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28th April 2026

Date Claimers

Week 2

Wednesday 29th April - Student Leadership Interviews, White Card Course, Bond University Extension Program

Thursday 30th April - Year 10 Early Childhood Studies Kindy Visits, Student Leadership Interviews

Friday 1st May - House Hustle, Student Leadership Interviews

Week 3

Monday 4th May - Labour Day Public Holiday,

Tuesday 5th May - Year 7 Deadly Choices, Year 9 Civis & Citizenship Excursion, Year 11 Health Incursion, Parent Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 6th May - Cross Country, Year 6 into Year 7 Primary School Visit, Year 9 & 10 Mackay Engineering & STEM Challenge, Interschool Rugby League Competition Finals

Thursday 7th May - Vicki Wilson Netball Cup

Week 4

Tuesday 12th May - Year 7 Deadly Choices, Whitsunday Cross Country Trials, Year 11 & 12 Chemistry Titration Competition, Year 6 into Year 7 Parent/Carer Information Evening #1, Newsletter #7 out,

Wednesday 13th May - Senior School Parade, Year 7-10 Big Science Competition, Year 10 Legal Excursion, North Queensland Rugby Union Trials, Apprenticeship/Traineeship Evening

Thursday 14th May - Year 12 Aquatics Dam Excursion, Year 10 Early Childhood Studies Kindy Visits, Year 11 & 12 Senior Information Evening

Friday 15th May - QMEA Resourceful Robots Incursion, Year 12 Aquatics Dam Excursion

Principal Perspective

Welcome back to Term 2 to all students and families. A special welcome is extended to those who have joined our school community this term. We look forward to continuing our work together to support every student to reach their full potential across both academic and extra-curricular pathways.

ANZAC Day Commemoration

ANZAC day continues to be an important date in our nation's history. It is a day to reflect on the significance and meaning to the community and nation as a whole. The day allows pause to commemorate the courage and sacrifice displayed by the Australian and New Zealand Soldiers during the Gallipoli Campaign and to all those men and women who have served their country in times of conflict.

At school, we conducted our own ANZAC Day ceremony. This service provided our students with the opportunity to remember and pay their respects to those who have served and continue to serve the nation.

We were particularly fortunate to have, Captain Jack Kearns, a past student of Proserpine State High School, as the guest speaker, at the school service. Jack spoke about his journey as a serving member of the armed forces. He spoke about his commitment to serve the community and the country and his dedication to this goal. It was wonderful to have Jack return

to Proserpine State High School and address students on this special occasion.



I would also like to extend thanks and appreciation to the other distinguished guests who attended the school service – Members of the Proserpine RSL, Whitsunday Regional Council, Representative of Amanda Camm (MP), Proserpine Uniting Church, Queensland Police Service, Queensland Fire Service and Queensland Ambulance Service.

I would further like to recognise student contributions to the service. In particular those students from the Australian Air Force Cadets, 110th Squadron, who formed the catafalque and official march party.



My gratitude extends further to all students who made this occasion special through their contributions, whether through leadership roles- the keynote address delivered by Tiarne Watson, performance by the school band or the national anthems sung beautifully by senior students, Daphne Woods and Wiremu Tairaki.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge and express great pride in the exemplary manner in which our students conducted themselves during the school ceremony, as well as their respectful participation in ANZAC Day services across the district.



Attendance Matters

Parents will have received communication from me regarding the importance of regular attendance at school. The expectation is that every student attend school **every day**, for **every lesson**, unless there is a valid and reasonable excuse. Proserpine State High School has set an attendance benchmark of **95% or above** for all students.

Parents and caregivers are asked to refer to the Parent Guide attached to that communication, which outlines school attendance processes, how to explain absences, and the steps families should take if their child is unable to attend school. Families are encouraged to contact the school early if there

are barriers affecting attendance so support can be provided before concerns increase.

We ask all families to reinforce the importance of attendance with their child. Being at school every day gives students the best chance to learn, succeed and fully participate in the opportunities available at Proserpine State High School.

Last week, at whole school parade, we were able to recognise and acknowledge those students who achieved 100% Attendance in Term One. We further acknowledged all students who achieved the 95% and above attendance benchmark for Term One with a BBQ last Thursday.

Reporting and Parent Engagement

Term 1 report cards were emailed to families on Friday. I would urge all parents and carers to take the opportunity to review these reports and engage in conversations with your child about their results. At this week's parade, I have challenged students to reflect on their results to celebrate an area where they have achieved a positive result and also to find an area that they will target for improvement.

