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STATE HIGH SCHOOL

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23 May 2023

## Date Claimers

### Sports Trials

NQ Cross Country - Tuesday, 30 May 2023

*See Northern Region 13-19 Year Cluster Trials 2023 in Forms & Documents in the side panel for more information.*

### Intermediate Schools Volleyball Cup

Thursday, 25 May - Monday, 29 May 2023

*See Upcoming Events in the side panel for more information.*

### Spirit Week

Monday, 5 June 2023 - Torture a Teacher

Tuesday, 6 June 2023 - Battle of the Brains

Wednesday, 7 June 2023 - Jersey Day

Thursday, 8 June 2023 - Create a Mascot

Friday, 9 June 2023 - Care Carnival

*See What's Coming Up! for more information.*

## Principal Perspective

### School Expectations

Our school had the privilege of presenting students with their Gold and Silver Behaviour & Effort Awards on recent assemblies, with Bronze Behaviour & Effort awardees receiving their certificates throughout core classes.

Our school commenced the year with a concerted focus on our school expectations centred around being RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE and ENGAGED and it's pleasing to see these values being acknowledged throughout these awards.

I congratulate all of our awardees for the high standard of behaviour and effort consistently demonstrated towards their learning across all subjects and facets of school. These students have certainly upheld our school values and expectations, particularly that of being ENGAGED.

As a school community we are very proud of our students who strive to reach their potential.

Well done!!!

### Ministerial Student Advisory Council – Reid Ogden

Congratulations to Reid Ogden, one of sixteen students from state and non-state schools across Queensland to be selected to be a representative of the Ministerial Student Advisory Council. The Honourable Grace Grace MP, Minister for Education, established the Ministerial Student Advisory Council to give Queensland students an opportunity to provide feedback and advice about a range of education matters.

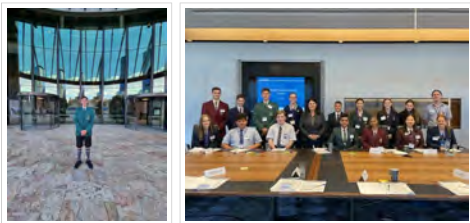
The advisory council provides the opportunity for students across Queensland to share their perspectives on important education matters and the impact of broader issues on learning.

The Ministerial Student Advisory Council:

- provides advice, feedback and shares views on critical and emerging issues for Queensland school students
- considers expert presentations and provides advice on implications for Queensland students
- provides suggestions on current strategies and possible future actions to address emerging issues

- provides student views on current and future policy and practice.

This is an amazing opportunity for Reid, not only to proudly represent the students of Proserpine State High School, but also to advocate for all secondary students from Queensland. Well done and we look forward to seeing the reflections and vision for the future created by the group when they meet again in October.



### Cultural & Diversity Week - Bringing People Together

Congratulations to our student leaders of the Student Cultural Committee for their vision and dedication in facilitating the first Cultural and Diversity Week at Proserpine State High School. The theme of "Bringing People Together" is such a powerful mindset for our young people. I'm extremely proud of our students for their vision, promoting empathy, care and understanding of others. They are certainly the emerging leaders of our community.

Thank you once again to the Student Cultural Committee student leaders and Mr Leschke for coordinating such a meaningful activity for our school community.

### This month on SchoolTV - The State of Youth Mental Health

Parents and carers can play a crucial role in their children's mental health. As a result, staying informed on the current state of youth mental health is vital, as it not only affects individuals, but also families and communities. According to recent research, the frequency of mental health disorders among young people is increasing, with anxiety, depression, and self-harm being among the most common challenges.

One of the reasons being attributed to this rise is the heightened stress and anxiety that many young people face in today's society. Academic success, social media, and family issues are all influencing factors. Many young people are still suffering the long-term consequences of the pandemic, such as social isolation, uncertainty, and loss.

Parents can play an important role in their children's mental health. Creating a safe and open environment for your children to talk about their emotions, thoughts, and feelings is vital. Encouraging healthy habits like regular exercise, a balanced diet, and proper sleep can help reduce their stress levels and boost your child's overall mental health. There are also many resources and services available to children, adolescents, and their families, such as school counsellors, various mental health organisations, support lines, and of course, mental health professionals. It is important to remember that seeking help is a show of strength, not weakness, and that early intervention is critical in addressing young people's mental health difficulties.

This edition of SchoolTV, discusses some of the major mental health issues affecting young people and how to support a

child experiencing them. We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this month's edition, and we always welcome your feedback.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to this month's edition

<https://proserpineshs.eq.schooltv.me/newsletter/state-youth-mental-health>

### Queensland Schools Cup Volleyball Competition

Wishing our three Year 9 & 10 Intermediate Volleyball Teams all the best as they travel to the Queensland Schools Cup Volleyball Competition on the Gold Coast on Thursday.

Good luck!



