of all year levels under B block with DJ Cee Cee “in da house”, spinning a mix of retro and today’s top tunes that gave students the chance to get their respective grooves on and enjoy some day-clubbing!

So much fun and laughter – Redcliffe students and staff are amazing!!!

Mrs Janelle Brazier - HOD Learning Engagement
Accident Insurance cover for students

Some school activities and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury. Parents are advised that the Department of Education and Training does not have Student Accident Insurance cover for students. Therefore, if your child is injured at school as a result of an accident or incident, all costs associated with the injury, including medical costs, are the responsibility of the child, parent or caregiver. Some incidental medical costs may be covered by Medicare. If parents have private health insurance, some costs may also be covered through the private health insurance. Any other costs would be borne by the parents.

Student Accident Insurance is an insurance policy that pays certain benefits in certain circumstances should your child have an accident. It is a personal decision for parents as to the types and levels of private insurance they arrange to cover their child for any accidental injury that may occur. Parents should contact their insurer or an approved Australian insurance broker if they choose to take out student personal accident insurance cover for their child.

Creative Generation – State Schools Onstage tickets on sale

Creative Generation – State Schools Onstage turns 10 with four arena-style shows featuring The James Morrison Creative Generation Big Band, a 700-voice choir, 65-piece student symphony orchestra, more than 700 dancers, up to 300 string players, more than 30 featured vocalists and spectacular special effects. Tickets for shows on Friday 18 July 2014 and Saturday 19 July 2014 are available now from Ticketek.

Shine on Silver Girls!

This year we have two girls one from year 8 and one from year 9 both called Chelsea, both with surnames beginning with S who are both aiming for the top in their chosen sport of swimming.

Recently both girls swam at the Secondary State Swimming Championships at Chandler and both achieved silver medals, one in the 200m backstroke event and the other in the 200m breaststroke event.

Well done Chelsea S and Chelsea S!
Well another year here at Redcliffe State High School has only brought minor changes to our staffroom! The dedicated staff within this faculty are teaching and inspiring your children every day and so let me introduce them to you.

First I would like to introduce our newest recruit to Redcliffe State High School – and the teaching profession – Mr Alexander Harding. Mr Harding finished his teaching degree last year and is also a practising lawyer. After supervising Mr Harding last year during his practical placement, I was in no doubt that he needed to join our teaching staff as he is the most dedicated and capable student teacher who I have had the pleasure of supervising. Your children benefitted from his wealth of knowledge and dedication last year, and now they will continue to do so.

Mrs Pritash Awadh is always consistent in her manner towards students and spends much time making sure nothing is left incomplete when it comes to her teaching and documentation. She is always ready with a smile at the beginning of the day and sets high expectations and strict discipline within her classes. Mrs Awadh has just been accepted as a member of the BCT District Panel which moderates school assessment pieces and student work.

Mr Shayne Patch is a man of many talents! Mr Patch is our resident IT specialist and he is also valued in the Creative Industries Faculty for his musical and production talents! Mr Patch has a wealth of knowledge with IT software and is constantly striving to create ‘cutting edge’ lessons to keep our students up-to-date. Staff also benefit from his knowledge and the students really enjoy his lessons and constant innovations. Mr Patch is behind the scenes every morning assisting with the smooth running of all the Year Level Assemblies and is also a member of the ITS District Panel.

Next within our faculty is the effervescent, Mrs Michelle Fry. Mrs Fry is a valuable member of our faculty as her knowledge from private industry and qualifications as a Certified Practising Accountant (CPA) are enviable. Mrs Fry is always achieving ‘above and beyond’ within not only our faculty, but the school. She has run the School Council in previous years, been a Year Level Coordinator and has played a major part in initiating our School Leadership Program. What makes Mrs Fry a fantastic teacher though is her relationship building with the students and her high expectations in regard to work ethic.

Let me next introduce Mr Walter Sguadino. Mr Sguadino has been a part of the Redcliffe High team for many years and is invaluable. His wealth of information regarding the school and his subjects are an asset to our faculty and his friendly nature and willingness to guide newer members of staff enhance the learning of both.

Finally I would like to introduce myself, Mrs Kellie Bartkowski, Acting Head of Department for the Business and IT Faculty. I have been a teacher for 24 years and at Redcliffe High for 9yrs. I thoroughly enjoy my teaching and leadership roles at the school particularly leading such a professional and dynamic group of teachers. I appreciate they tackle each day at school with a fun approach and enjoy coming to work each day!

Please feel free to phone the Business & Information Technology staff directly on 3897 1118, or myself on 3897 1117 with any questions or concerns regarding your children. We look forward to working with you throughout 2014.