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 5 May 2026 in the Multi-Purpose Hall. These interviews are a valuable opportunity to strengthen the partnership between home and school and to support student success. Bookings can be made via SOBS using the link provided. I strongly encourage all families to attend.

<https://eq.sobs.com.au/pt3/parent.php?schoolid=70329>

Japan Cultural Trip

Last Friday, we had the pleasure of welcoming back students and staff who attended the Japan Cultural Trip. By all reports, a fantastic time was had by all who attended. This trip represents a important opportunity to continue to strengthen the relationship with our sister school, Asaka Nishi High School. It also represents an opportunity for our students to immerse themselves in another culture experiencing the country's history, traditions and lifestyle.

I would like to acknowledge Mr Sam Wilson for organising the tour and Mrs Peterina Dinnie and Mr Tom Lee for their attendance.



Year 12 Bond University Extension Program

This week eight Year 12 students will participate in the Bond University Extension Program. This program provides an excellent opportunity for those students to immerse themselves in Bond University, Business and Legal Program, and University life in general.

I thank Mrs Brigette Foot for organising and accompanying these students

2026 Sydney Arts Cultural Tour

On Wednesday, a number of students from years 10, 11 and 12 will depart for Sydney to take part in the 2026 Arts Cultural Tour. By all reports, it will be a jam-packed few days with students having the opportunity to participate in workshops/tutorials with the Sydney Dance Company, Sydney Conservatorium, and the Art Gallery of NSW. Students will also have the opportunity to visit a number of iconic Australian locations.

Our appreciation goes to Ms Ameilia Hinschen, Mrs Jenny Napier and Mr Finn Williams for making this experience possible for our students.

Fergus Builders Trade Tour

Last Wednesday, a number of our students toured the site of the new Harvey Norman shop at Cannonvale as part of the Fergus Trade Tour. This tour provided students with the opportunity to gain real world experience and understanding of the different trades that contribute to the construction of this facility.

I would like to acknowledge Fergus Builders, and in particular, Mr Adam Wright, for organising this tour and for giving his time to provide his insights into construction trades.

These students are fortunate that in the near future they will have the opportunity to again visit on site to learn about the other occupations related to the construction industry. During this visit students will have the opportunity to hear from the national representative from Harvey Norman.

Thanks to Mr Nick Kapitz, Mrs Bernie Porter and Mrs Shelley Simpson for their participation in this activity

Year 6 into Year 7 Parent Information Evening

Our school invites all families with children starting high school in 2027 to attend our Year 6 into Year 7 Parent Information Enrolment Evening on Tuesday 12th May 2026. Tours of the school will commence at 5:00pm from the main entrance on Ruge Street. At 6:00pm, families will then join staff for an information session in the Performing Arts Centre. I look forward to welcoming and meeting our 2027 families on this evening.



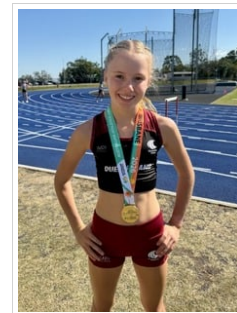
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Student Achievements

Shailee Crowned National Champion

Congratulations to Shailee on her outstanding performance at the Australian Athletics National Junior Championships in Brisbane, where she proudly represented Queensland in the Under 15 division.



Shailee delivered a sensational run in the 2000m steeplechase on Friday night, taking out first place and earning the title of Australian Champion. She recorded a remarkable personal best time of 7:07.63—an incredible improvement of 17 seconds.

Backing up the very next day, Shailee competed in the highly competitive 1500m event against 21 of the nation's fastest young athletes. She finished a strong 13th, just seconds shy of another personal best.

On Monday, she lined up again in the 3000m, facing a field of 27 competitors from across Australia. Shailee placed 10th, gaining valuable experience competing at the highest level.

This is a fantastic achievement, and we are incredibly proud of Shailee's dedication, perseverance, and success on the national stage.



From Our Heads of Department

Celebrating Positive Behaviour and Effort

We are pleased to inform parents and carers that our Year 7–9 Behaviour and Effort Awards will be presented during Week 5.

These awards recognise students who consistently demonstrate positive behaviour, strong effort, and a commitment to our school values in both their learning and interactions with others. Celebrating these achievements reinforces the importance of perseverance, responsibility, and respect across our school community.

