What’s happening at Redcliffe High?

You may have noticed some changes happening here at Redcliffe High, particularly on the corner of Klingner and Oxley Avenue! The old Hall has gone and building work has begun on our purpose built Junior Secondary precinct.

In 2015 our Year 7 students will not only be our school’s very first Year 7s but also, the first students to use our brand new, purpose built Junior Secondary precinct.

The precinct, built on the site of the old Hall will house eight classrooms, two flexible learning areas, a staffroom and the office of the Head of Department Junior Secondary. The precinct design is simple, yet contemporary and will create safe harmonious learning spaces which encourage active and collaborative learning experiences.

The grounds surrounding the building will be fully landscaped, providing seating, shady areas and space for quiet reflection. Both the building and the precinct grounds will be Wi-Fi enabled.

Building has already ready started and the whole school community is keenly watching the progress. Along with the Junior Secondary Precinct, we will also be gaining a further four class rooms, bringing the total new learning spaces to twelve. This ensures we have more than enough space to accommodate all our students.

These are exciting times for us and the new Junior Secondary Precinct will be a welcome addition to our other state of the art facilities.
Great season for Year 9 Boys’ Volleyball team!

The Year 9 Boys’ Volleyball team had a great season in 2014, making it all the way to the Metro Finals where they lost to a polished Craiglea SHS team in 2 sets.

The boys dominated the local South Zone district, easily winning the competition and playing Caboolture in the cross over Semi Finals. After losing the first set, the boys rallied to win 15-9 in the third set.

Morayfield would prove to be a tough match as we lost to them the previous year, however with solid play the boys won the district Grand Final in two sets 25-23, 25-23.

The boys then played Bray Park SHS in the first round of the Metro’s, beating them in another close game, 15-13 in the third set.

Well done boys, Brisbane Metro Semi-finalists 2014

Going to the Metro Finals proved a great learning experience as the boys saw what the big Volleyball schools can do and they seem to be keen to improve and continue playing.

Chris Francis - HPE teacher and Coach.

Just colour my world!
Year 8 students show their artistic flair in Japanese!

Thank you to our entrants for their efforts in the Japanese class colouring competition. Unfortunately there can be only five winners and they are (in no particular order): Jasmine, Vicki, Cameron, Joey and Breeanna.

These students will each receive a movie voucher from Hoyts for their efforts.

We received some fabulous entries and I was impressed. Well done to all!

Ms Karen Townsend - Japanese teacher - LOTE Dept.
REDCLIFFE STATE HIGH SCHOOL
Senior Music Recital Night

Tuesday 24th June          Doors open 5:30pm
Canteen available

Year 10, 11 & 12’s Perform!!
Also featuring....  CONCERT BAND
STAGE BAND
STRING ENSEMBLE
CHOIR

Redcliffe State High School Bird’s Nest
Tuesday 24th June          Doors open 5:30pm
Canteen available

Tuesday 24th June 2014
6:00pm
L’appel du vide - just brilliant!

For sixteen weeks, this year’s CAD students worked with Drew de Kinderen from Zen Zen Zo Physical Theatre undertaking intense training and workshops, to strengthen bodies and minds in preparation for the production "L’appel du vide”.

Their performance was based on the story of Icarus, the boy who flew too close to the sun, and outlined the students’ own various journeys of self discovery.

Performances were held last week from Wednesday to Friday and all the hard work paid off! Audience opinion was very positive and the ensemble cast were exceptional.

Sadly, this was the year 12's last CAD production, and a few tears were shed at the end of the week.

Congratulations to all involved, the many hours of rehearsal and training were well worth the effort, it was a brilliant piece of theatre.

We’ll be sure to watch the next CAD production in semester 2!

Wil Martens - Senior Reporting team

A MESSAGE FROM THE P&C

Dear Parents and friends,

We have been working very hard over the last twelve months to ensure a smooth transition for the year 7 students into our school in 2015. Part of this transition has been the planning of a new building on the old school hall site.

A number of proposals were made by the current state government aimed at starting construction of a new hall once the year 7s had settled in. Whilst some changes have presented new challenges, it is anticipated the original plan will still go ahead.

Construction of the new building is currently in progress which will not only give the school more classrooms but will be fitted with the latest equipment and technology. We are very excited, year 7 will not only be well accommodated but will share in the opening of the new facilities.

The new school hall will eventually be constructed, (despite many rumours), as it is a requirement for every school to have such a facility and our students utilise the learning spaces provided.

We hope to have your full support with our current plans, your views and ideas at our P&C meetings are highly welcomed.

Regards,

Carlos Ortega - P&C President
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JAPANESE STUDENTS

Success again! .... in the Language Perfect World Championships

We are happy to advise that our students again finished well in their division for the Language Perfect World Championship, which is an online vocab competition that ran from 19 to 29 May.

Last year in the smaller division of 51 to 100 students, our 87 students came in the top 3% out of 127 schools for Japanese. This year in the larger division of 101 to 250 students, our 153 students came in the top 6% out of 269 schools for Japanese. The schools ahead of us had more students registered for the competition.