Mrs Kellie Bartkowski – Acting HOD Business and IT
ANZAC Day

ANZAC day is the first Friday after the school holidays. The school will be holding ceremonies on the Thursday beforehand to help commemorate this very special day.

Our school will be taking part in the official march at Redcliffe on the Friday. All students are encouraged to come along and march.

Redcliffe High always has a good representation from our student body and we hope the proud tradition continues this year.

From the Deputy Principal - Miss Maria Williamson

Attendance

Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance is associated, on average, with higher student achievement. Additionally, attending school every day helps children to build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience. Again this term we would like to thank those students whose attendance has been at 98% or above. These students will receive a SABER award. At the end of the semester we will hold a lunch to thank those students, so make sure that attendance remains at a high level.

Thank you must also go to the parents who continually prepare students and ensure they are at school.

If you are having trouble with your child’s attendance please contact the school so we can discuss strategies that may be useful. In addition Education Queensland has a web site titled ‘Everyday Counts’ which also has some useful tips and videos.

ASAA Survey

At the end of last year, some parents may remember completing an online survey which discussed various aspects of the school and the teaching and learning. This survey was conducted to assist us in preparing for the ASAA audit which will take place later in the year.

The audit is conducted by an outside organisation that assesses all aspects of our school to determine our strengths and weaknesses.

Currently the students of SABER Cell A along with myself and Ms McKinlay are working through the results of the surveys and hope to implement any suggestions that are feasible. Already we have put into place a scheme which allows students to thank their teachers when they have gone above and beyond.

Thank you to all the parents who took the time to contribute to the survey, your opinion is very valuable. We will keep you informed about other strategies we implement.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN will take place in the third week after the holidays. If you would like to discuss any issues or concerns with NAPLAN please contact me on 3897 1111 or e-mail mwwill69@eq.edu.au

If you do not wish your child to sit NAPLAN please contact me ASAP so the correct paperwork can be completed.

ANZAC Day ... JOIN US IN SHOWING RESPECT!
REDCLIFFE HIGH SHORT FILM COMPETITION

REDDI HIGH - LOVE IT!
MAKE A FILM - PROMOTE OUR SCHOOL - WE WIN, YOU WIN!
SABER-REMARKABLE-IDEAL CHOICE-SOARING

OPEN TO ALL REDCLIFFE HIGH STUDENTS
ENTRIES TO OFFICE BY 5 MAY 2014
1 MINUTE LENGTH – MP4 FORMAT
PREMIERE AT THE REDDI SHOWCASE

WIN A $250 WESTFIELD GIFT VOUCHER

Enquiries to Mrs Woodhouse in the office on awood35@eq.edu.au
Making a decision after life after high school isn’t an easy choice; University, TAFE, work, apprenticeships; the choices are endless. To give my students some ideas for after-school options, my ex-student, Kym O’Neill, came to talk to my Year 12 class about living in Japan for a year as a student.

Kym graduated in 2006 and she chose to do a home stay program for a year rather than follow the traditional route of formal study or work. She loved her year away; she got to live within another culture and become fluent in Japanese as a convenient bonus! She attended high school, lived with three different families and got to travel around Japan in the holidays. Six years later, she’s still crazy about Japan and planning to go back in December for a friend’s wedding. Since deciding to take the road less travelled, she’s studied Italian in Italy, volunteered at Quoin Island which is rescue centre for turtles, and is studying Environmental Science at university.

Kym’s story so far goes to show that sometimes taking a step back to survey the scene gives one an opportunity to assess and make better choices. Her year in Japan was the first stepping stone in what has been a fantastic journey so far…

Karen Townsend - LOTE Teacher

Entertainment Book

The fabulous value Entertainment Book is available from the 31 March Cost: $65 dollars per book. Digital Copy is now available for the same price (Can use on your iPhone or Android)
Profits go to the student council to make improvements around the school. To buy you can order online by visiting: https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/222938f or come into the school office (please call before to make sure stock is available).

Miss Brylee Columb - English/Social Science & Student Council

From the D.P Junior Secondary

Report cards & Parent Teacher Evening

Report cards have been completed for Junior Secondary students and are being posted home this week and I would like to acknowledge some of the great results many of our students have achieved. If you do not receive a report card for your child please contact the office on 3897 1111. Posted with the reports was information about the Parent Teacher evening on Tuesday 20 May. Booking is completed online using Parent Teacher Online (PTO) and the information sent with the report card explains how to book appointments. Please book quickly to ensure you get the most suitable time. I hope to see as many parents as possible at the meetings and look forward to meeting you.