Award presentations will take place as follows:

- **Gold Behaviour and Effort Awards** – presented at the whole school parade on Monday, 18 May

- **Silver Behaviour and Effort Awards** – presented at the Junior Secondary parade on Wednesday, 20 May
- **Bronze Behaviour and Effort Awards** – presented in Care Groups throughout the week

Students will be able to check award lists displayed in their eating areas.

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting and encouraging positive behaviour and effort at school. We look forward to celebrating our students' achievements together in Week 5.

For any queries, please contact Cathy Muller via email at cmull142@eq.edu.au or phone 07 4945 0111.



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These experiences continue to strengthen students' understanding of the justice system and inspire future pathways in law and community service.



Outside Our Classrooms

Leos Club in Action Camp Adventures and ANZAC Day Service

The Leos Club has had a very busy and rewarding few weeks, beginning with their latest adventure at a regional Leos Camp and continuing with their involvement in local ANZAC Day ceremonies.



This year marked the first time our Leos Club has participated in the regional camp, joining with the Whitsunday Leo Club and the Rollingstone Leo Club in Townsville from 7–9 April. The camp was filled with fun, laughter, and meaningful experiences, with many new friendships formed along the way. It was such a success that our students have already secured their places for next year.

Harper Kirkman, one of our newest Year 7 Leos members, has shared her reflections on the experience:

“Over the three days, we enjoyed informative talks, campfire games, water balloon fights, made new friends and won lots of prizes. My favourite parts were the scavenger hunts, playing games around the campfire, and listening to a talk from an army veteran. I’m really looking forward to going back next year.”



We are proud of our Leos for their enthusiasm, community spirit, and willingness to get involved in both service and leadership opportunities.

Celebrating Outstanding Attendance

Students who achieved 95% attendance in Term 1 were recognised and celebrated at a special BBQ held on Thursday, 23 April. The event acknowledged their commitment to learning

From Our Classrooms

Legal Studies students are on the case!

Legal Studies students have been busy bringing the courtroom to life, developing their skills through hands-on and engaging learning experiences.

Our Year 10 Legal Studies classes recently put their knowledge into action by conducting their own criminal mock trials. Students fully embraced their roles by dressing the part, preparing case briefs, and confidently presenting in the courtroom. From examining witnesses to presenting evidence and delivering persuasive arguments, they experienced the pressure, precision, and professionalism required in real legal practice.



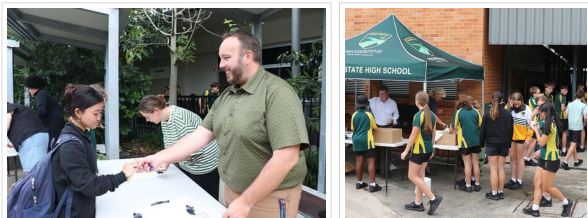
Adding to these authentic learning opportunities, our Year 11 Legal Studies students welcomed our Adopt-A-Cop, Joshua Gibbons, for an insightful and thought-provoking session. He explored important topics including knife crime, war crimes, and youth crime, while addressing students' questions about weapons offences and issues affecting the local community.

Students also had the opportunity to view police equipment up close, gaining a practical understanding of the tools used in the field. By sharing real-life experiences from his work, Officer Gibbons provided a valuable and honest insight into the responsibilities and challenges of policing.

and their consistent effort in attending school throughout the term.

Reaching this milestone reflects a strong sense of responsibility and dedication, and it plays an important role in supporting both academic success and a positive school culture.

Congratulations to all students who achieved this outstanding level of attendance—your commitment and effort are commendable, and you are making a valuable contribution to our school community.



We wish Harry, Oliver and Connor the very best as they prepare for upcoming State Championships in June.

Sports News

Lace Up for the Fun Run!

Get ready to hit the ground running at the Proserpine State High School Fun Run, taking place in Period 1 on Wednesday, 6 May. The event will begin with a whole school parade in the Hall before students compete in their age groups.



All students are encouraged to participate and should wear their sport shirt on the day. Every participant will earn a point for their efforts, with additional points awarded to the top 10 finishers in each age group. Students who complete the course in under 30 minutes will also receive a certificate in recognition of their achievement.

It's a great opportunity to get active, show house spirit, and be part of a fun whole-school event—don't miss it!

Students Shine with North Queensland AFL Selection

Congratulations to Harry Thomas, Oliver Ludbrook and Connor Fitzpatrick on their outstanding achievement in being selected to represent North Queensland in School AFL.

Harry has been chosen in the 10–12 years division, while Oliver and Connor have both earned selection in the highly competitive 15–17 years team. Their selection is a testament to their skill, commitment and hard work on the field.