### What's Coming Up!

Year 11 Hospitality

Australia's  
Biggest  
Morning  
Tea

A box of  
mixed sweet  
and savoury  
treats

\$6 per box

Cash and Card options available

All proceeds go to Cancer Council

Near K Block Kitchens  
Wednesday 24th May and  
Thursday 25th May  
2nd Lunch

### Spirit Week

In Week 8 of Term 2, Proserpine State High School student committees will host Spirit Week. There are numerous activities that all students can participate in throughout the week. We will finish the week with the almighty Care Carnival - **The Best Day of the Year!** Please note, Monday through to Thursday are normal timetabled classes and students are expected to be prepared for, and attend, each subject lesson. On Care Carnival day, students will not have timetabled classes. Instead, they participate in a range of competitions with their Care Group. Students can wear their House colours, ensuring that clothing meets the sun safe guidelines. There will be a sausage sizzle and the canteen will run as per normal. Further details will be posted on school Facebook page and SZ App.



Looking forward to a wonderful week celebrating the spirit of Proserpine State High School.

## House Cup Update Term 2

This week at Proserpine State High School, we celebrated a House Cup update for Term 2. Congratulations to Oxley for currently winning the House Cup Term 2, so far. Although they didn't come first in any of the events, they consistently scored high and this resulted in winning by 1 point. I'd also like to celebrate the following houses who won highest in these areas,

- Kennedy for Academic points
- Kennedy for Attendance points
- Flinders for Fun Run Overall Winner
- Cook for ANZAC Day Community representation

Do not fear, there are various opportunities to earn points for your House in the remainder of Term 2. In Week 8, we celebrate the positive spirit of Proserpine State High School by holding Spirit Week. The student committees have organised various events for each day and we finish the celebration with Care Carnival on Friday.

In Week 10, the Student Council committee will hold a kinder day. An opportunity to raise awareness and funds for the kinder foundation. There will also be a Care Group activity so that students can earn House Cup points for their House.

Attendance points for House Cup are updated at the end of term so the easiest way to earn points for your House is to be here, all day, every day.



*Elizabeth*  
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## 20% Discount on Group Photos available until 3/06/2023

Dear Parents,

These groups were photographed on 9/02/2023, 10/02/2023 and 3/03/2023:

- School Captains
- School Captains (with Principal)

- Indigenous Student Leader
- Senior Student Council
- Junior Student Council
- Band Captains
- Cook House Captains and Vice Captains
- Flinders House Captains and Vice Captains
- Kennedy House Captains and Vice Captains
- Oxley House Captains and Vice Captains

You can now view and purchase the group images listed above and if you place your order before 3/06/2023 you will get a 20% early order discount. Just click on the link below. Please note the discount will be automatically applied at checkout.

<https://www.advancedimage.com.au/PublicPortal/BrowseGroups.aspx?nbnhmHqqedBLpT9XhWQcFQ==>

Images can also be viewed by visiting [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) entering the code: 424 BKG WZV and clicking on "Group Photos"

### Important

- Group photos can only be purchased online, **PLEASE DO NOT** return payment to your school
- Photos will be returned to your school for distribution approximately six weeks after the discounted early order period has closed
- Past years' groups are also available at your school's *advancedorder* and your child's *advancedyou* photo sites

## Student Achievements

### Rhys Williams-Allen

Proserpine State High School Year 9 student, Rhys Williams-Allen, recently attended the Queensland All-Schools Weightlifting Competition in Burleigh.

Although this was his first time competing, Rhys came out strong. Lifting more than he initially hoped and successfully lifting 6/6 lifts.

This placed him with a gold medal in his weight category for U15's and also a Bronze in the open category.

Congratulations Rhys on this impressive achievement.





## CSIRO National Artificial Intelligence Centre

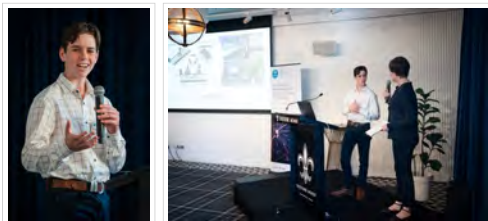
Being a keynote speaker at CSIRO's National AI Centre in Sydney was an incredible opportunity to share my insights both as an AI researcher, and also as a young person growing up in a world becoming increasingly reliant on artificial intelligence.

The purpose of the event was to develop a governing body for the responsible development of artificial intelligence in Australia. As young people, ultimately the choices made at events like these affect us, so it was phenomenal to represent the Australian youth and shed light on young people's perspectives around AI.

I was able to raise points on the importance of diversity in AI development, and how it can help to create more inclusive and equitable technologies. Coming from a rural background, I was also able to speak to the unique challenges that young people in regional areas face when it comes to accessing technology and education.

Along with the presentation, I was privileged to make a number of tremendous contacts with Australian businesses and research industries and am looking forward to partaking in internships with some of the amazing people I met at this event.