Enrolments for 2015

Remember to put a note in your diaries that

- Year 7 2015 enrolment commences Tuesday 22 April.
- Year 8 2015 enrolment commences Monday 14 July

We are well prepared and looking forward to welcoming our first year 7 cohort next year.

Uniform

The weather is starting to get cooler and students are reminded of our uniform requirements during these months. In particular the correct jumper must be worn and undershirts must not be visible. Students not in correct uniform will be advised to remove the non-approved item of clothing. Jumpers can be bought from the uniform shop.

Congratulations … to all year 8 students on completing their first term at remarkable Redcliffe High! Thank you,

Ian King, Deputy Principal Junior Secondary.
The end of Term 1 has arrived, students have undertaken a range of assessment and report cards are being completed. It has been an incredibly busy term; our teachers have worked harder than ever to ensure that all expectations have been met and I am grateful to them and our support staff for their efforts.

Soaring: SABER Wings Competition
This year we have introduced the SABER Wings Competition to generate house spirit and encourage students to meet our expectations. We decided to give the inaugural Term 1 winner an incentive prize as a reward for their efforts. The winning house was Jindobarrri, who were given vouchers to collect a small prize from the tuckshop - well done Jindobarrri!

The SABER Wings competition rewards student effort in a range of areas including uniform, hats, community involvement and so on. We hope that students get involved and support their House Group.

Above: TASTI Posters
At the start of this year each student was given a TASTI (Teacher and Student Target information) poster. Students worked with their teachers to determine their targets and strategies to achieve their targets. During the term we have asked teachers to talk to students and review their targets. When students receive their report cards it is time to formally review their targets to see if they have achieved their goals. We strongly encourage parents to become involved in the goal setting as students require your support.

Beyond: State Education Expo
Our students represented our school with pride at the State Education Expo last week. We had an awesome display at the expo and our student ambassadors assisted with parent enquiries and questions whilst other students participated in the PEP choir. The expo provided a great opportunity for parents to talk to local schools and discover the many opportunities provided through state education. Thanks to Mrs Humphryes and Mr King for their work in organising this community event.

Expectations: ANZAC Day March
All our students are strongly encouraged to participate with the school in the Redcliffe ANZAC Day march on Friday 25 April. This is a Public Holiday and we would like as many students as possible to join us to show our respect for the ANZAC spirit and pride in our school.

Students attending must wear their full formal uniform, including their school hat if they have one. Those aiming to be Student Leaders must take part as a requirement of the SABER Leaders program.

Students who march will receive a SABER Certificate and SABER Wings points for their House Group. I hope students and staff will be there to join us in the march.

Redcliffe: Junior Secondary Parent Group
This week I met with our Junior Secondary Parent Group for the first time this year. It is a marvellous opportunity for the school to receive comments on what we are doing. It is also an opportunity for us to work together to ensure better outcomes for our kids. I encourage our Year 8 and 9 parents to contact the school if you wish to become involved in the group. Our next meeting is Friday 16 May at 9.15am.

Shona McKinlay – Principal Remarkable Redcliffe SHS

RED ALERTS
Follow the link below to our WEB-SITE calendar where you will find all the important school events for the rest of 2014.

https://redcliffeshs.eq.edu.au/CalendarandNews/EventsCalendar/Pages/

Koala & Wildlife Rescue
As breeding season is coming up and there has been much land clearing around our area please remember Koala & Wildlife Rescue are here to help.

Please call if you find one of our furry or feathered friends in need of assistance. Pine Rivers Koala & Wildlife Rescue offer a “24/7” service, call 0401 350 799

Joanne
Pine Rivers Koala & Wildlife Rescue
Redcliffe High
The Ideal Choice

What's happening ...

Experience activities & faculty displays at various locations throughout the evening.

Enjoy the sausage sizzle outside our superb “Bird's Nest” theatre.

Travel around our great facilities on the touring train & see what Redcliffe High can offer your child.

Learn about the “Programs of Excellence” and our distinctive and diverse curriculum.

REDDi SHOWCASE
(“Reddi” for High school)
& Junior Secondary information night
Thursday 29 May 2014
4:30 to 6:30 pm SHOWCASE
6:30 to 7:00 p.m. Junior Secondary information session

We extend an invitation to you to attend our 2014 REDDi Showcase.

♦ Come and see what we do
♦ Talk to teachers and students
♦ Talk to our Enrolment Officer
♦ See why we are “The Ideal Choice”

Soaring Above & Beyond Expectations
at Redcliffe-SABER
School Watch is a community based awareness and crime prevention program aimed at safeguarding schools against vandalism, theft and arson. We depend on students, parents and all members of the local community to:

1. LOOK
2. LISTEN and
3. REPORT

📞 13 1788

or phone your local police

DO NOT take any further action.