Well done to all students who earned points and contributed to our overall position – your efforts say a lot about your drive.

Don’t forget that Automatic bonus to your OP score! .... Students who satisfactorily study a L.O.T.E. (language other than English) through to year twelve at high school are entitled to receive an automatic bonus to their OP score – this is a special initiative that started 6 years ago.

Information about this is displayed in our classroom.

Mr Peter Frisby - Japanese teacher - LOTE Dept

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED - two spots remaining!

Thank you to those families that have kindly offered to host a student from Sanyo-Onoda, however we still need two more families to host female students. If you can offer a place please contact Mr Frisby at pfris2@eq.edu.au.

The homestay is for nine nights with the students arriving on Friday 15 August and departing on Sunday 24 August.

Year after year this event has proved an exciting opportunity to make friends from a different culture and have an international experience for the whole family without the need to travel.

This year witnesses the twenty-second anniversary of the sister city relationship.

USC Parent Information Evening - Thursday 3 July

Do you have a child in high school considering university study? Get information and tips on how to support them through the process and much more including guest presentations on understanding your teen!

Presentations include: uni from a parent's perspective; understanding the developing teenage brain; experiences of young drivers; approach vs avoid: how to build motivation and resilience and how healthy is kids' supermarket food?

To register for your preferred seminar complete the online form at www.usc.edu.au/events or phone 5456 5000. Places are limited and provided on a first in, first served basis.

Date: Thursday 3 July
Time: 5:45pm (for 6pm start)
Venue: Lecture Theatre 2, Building K, University of the Sunshine Coast
Accelerated Music Program (AMP) 2015

Applicants are invited to participate in our ensembles in a workshop style afternoon. This is a great way to meet both teachers and students from the RSHS music ensembles.

These workshops are part of the application process for AMP and will include a small performance and the opportunity to speak to the music teachers afterwards.

Applications available from the school website: redcliffeshs.eq.edu.au/Enrolments/Pages/Schools-of-Excellence.aspx
Year 10 Work Experience Week  
15-19th September 2014

Year 10 students have the opportunity to undertake work experience in the last week of Term 3 (15-19th of September).

The purpose of this work experience is to provide students the opportunity to ‘get a feel’ for the work place and experience what occurs during a typical working week. This opportunity also provides the students with a clearer understanding of what future career they might want to undertake and therefore we encourage students to choose something that they have a keen interest in and have not experienced before.

If a student has a part time job and wants to complete their work experience at that work place, they are able to ask their employer to work for that week, however we would prefer that students try to obtain work experience in a job they are interested in pursuing post school.

It is the student’s responsibility to organise their own work experience with a provider of their choice by 12 September 2014.

More information about how to obtain work experience will be enclosed in the Year 10 end of semester report card.

We will endeavour to find placements for those who are experiencing difficulties. If a student does not organise a placement for week 10 they are still required to attend school where they will be undertaking numeracy and literacy study booklets.

As this experience will provide students with a useful insight into what career they might want to embark on in later life, please encourage them to take full advantage of this great opportunity.

Below is a link to the Queensland Education Page where an information page for parents is provided.


Dan McKennariey  
Senior Schooling 
HOD

Redcliffe High’s Mentoring Program

Redcliffe High is again running a mentoring program for Year 12 students to help them navigate their way through their final year of studies.

For many Year 12 students this is the time to get serious about their study and future careers. However, with this added pressure a number of students need guidance and support to help them achieve their best results.

Redcliffe High teachers have embraced the program to become mentors as they see this role as having a very positive affect the lives of their students.

Redcliffe High School Principal, Shona McKinlay, said a mentor offers guidance, support and encouragement in a structured and trusting relationship between the student and the mentor.

“Mentors are not a replacement for a parent, nor are they a counsellor or teacher; they are a sounding board and confidant to the young person,” Ms McKinlay said.

The mentoring program was developed to provide additional support to help students with time management skills and assist students with goal setting.

It is a flexible program where some mentors may see their students weekly while others less regularly, as the timeframe is worked out on individual student needs.

Ms McKinlay said the goal of the program is not to transform the students, but to help them grow: to help them discover their strengths and develop their self-confidence, to help them feel they have a place in the world and a meaningful future.

“The main reason behind the program is that we genuinely care about our students and we want to help them, in any way we can, reach their goals,” Ms McKinlay said.

“We also provide Year 12 Academic Tutoring sessions, which are run in Period 4 every Wednesday afternoon.

“Five teachers from different Faculty areas give up one of their preparation periods (spares) to be there to help support students with proofreading assignments, exam preparation and homework help,” Ms McKinlay said.

At Remarkable Redcliffe High every effort is made to make our students “Soar Above and Beyond”.

Dan McKennariey  
Senior Schooling 
HOD
School based Apprentice & Traineeship (SAT)  
... soaring at Redcliffe!