To be chosen at this level is a significant accomplishment, with students competing against talented players from across the region. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and the way they represent both our school and community.

Industry Events & News

Upcoming Industry Events

Apprenticeship Readiness Evening

Students and families are invited to register for our 2026 Apprenticeship Readiness Evening at Proserpine State High School.

Date: Wednesday 13 May 2026

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Multi-purpose Hall

Register here:

This event provides a valuable opportunity to gain insight into what employers are looking for in apprentices, how to best position yourself for opportunities, and to connect directly with industry representatives. Students will also hear from current apprentices about their experiences, including both successes and challenges, as well as information from MAS National regarding supports and incentives available.

Careers Expo

Registrations are now open for local businesses interested in participating in our 2026 Careers Expo.

This event provides an opportunity to showcase future career pathways to senior students from local high schools, as well as members of the wider community.

Businesses wishing to register are encouraged to contact the Senior Schooling Team on 4945 0111 or email seniorschooling@proserpineshs.eq.edu.au



VETiS Forum – Connecting Education and Industry

Educators, industry leaders and community stakeholders are invited to attend an upcoming Vocational Education and Training in Schools (VETiS) Forum, designed to showcase innovation, strengthen partnerships and improve outcomes for students across our region.

This engaging forum will provide valuable insights into current initiatives and policies shaping VETiS, while also highlighting successful programs and partnerships. Attendees will have the opportunity to take part in meaningful discussions focused on enhancing pathways for young people, as well as connect and collaborate with like-minded professionals committed to the future of vocational education in North Queensland.

A range of guest speakers will share their expertise and experiences, including:

- Julie Black from TAFE Queensland, presenting on the upcoming TAFE Career Tasters program
- Nicole Hood from Blue Stone Medical & Professional, discussing industry partnerships and engagement in the Whitsundays region
- A Proserpine State High School student, sharing their personal journey and the benefits of school-based apprenticeships and traineeships
- Scott Cameron from the Department of Trade, Employment and Training, providing key updates

Event Details:

Date: Wednesday 20 May 2026

Time: 9:30am – 11:30am

Location: Proserpine Community Centre, 36 Gardenia Street, Proserpine

For those unable to attend in person, participation will also be available via Microsoft Teams.

This forum is a valuable opportunity to be part of the conversation and help shape the future of VETiS in our region. Registration details are available via the provided link.

Register your interest at the link below.

<https://www.ivvy.com.au/event/BC19N2/>

Work Experience

Over the recent school holidays, many of our students participated in work experience placements, stepping outside their comfort zones and gaining valuable exposure to a wide range of industries.



These opportunities are only made possible through the ongoing support of our local community. We extend a sincere thank you to all businesses and organisations who welcomed students, provided mentoring, and generously shared their time, knowledge, and expertise.

Your support plays a vital role in helping young people explore career pathways, build confidence, and develop essential real-world skills. We greatly appreciate your commitment to shaping the next generation.



Fergus Builders Site Tour Inspires Future Careers in Construction

Students recently had the opportunity to visit the new Harvey Norman construction site, currently being developed by Fergus Builders, gaining valuable insight into the building and construction industry.



The visit began with a welcome from Fergus Builders Director and Project Manager Adam Wright, followed by a safety induction led by HSE Consultant Dayna Stewart. Students learned about the importance of safety systems on large-scale construction sites before hearing from Adam, Dayna, and Site Supervisor Dan Barker about their career pathways and industry experiences.

Following this, students participated in a guided site tour, observing various stages of the build and gaining firsthand understanding of how major projects come together.



This experience provided meaningful insight into potential career pathways and the wide range of roles within the construction industry.

We extend our sincere thanks to Fergus Builders for their time, support, and commitment to sharing their expertise with our students.



becoming job ready, changing career direction, or taking that important first step into further training or employment.

Shelley will also be available at the upcoming Apprenticeship Readiness Evening. Recent Proserpine State High School graduates who are interested in apprenticeships are encouraged to attend and add their name to the guest list.

We encourage graduates to take advantage of this valuable opportunity and look forward to supporting your next steps.

#Link&Launch



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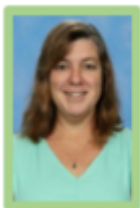
Student Opportunities



Senior students are sent a copy of Student Opportunities every Thursday. This includes information about:

- Apprenticeships and traineeships (full-time and school-based)
- Employment and training opportunities
- Work experience placements
- Casual and full-time job openings
- Training and career pathway sessions
- Scholarships and Open Day information

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



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Link and Launch

Ready for What's Next? Link and Launch Can Help

The school's Link and Launch Coordinator, Shelley Simpson, is looking forward to connecting with recent graduates from the past few years to discuss their next steps beyond school.