Overall, being a keynote speaker at CSIRO's National AI Centre was an unforgettable experience, and I am so grateful for the opportunity to have been able to act as a voice for young people on such an important topic.



Sam Rogers Yr12

## Student Voice

## Student Forum

The Student Forum was very interesting. Students from all grades were there, varying from senior leaders to Junior leaders. 2023's Term 1 Student Forum had some important topics to talk about such as student engagement. "How do we, the school, encourage students to come to school events like Care Carnival or Swimming Carnival?". There were many types of well-thought out solutions shared across the other students such as chill out areas or house points for the attendance of the event. After listing many ideas, the next topic was student uniform. According to the students, most uniform complaints were mainly the formal uniform. Once everyone had shared their changes to the uniform, it was time for Morning Tea break. When everyone came back, the next topic was about vaping. "How do we prevent vapes from being used by students?" and many unique ideas were revealed. Modes of communication was the next topic. "How can the Student Council communicate with others?". Ideas such as a Student Council section in the newsletter and communicating with students about problems that students are having were discussed. Lastly school expectations were discussed. In the end, this student forum was the most interesting forum that has been hosted.

*Matthew Mendoza (Yr 9)*

On the last day of Term 1, we had our first Student Forum for 2023. On this day, we had students from all year levels come together to participate in activities relating to specific topics chosen by our school captains and senior student council. These topics were chosen to get information from all years to see how we can better our school. We would start off working alongside our peers at our tables and hearing everyone's opinions and writing them down, even if they were different to our own. With each activity we got a chance to share our best idea with all of the students and staff members. Everyone who attended had a fabulous time listening to the amazing ideas every student had. On behalf of all of the students we want to thank the staff who made this day happen, we thank them for giving up their time to help us make our school a better place for all.

*Georgia Butler (Yr 12)*



## Junior Secondary News

### Behaviour and Effort Awards

Award	Criteria	Presented
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Gold	On your report card, you received 100% <b>Excellent</b> for both behaviour and effort	Award presented on <b>whole school assembly</b>
Silver	On your report card, you received a maximum of <b>TWO Very Good</b> with the rest <b>Excellent</b> for both behaviour and effort	Award presented on <b>junior school assembly</b>
Bronze	On your report card, you received <b>any combination</b> of both <b>Excellent</b> and <b>Very Good</b> for both behaviour and effort	Award presented on <b>year level assembly</b>

Stuchbree, Summer Taylor, Eloise Venter, Zahra Venter, Derek Ward, Josephine Watson, Dihansa Wijethunga, Ebony Williams, Ella Williams and Daphne Wood.

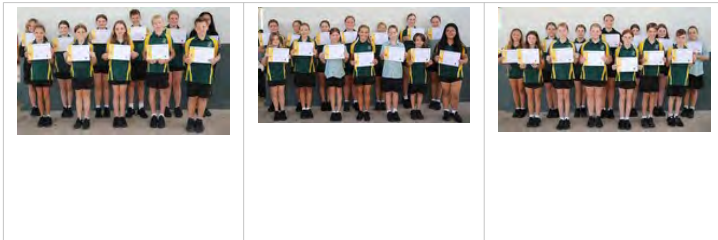
### Year 9



Aisling Barrett, Erin Belbin, Avalon Black-Stone, Beau Bolam, Isaiah Chilton, Sam Fogg, Callum Green, Mitsuki Jaremus, Lara Lipsey, Jordyne McVeigh, Matthew Mendoza, Thomas Micallef, Danni Muller, Lucas O'Toole, Ellie Parker, Taylee Smith, Alexandra Watts, Noah Conyers and Bon Withyman.

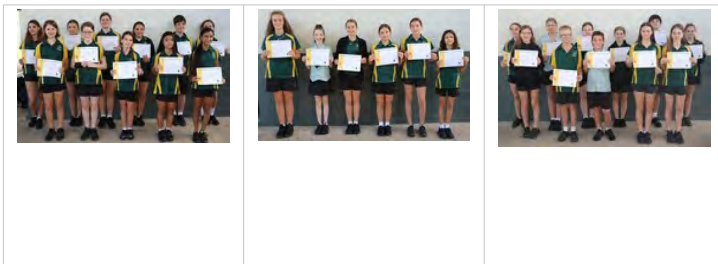
### Gold Awardees

#### Year 7



Savanna Allan, Brendan Anderson, Emma Benson, Nahla Bullen, Gabrielle Conti, Charlie Cooper, Kaitlyn Crisp, Ellie-Rose Davies, Tora Delac, Connor Fitzpatrick, Brayden Fogg, Shiloh Goldby, Ella Gosney, Maddy Hill, Shelby Hoad, Ben Hope, Emily Horsford, Ellie King, Teia Lamont, Faith Lawn, Mia Linneweber, Kobi McGregor, Taylor Mitchell, Alexis Mitchell-Baines, Gabbi Paddle, Sienna Pennisi, Nicholas Philipson, Sakira Pini, Hudson Price, Bree Rhode, Tia Rogers, Katana Savill, Tyrone Sellings, Lillian Shields, Hannah Standerwick, Ruby-Lou Sugrue, Luke Sunter, Charlotte Tatterson, Addison Whitney and Buggy Williamson.