Kellie-Anne Barber of Yr 11 is working at the Redcliffe Hospital Oral Health Unit undertaking a Certificate III Dental Assistant. Kellie assists with x-rays, dental examinations, sterilizing equipment, as well as setting up and cleaning rooms before and after appointments.  

How she got the Traineeship:  
Kellie-Anne applied for the position through the schools traineeship program offered for Year 11 students. She endured two separate interview processes at the school, where she was shortlisted. Kellie-Anne then received a phone call, later the same day, informing her she was the successful applicant.  

Future Plans and Goals:  
This traineeship has provided Kellie-Anne with a passion for dentistry which she hopes to pursue at university after gaining more experience in the field.  

Keep up the great work Kellie-Anne!  
Hannah O’Farrell – Senior Schooling Aide

Putting the Fun in fundraising!  
The Ensbey family have been coming to our school once a year for the past five years along with their live chickens, to promote the TEAR organisation. TEAR helps provide chickens to impoverished people, who can use the eggs as a source of food and income.  
On Friday 6 June 2014, $99.35 was raised by our school for the TEAR organisation with an enjoyable lunchtime sausage sizzle (thanks to Samuel and Lochlan for their BBQ skills).  
A very pleasant way to raise money for a worthy cause!  
Ms Debra Burke – Teacher ILC – Redcliffe High

Interact Club support Red Shield Appeal  
At the end of May, Australians around the country participated in the annual Red Shield Appeal. Students who are part of the Interact Club of Redcliffe S.H.S joined in this worthy event with the Rotary Club of Redcliffe City to raise funds for the Salvation Army’s nation-wide appeal.  
The Interact Club fosters social awareness and community spirit within its members and the Red Shield Appeal is an event that delivers on these ideals. Students develop leadership and teamwork skills that aim to benefit the wider Australian and international community.  
Students, teachers and Rotarians found the morning’s doorknocking to be a rewarding experience. The Interact Club of Redcliffe S.H.S would like to thank those who gave so generously.

Interact Club is running the annual Can Drive  
During this term, students are encouraged to donate cans in support of the Redcliffe Community Support and the Pine Rivers Neighbourhood Centre. Bring cans to Y1! If you bring 4 cans, you will be rewarded with a $2 Tuckshop voucher. You only have 2 weeks left!  
Ms Amira Hanzic
Changes to Tertiary Study

You may have been wondering how the recent budget proposed changes to tertiary study will affect you/your child. The recent federal budget included sweeping changes to higher education funding, which will have significant implications for Australian universities. The proposed changes that will affect our students include:

1. **UNIVERSITIES WILL SET THEIR OWN FEES**
   From 1 January 2016, universities will set their own fees for Australian undergraduate courses.

2. **THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTRIBUTE LESS**
   From 1 January 2016, students will pay more towards the cost of their degree, and the government will pay less. The Commonwealth contribution will reduce by 20 per cent overall.

3. **EXTENDING THE DEMAND DRIVEN SYSTEM**
   The demand driven system has been extended to provide Commonwealth Supported Places (ie government funding) for any undergraduate qualification offered by a university – including diplomas and associate degrees. Government funding has also been extended to students studying at registered higher education providers including TAFES, colleges and private providers.

4. **REPAYING THE HELP DEBT SOONER**
   The HELP loan will still be available, so students will not have to pay their fees upfront. However the government has reduced the income threshold so graduates will start making their repayments sooner – when they are earning approximately $50,638.

   From 1 June 2016, all HELP debts will be indexed by the Treasury 10 year bond rate (currently 4 per cent) to a maximum of 6 per cent per annum rather than the CPI, which is currently 2.6 per cent. This will apply to current and future students.

Source: ACU Digital Marketing.

[Any questions about the fee arrangements should be directed in the first instance to the Commonwealth Government either through [www.education.gov.au/students-2](http://www.education.gov.au/students-2), or via its student helpline: 1800 020 108. This information is current at the time of printing (May 30, 2014).]

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**TSXPO**

The Tertiary Studies Expo is an excellent opportunity for career seekers of all ages. Exhibitors include: Australian and international universities; private education and training colleges; vocational education and training (VET) providers; TAFE QLD programs and courses; national, local and government employers; defence force recruiting; alternative pathways, scholarships and information for mature and international career seekers...and more!

Admission is free.

For more information visit the website: [www.careersevent.com](http://www.careersevent.com)

Date: Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 July

Time: 10am – 4pm

Venue: Exhibition Building, Brisbane Showgrounds, Bowen Hills

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**GUIDE DOGS QLD OPEN DAY**

**Sunday 6 July**

**10am – 3pm**

For more information, Freecall 1800 810 122 or visit [www.guidedogsqld.com.au](http://www.guidedogsqld.com.au)

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**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/Eventscalendar.aspx](https://redcliffeshs.eq.edu.au/CalendarandNews/EventsCalendar/Pages/Eventscalendar.aspx)