The program begins with a no-obligation phone call to determine eligibility for this free support service. With apprenticeship season now underway, this is an ideal time for graduates to reach out. Link and Launch can assist with



Student Support Services Team

Health Matters

Avoiding Winter Colds and Flu

As we head into the cooler months, it's a great time to think about how we can stay healthy and avoid winter illnesses such as colds and the flu.

Influenza (commonly known as the flu) is a highly contagious viral infection that can affect the whole body. It often begins suddenly, may last 5–10 days, and can leave you feeling unwell for weeks. In some cases, it can also lead to serious complications, particularly for those at higher risk.

Is it a cold, hay fever, or the flu?

While symptoms can be similar, it may be the flu if you have a fever along with two or more of the following:

- aches and pains
- headache
- cough
- sore throat

The flu is generally more severe than a common cold, and recovery can take several weeks.

How does the flu spread?

The flu is highly contagious and can be passed on through:

- sneezing and coughing
- touching contaminated surfaces and then touching your face

It can take 1–3 days for symptoms to appear, meaning you may spread the virus before you even realise you are unwell.

What should you do if you get the flu?

Rest is essential—stay home, get plenty of sleep, drink lots of fluids, and take pain relief for aches if needed. Antibiotics are not effective against viral infections like the flu but may be prescribed if secondary infections develop.

How can you protect yourself?

Simple everyday habits can make a big difference:

- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water or use hand sanitiser
- Eat a healthy, balanced diet with plenty of fruit and vegetables
- Drink at least 8 glasses of water each day
- Exercise regularly (around 30 minutes a day)
- Avoid close contact with people who are unwell
- Dispose of tissues immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- Keep frequently touched surfaces clean
- Consider a flu vaccination—speak with your GP for advice

By taking these simple precautions, we can all help reduce the spread of illness and keep our school community healthy this winter.



Karen

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First Nations Student Opportunities

A number of exciting opportunities are currently available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. These programs provide valuable experiences in university pathways, leadership, culture and creativity. Students interested in applying, or seeking further information, are encouraged to see Mr Gabey or Mrs McDonald at the Student Advisory Centre.

Yagilaith – University of Melbourne Experience

Hosted by Murrup Barak, *Yagilaith* (meaning 'learning' in Woi Wurrung) is an opportunity for Year 11 and Year 12 Indigenous students on an ATAR pathway across Australia to experience university life at the University of Melbourne.

The program is open to students with interests in all fields and is fully funded, including accommodation, meals, and flights.

Dates: Monday 6 July – Friday 10 July 2026

Applications close: Friday 1 May 2026

Apply here:

<https://murrupbarak.unimelb.edu.au/home/outreach/yagilaith>

JCU Indigenous Winter School

Applications are now open for the Indigenous Winter School for Year 10–12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. The program will run from 28 June to 3 July 2026 in Townsville.

Students will live on campus and participate in academic sessions, team-building activities and cultural experiences, while connecting with university staff and peers. A wide range of study areas are available, including Allied Health, Law, Marine Science, Medicine, Nursing, Education and more.

All costs—including travel, accommodation and meals—are fully covered.

Applications close 1 May 2026.

For more information, click on the link below.

<https://www.jcu.edu.au/ierc/experience-uni/winter-school>

Victorian Indigenous Engineering Winter School (VIEWS)

The Victorian Indigenous Engineering Winter School will be held from 4 July to 11 July 2026. This program is designed for Year 11 and 12 Indigenous students from across Australia.

Participants will gain hands-on experience in engineering and information technology, meet Indigenous professionals in the field, and explore future study and career pathways. The program offers a unique insight into how these industries contribute to improving lives and communities.

Applications close: 8 May 2026

<https://eng.unimelb.edu.au/engage-with-us/indigenous/views>

Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation (QATSIF) 2026 Creative Arts Competition

The 2026 Creative Arts Competition is now open to all Year 7–12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students across Queensland.

Students are encouraged to showcase their creativity across a wide range of mediums, including visual arts, sculpture, design and more. Entries are judged by year level and category, with prizes awarded to place-getters. All participants will receive recognition for their efforts.