#### Year 8



Sophie Adams, Layla Bibby, Mia Chatfield, Abby Coghlan, Lexi Di Benedetto, Carys Ferguson, Tyler Gardiner, Josie Glindemann, Millie Groom, Mickyle Harmer, Ruby Henry, Chelsea Hetherington, Chloe Kaddatz, Meliha Lambie, Riley Lloyd, William Matsen, Rivera Milliken, Elle Osman, Cooper Parry, Cate Pascoe, Alessa Penglase-Fortunato, Max Pomeroy, Shylah Read, Isabelle Ryan, Chase Savor, Alexa

### Silver Awardees

#### Year 7



Bellarose Black-Stone, Danny Bronfentrinker, Alex Connell, Evie Cook, Sebastian Draper, Ava Faletti, Olivia Fisher, Chelsea Friederichs, Airlie Frisch, Alex Furlong, Maddison Gardiner, Zara Gross-Lyons, Alyssa Haddow, Boston Hammington, Sarah Hart, Lanie Hazeltine, Georgia Holmes, Eli Jaremus, Jado Jaremus, Ella Kelly, Savanah Kelly, Noah Latorre, Jace Lipsey, Kayden Locke, Tanika Lulham, Phoenix McCormack, Meg McKeon, Dwayne Mount, Regina Murray, Sahara Nicholson, Jasper O'Neill, Jai Patrick, Taylor Peck, Elyse Peterson, Charlie Poulet-Young, Mayson Powell, Seth Reynolds, Nickolas Seggie, Anika Shields, Zavier Sievers, Zavier Simpson, Nara Suckling, Charlotte Trevaskis, Hayden Turnbull, Demi Warby, Scarlett Warnock, Cody Watson, Maddie Watson, Summer Westley, Nate-Lee Wilson and Tahlia Wilson.

#### Year 8



Charlotte Blair, Sabine Butler, Mackenzie Cantamessa, Sarah Chilton, Josephine Connell, Pania Corowa, Jorja Easton, Siarra Gilroy, Brina Kelly, Maddie Leadbeatter, Lily Maher, Max McNally, Dylan Reynolds, Lily Rodgers, Amber Scullen, Riley Snow, Sienna Wells, Tiffany Wright and Charli Young.



## Year 9



Daniel Addis, Gabby Beach, Abbey Benson, Matilda Braney, Natalie Cooper, Kiami Crane, Maddie Davie, Jai Dennison, Jayla Glindemann, Hayley Matthews, Alexander Muller, Donny Pettiford, Freddie Radford, Maddi Raymant, Tiare Saalfeld, Breanna Cairncross, Marcus Thomas and Tomas Young.

### Bronze Awardees

## Year 7

Kirby Alcantara, May May Brimble-Jacobi, Skye Brodhurst, Nate Brown-Jones, Maxim Cavanough, Brock Childs, Tully Clifton, Harley Coles, Zac Courtie, Amber Crisp, Darcy Dawson, Oliver Dibben, Remy Diessel, Charlie Doherty, Ruby Duff, Jorja Finch, Lucy Fleming, Isaac Fraser, Sophie Geissmann, Maisie Goswell, Georgie Graham, Ted Griffiths, Sarah Hart, Lili Henry, Bryson Henshaw, Isabel Huber, William Jeffery, Kiara Johnston, Lizzie Johnston, Kaylen Jones, Coby Kay, Lawton Kelly, Jasper Kissier, Summer Liebeck, Abiageal Maher, Aidan Marshall, Hayden McDonald, Bailey McIntosh, Troy Micallef, Michelle Patullo, Hailey Poid, Jay Schultz, Bella Scott, Nyah Shore, Nina Singleton, Ella Smith, Maggie Squires, Reeve Stacpoole, Misha Stove, James Swinbourne, Ti Swingler, Seth Thaggard, Sasha Thornton, Ryan Tovey and Eli Wallis.

## Year 8

Emilia Adam, Corey Baker-Finch, Isabelle Blackwell, Maali Bradley, Katarna Bunk, Mia Chapman, Zayli Clifton, Chase Ellem, Jack Foti, Peppa Geisel, Ebony Gould, Addison Harch, Finley Hepburn, Shaun Kelly, Ryan Kercher, Olivia Keville, Casey Klaassen, William Logan, Ava MacIntyre, Jasmine Mackenzie, Kobe Manley, William Marshall, Mia Matthews, Riley McAlister, Jasmyn Patullo, Serenity Pini, Ryan Porter, Samantha Rogers, Lily Smith, Cohen Springbett, Cameron Storey, Toby Tansley, Lauren Wark, Saxon Weeks, Jake Werner, Maya Whitton and Archie Yuskan.

## Year 9

Saxon Angel, Emma Brennan, Ruby Butler, Corban Colling, Lucas Dunk, Jorja Fitzpatrick, Joshua Geisler, Jacey Geraghty, Sienna Gilbert, Chloe Good, Reagan Hartley, Abbie Hausler, Alexis Keyte, Joshua King, Phoenix LaMonica, Tyler Hicks, Maveriux Matthews, Georgia Mayne, Anzel Muller, Ethan Papas, Harrison Paroz, Chloe Stoneham, Wiremu Tairaki, Ruby Tarver, Amber Taylor, David Teale, Dyllan Towers, Dash Turner, Eve Wallis, Rhiley Watkins and Tiarne Watson.



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## YEAR 7 ASSESSMENT CHANGE

Please be advised of the following amended Year 7 Unit 2 English assessment due dates:

- Literary Memoir 1 – Formative Assessment – due Week 6 Term 2
- Literary Memoir 2 – Summative Assessment – due Week 9 Term 2



*Corinne*

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## Cultural & Diversity Week

In Week 5, we held a range of activities for Cultural and Diversity Week. This event was a celebration of the many different cultures and traditions that make our school community so special.

Our theme this year was "Bringing People Together." This theme was chosen to highlight the importance of unity and inclusion in our school and our broader society. We believe that by embracing our differences and learning from each other, we can build stronger relationships and create a more peaceful and harmonious world.

Throughout the week, we held a range of activities and events that showcase different cultures and traditions such as; Just Dance & sporting competitions, classroom cultural activities, and a range of practical activities inspired by Japanese, First Nations & Islander Cultures. Our goal was to provide a space for students to learn about and appreciate cultures that may be different from their own, and to encourage a sense of curiosity and empathy towards others.

I would like to extend a special thank you to the Student Cultural Committee who has worked tirelessly to make this event possible. Their dedication and hard work are truly inspiring. Appreciation to our Student Leaders who also assisted with the running of the daily activities.



We would like to give a special thank you to Woolworths for providing fruit to our students for Cultural and Diversity Week activities.



*Daniel*  
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 Deputy Principal  
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## Faculty News

### LOTE - Japanese

Japanese students from our sister school, Asaka Nishi High School are visiting us from Saturday, 22 July to Tuesday, 1 August 2023. This is their first visit since the Covid-19 pandemic.

An important aspect of the exchange is the billeting of students out to school families. This increases student interactions and experience of each other's cultures.

As the responsible guardian for the student while they are in the Whitsundays, it is expected that the host family will provide all meals for the duration unless otherwise specified. Students will need transport to some organised activities and school each day (students can travel on the school bus with students).

As part of the experience in Australia we organise a number of activities for the students, for example, Ocean Rafting, Bredl's Wild Farm, Aboriginal Cultural Day etc. The host students are more than welcome to join the Japanese students on these activities, subject to space and they will need to pay for specific activities where required.

A registration form can be collected from the school office or from Kara Olver at [kjolv0@eq.edu.au](mailto:kjolv0@eq.edu.au)

Thank you!



*Kara*  
**Ms Kara Olver**  
 LOTE Teacher  
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### Agriculture

What could be more rewarding than being able to breath in the fresh air and feel the sunshine on our backs? Well in addition to these added bonuses to Agricultural Studies, one can learn and develop lifelong skills whilst further developing the knowledge and understanding of a diversity of agricultural areas.

It is an exciting time for the development of the agricultural industry and associated industries. There is so much more to, "Agriculture", as it encompasses much more than the art and science of cultivating the soil, growing crops and raising livestock. Not only does it include the preparation of plant and animal products for people to use and their distribution to markets, agriculture involves problem solving or creativity involvement, liaising with producers in the industry, development of new technologies, engineering and more broadly the agriculture industry continues to develop advances in food science, technology, product research analysts and marketing, just to name a few. Agriculture isn't a one-dimensional subject nor is it an industry that has reached it peak of advanced technology development and engineering. The Agricultural Industry is an inclusive collaboration of numerous and unlimited industries.

Our classes include livestock observation and handling (super cute baby lambs), hand raising poultry from the incubation process to fluff ball chicken and ducklings, learning about Agri-food production, nursery and seedling propagation, on farm and paddock to the plate, Aquaponics, Hydroponics, Work Safe Practices, maintenance in the workplace, collective learning with teachers and students, excursions to established facilities and leading industry businesses including Tassels Prawn Farm, Bowen Seedlings, Bowen Produce Producers and Camm's Brahmans to allow industry inclusion. Contributing to the grass roots of formative learning, our agricultural certifications are just a seed for the next generation to grow from, develop, and establish confidence, upskill and ultimately allow an insight into the agricultural industry and plant a seed for future involvement.



*Chris*  
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## Senior Schooling News

### Senior Leaders

Monday, 22 May 2023 we presented leadership badges to our newest senior leaders. These students have completed workshops and undergone a formal application and interview process. These students will participate in the committees that organise so many of the great initiatives driven by students around the school.

In term 3 from the pool of senior leaders in Grade 11, we will select the 2024 School Captains, House Captains and Student Councils leaders. Students in Years 10 & 11 can apply now

at N Block Staffroom to be considered for the next round of workshops and interviews.



Scott

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## Industry News

### Work Experience

Work Experience is important for both Tertiary (Uni/TAFE) and Employment pathways!!

Here are some work experience opportunities available but we will assist you to find something that suits your future path!

- Mechanical Fabrication (Mackay Location) (from Year 10) & Engineering/Drafting (Yr 11/12)
- Opportunities in trades inc. Engineering, Electrical, Fitting & Turning, Health & Safety, Human Resources – (usually a 4 day placement in school holidays – amazing experience for anyone thinking of the Mining & Coal industry in the future) They also take university placements - great way to make a connection for your future self!
- Defence Force - new opportunities just released.
- Wilmar – Proserpine Mill – Applications open for Sept Holidays
- Whitsunday Regional Council

### Apprenticeships/Traineeships

If you are looking for a particular trade, come and let us know!

- Apprentice Mechanics -Opportunities in Bowen & Proserpine – Closing 30th May
- Apprentice Carpenter – Must have Drivers Licence & Transport – It is a physical job – so you will need to be fit and ready for work!
- 2024 Abbot Point – Applications are open! Electrical/ Fitting & Turning – closing 31st May
- 2024 Glencore Mining - Apprenticeships- Applications open

- Fixed Plant Maintenance Traineeships & Apprenticeship (Mackay Based) - MUST be 18 by Sept/Oct 2023
- Australian Taxation Office – (ATO) School Leaver Program – Year 12 students- Great opportunity to complete a Cert III <https://www.ato.gov.au/About-ATO/Careers/Entry-level-programs/The-ATO-School-Leaver-Program/>

### Save the Date

- Ergon Energy – 2024 Apprentice Information Sessions Fri 26 May 12- 1pm - Please register your interest in B4
- Komatsu – Apprenticeships 2024 open July register your interest in June & start sourcing what you need to apply! <https://www.komatsu.com.au/careers/apprentice-program>
- Thiess – Apprenticeships 2024 openings Aug – Dec <https://thiess.com/careers/graduates-and-students/apprentices>
- Key Group Solutions (Mackay Based) – Apprenticeships – opening early Aug

### School-based Traineeships

- IGA Proserpine - Peries
- Hungry Jacks – Cannonvale - Cert III in Hospitality

### Casual/Part-time Employment

- Little Vegas Burger & Bar – Front of house Friday & Sat nights
- Prickly Pineapple – Store Juniors, 1or 2 afternoon shifts & 1x 8hr weekend shift
- Yr 11 or 12 student – PRD - Reception Saturdays (9am – 1pm)

### Training

- Barista, RSA & Food Safety Course – limited places available
- Free Digital Training through the Rural and Digital Skills Program - ongoing
- Cert II in Outdoor ED (Scuba)
- Sharps 5 - Standard 11 Generic Induction - 2 days, Work Safely at Heights - 1 day, Confined Space - 1 day - \$\$ Involved

### Career Pathways – Information Sessions

- Ergon Energy – 2024 Apprentice Information Sessions Fri 26 May 12- 1pm - Please register your interest in B4

### Next Step Opportunities

- Whitsunday Law – Full-Time Receptionist -Touch typing essential & customer service preferred.

### GAP YEAR

- Gap Year Navy Maritime Warfare Officer – Applications close 31 May 2023



## Scholarships

- If you are thinking of moving to Brisbane, Sydney or Melbourne to study in 2024 and need accommodation, check out Iglu - Iglu Regional Scholarship

Please visit B4 for more information on the positions available, school based traineeships & apprenticeships, or work experience.



**Bernie**  
**Mrs Bernie Porter**  
**Senior Schooling Officer**  
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## Sports News

### CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

On Friday, 19 May, 13 Proserpine High School students travelled to Collinsville for the annual Whitsunday Cross Country. The day was a great success for Proserpine students being awarded Champion School against Bowen State High, St Catherine's College, Collinsville State High and Whitsunday Christian College. Congratulations to Pepper Geisel and Hayden Milliken for winning Age Champion and for all other students who competed. A special congratulations to Pepper for being awarded the Michelle Duckat Trophy for fastest timed runner over 1km. Finally, we would like to wish those students whose times were successful, the best of luck at North Queensland trials.



### Sports Trials

Well done to all students who travelled to Townsville to compete in the North Queensland trials for rugby union and football.

Congratulations go to Nick Moranino, Nick Philipson and Eli Wallis on their selection in the North Queensland U12's Football team. As well as to Craig Thaggard for his selection in the North Queensland U15's Rugby Union team.

We wish the best of luck to Blake Hanks, Blake Tissington and Phoenix LaMonica all competing at the State AFL Trials this week and to Jamie Henderson travelling to Townsville to attend the State U12's Basketball Trials on Thursday.



**Ben**  
**Mr Ben Smith**  
**Sports Co-ordinator**  
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## Student Support Services Team

### Health Matters

Five signs that your child might be addicted to video games

1. Are they eating and drinking regularly?
2. How much sleep are they getting?
3. How social are they?
4. Are they falling behind in school work?
5. How's their posture?



Go to the below site for more information....

<https://www.childrens.health.qld.gov.au/blog-five-signs-that-your-child-might-be-addicted-to-video-games>

[https://proserpineshs.schoolzineplus.com/\\_file/media/5598/sudsupport\\_healthmatters\\_teens\\_tech\\_and\\_time\\_online\\_webinar\\_info\\_sheet.pdf](https://proserpineshs.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/5598/sudsupport_healthmatters_teens_tech_and_time_online_webinar_info_sheet.pdf)



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### Yarning Circle

#### Proserpine State High School First Nations Community Consultation Meeting

A big thank you, to all our community *Elders* and *First Nations* leaders for attending our community consultation meetings last week. The purpose of the meetings was to discuss how Proserpine State High School can improve the representation and acknowledgement of First Nations' perspectives and culture and how the school can better support its First Nations students. With direction from Proserpine State High School's Principal, Mr Don McDermid, our Elders led positive cultural discussions surrounding how the school could improve student supports and how they could help share their traditional cultural knowledge with our school community.

The school received valuable feedback from both meetings and information is currently being collated to see what actions may be achievable in the short, medium and long term.

The biggest success from the meetings is that connections with our Elders have been re-established, creating the beginning

of a strong community partnership which will benefit our First Nations students. I spoke with *Elder Brian Youse* who said “That was the best meeting I have been to, no arguments just working together to support the kids”.

Good to hear positive outcomes from the community.

### Deadly Choices Program

Our Deadly Choices Program has commenced this term for our Year 7 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. The program runs for 8 weeks but because of our late start, we will condense the sessions from week four to the end of term. I do realise that exams and assessments will affect the attendance but stipulated to the students that they are more important and override any program or excursion. *Chris Viti* and *Tenneale Burns* from the *Mackay Base Unit – Deadly Choices Program* will be supervising the students on making healthy lifestyle choices.

### Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Funding (QATSIF)

*Monday, 15 May 2023* was the official opening of QATSIF Scholarship Round 15 for our senior Indigenous students. We encourage our Year 10 and 11 students to apply for this scholarship which will help students and families financially with educational resources and fees. To be eligible, students need to perform well in their attendance, academic subjects and behaviour towards getting QCE and graduating Year 12. The closing date is *Monday 21 August 2023*.

*See yah when I'm looking at yah!*



*Arthur*

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### Griffith University Indigenous STEM Camp

During the April school holidays, Beau McNicol and Ellie Parker attended the Griffith University Indigenous STEM camp on the Gold Coast. Ellie writes about her experience at camp:-

*“To say that I am thankful for the experience I received while attending the Griffith University Indigenous STEM Camp would be an understatement. The atmosphere was consistently positive, welcoming and intriguing. Due to the Griffith groups’ inclusion, there was never a dull moment, whether it was during the flight or group activities like the giant swing. If I could, I would definitely go back at the drop of a hat to see the university and the incredible people I got to know over my four eventful days there.”*



### Work Experience: Air Force Indigenous Youth Program RAAF Townsville

Applications have opened for the Air Force Indigenous Youth Program RAAF Townsville to be held between 26 September – 28 September 2023. This opportunity is open to students between the ages of 15 – 18 years and applications close 5pm 6 August 2023.

The Air Force Indigenous Youth Program (IYP) is a residential placement that provides young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women with exposure to various skills, trades and life-style experiences in the Royal Australian Air Force. Held at RAAF Base Townsville, accommodation and all meals will be provided. In addition, travel to and from the placement may be funded for successful applicants.

Participants on the IYP will be exposed to various Squadrons and will receive hands-on, engaging experiences showcasing a range of career opportunities available within the Air Force. Participants will engage with serving Air Force personnel as well as with Defence Force Recruiting personnel to discuss pathways to various Royal Australian Air Force Careers.

If you wish to apply, please follow the link below.

<https://defencecareers.nga.net.au/cp/index.cfm?event=jobs.checkJobDetailsNewApplication&returnToEvent=jobs.listJobs&jobid=7BBE64D9-13A2-69A1-897D-D177F3EE8064&CurATC=defenceworkexp&CurBID=EBDFCAA>



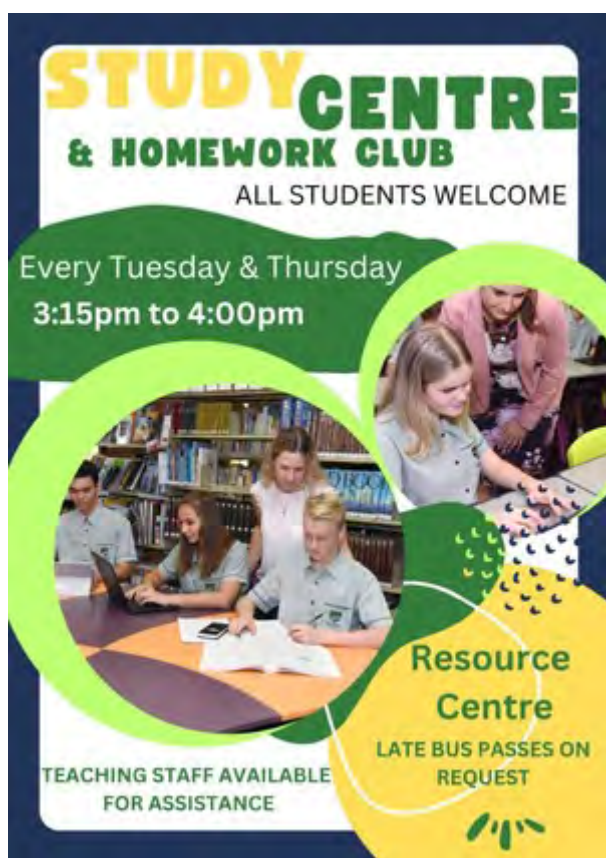
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## 2023 Clubs & Programs



Club	Description	Location	When
Drum Circle	<i>Make some noise and learn group rhythms. Release tension, stress and anxiety and connect with peers. Everyone is welcome.</i>	SAC	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Break
Anime Club	<i>We discuss anime that we are watching, and manga that we are reading. We also do a variety of quizzes and other activities.</i>	C8	Tuesday & Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Break
Lego Club	<i>Come and join in on the fun, designing &amp; building awesome lego creations!</i>	N6	Monday & Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Break
LGBTIQ+	<i>An inclusive place for students to join in on discussions and activities.</i>	SAC	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Break
Homework Club	<i>Come along and brush up on your skills or catch-up on some much-needed study.</i>	LIB	Tuesday & Wednesday After school
Craft Club	<i>Jewellery and beading workshops. Come along and get involved in making and designing your own jewellery and beading.</i>	SAC	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Break
First Nations Club	<i>We learn how to create artworks inspired by the symbols, styles and stories of this enduring Australian art form.</i>	SAC & oval	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> Break
Psych Club	<i>Come along and learn about how humans interact and grow. Psych club explores the facets of the mind and body.</i>	O2	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Break
Seagrass Theatre and Music Company	<i>The students work collaboratively to produce both theatre and musical theatre. The students are involved in all aspects of performance, technical, business, front of house, set building and</i>	PAC	Various times as advised

Club	Description	Location	When
Journalism	<i>Gather, assess, create and present news and information.</i>	D3	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Break
Philosophy	<i>Explore the world in which they live, and their relationships to the world and to each other.</i>	D3	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Break
Breakfast Club	<i>Come along and enjoy a delicious start to the day!</i>	Outside C Block Stairs	Monday & Wednesday before school



Club	Description	Location	When
	<i>construction, stage management, costume and make-up and promotion.</i>		
Musical Singing	<i>Students regularly singing in lunchtimes in readiness for the musical.</i>	PAC	Tuesday & Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Break
STEM Club	<i>Small STEM challenges that involve theory, design, building and testing.</i>	O8	Monday & Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Break
Sport	<i>Mixture of volleyball, futsal and more. See below for timetable.</i>	Hall	Refer to below timetable

## MADEC

**YESS**  
YOUTH EMPOWERMENT  
& SUPPORT SERVICE

The Youth Empowerment and Support Service (YESS) is a free, voluntary support service for young people aged between 8 - 21 who are located within the Mackay and Whitsunday Regions (including Sarina, Pioneer Valley, Bowen and Collinsville).

We connect with organisations and services to provide up-to-date information and referral pathways for young people.

We provide collaborative case management services focused on achieving positive outcomes for young people.

**We support and mentor young people to:**

- Access professional services
- Focus on wellbeing
- Achieve personal goals
- Develop life skills
- Transition to high school or adulthood
- Engage in education and/or employment
- Connect to community and engage in other forms of recreational activities
- Access housing and Centrelink

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 <sup>st</sup> Break	Volleyball Grade 7	Volleyball Grade 7	Volleyball Grade 7		Basketball All Grades
2 <sup>nd</sup> Break	Volleyball Bottom: 7s Middle: 8, 9s Top: Seniors	Futsal All Grades	Volleyball Bottom: 7s Middle: 8, 9s Top: Seniors	Netball All Grades	Volleyball Bottom: 7s Middle: 8, 9s Top: Seniors

## Community News

Proserpine Youth Space

Whitsunday Cruisin' Car Club