QATSIF doesn't need the original artworks, but they do need a high-resolution image of any visual artworks. Photos also need to have the artwork centred within, and parallel to, the frame so that the image isn't distorted when reproduced.

The competition closes on 15 May 2026.

https://proserpineshs.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/10876/2026_arts_comp_poster_a3.pdf

University of Queensland InspireU Extend

The InspireU Extend program is a five-day residential camp for Year 10–12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, running from 29 June to 3 July 2026.

Students will explore a chosen field of study, including areas such as Engineering, Health and Medicine, Business, Law, Science, Education and the Arts. The program offers a valuable opportunity to experience university life and future study pathways.

All expenses, including travel, accommodation and meals, are covered to ensure accessibility for all students.

Applications close: 17 May 2026

Click on the link below for more information.

<https://study.uq.edu.au/information-resources/aboriginal-torres-strait-islander-students/inspireu/extend>

Bond University National Indigenous Business School (NIBS)

Year 11 and 12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are invited to apply for the 2026 National Indigenous Business School, held at Bond University on the Gold Coast from 28 June to 4 July 2026.

This immersive, week-long program brings together students from across Australia to explore business, leadership and innovation. Participants will:

- Work on real-world business challenges
- Connect with Indigenous mentors and industry professionals
- Visit leading universities, including Queensland University of Technology, University of Queensland and Griffith University
- Learn how business can create positive change within their communities

The program is fully funded, covering travel, accommodation, meals and all activities, and is delivered in a supportive and culturally inclusive environment.

Applications close: 1 June 2026

https://proserpineshs.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/10875/2026_nibs_bond_flyer.pdf

Design Tracks – QAGOMA Art Education Program

'Design Tracks' is an annual multi-day art education program for Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and South Sea Islander young people aged 15–19 in Queensland. Hosted by Queensland Art Gallery and Gallery of Modern Art Learning, the program provides participants with the opportunity to work alongside established First Nations creative mentors, build professional networks, and develop artistic skills.

Applications are now open for the Brisbane program, which will run from 18–21 August 2026. Nominations close on 8 June 2026.

Apply here:

<https://www.qagoma.qld.gov.au/learn/design-tracks/>

Defence: Exercise First Look – Indigenous Youth Placement (Army Logistics Training Centre)

Exercise First Look is an Australian Army Indigenous work experience program offering students aged 15–18 a unique opportunity to experience life as an Army Soldier. This five-day residential program allows students to live on an Army base and gain firsthand insight into Army life.

Participants will engage in a range of activities, including:

- Physical training
- Weapons demonstrations (no weapons handling)
- Field craft and navigation activities
- Team and leadership development
- Drill and marching
- Recruitment information sessions
- Visits to Army training establishments such as Kapooka or Puckapunyal

Dates: 24–28 August 2026

Location: Bandiana, Victoria

All accommodation, airfares, and food are fully funded by the Australian Army.

Apply here:

<https://defencecareers.nga.net.au/cp/index.cfm?event=jobs.checkJobDetailsNewApplication&returnToEvent=jobs.listJobs&jobid=FB20E207-8528-471F-B629-B41700AF4169&CurATC=defenceworkexp&CurBID=EBDFCAA3%2DB025%2DF7B7%2D3BD4%2D6D3FA42B2291&JobListID=83AA67BB%2D5AB1%2D7A5E%2DA521%2D6D3E05DAE980&jobsListKey=4044599a%2Db8ef%2D4b74%2Da5ba%2Dd05e9d884463&persistVariables=CurATC,CurBID,JobListID,jobListKey,JobID&lid=90500720276&rmuh=BB8122EAD3F3931274F06D0899B9C74EE7BFAC46>

Students who are interested in any of the opportunities outlined above are encouraged to speak with Mr Gabey or Mrs McDonald in the Student Advisory Centre for further information and support with applications. These programs offer outstanding opportunities to explore future pathways, build confidence, and connect with culture, community, and career possibilities. We strongly encourage all interested students to apply.



Kelli

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School News

Student Resource Scheme

Parents and carers are reminded that Term 2 Student Resource Scheme fees are due by Friday, 1 May 2026.

Failure to keep up to date with Student Resource Scheme fees may result in students being ineligible for any extra-curricular activities or borrowing student resources required for their subjects.

Payments can be made via EFTPOS, BPoint, or the Qkr! app on your electronic device. If you have not received an invoice or are experiencing financial hardship please contact our school Finance Department on 4945 0111 to discuss available options.



We thank families for their prompt attention and ongoing support.

Uniform Store Hours



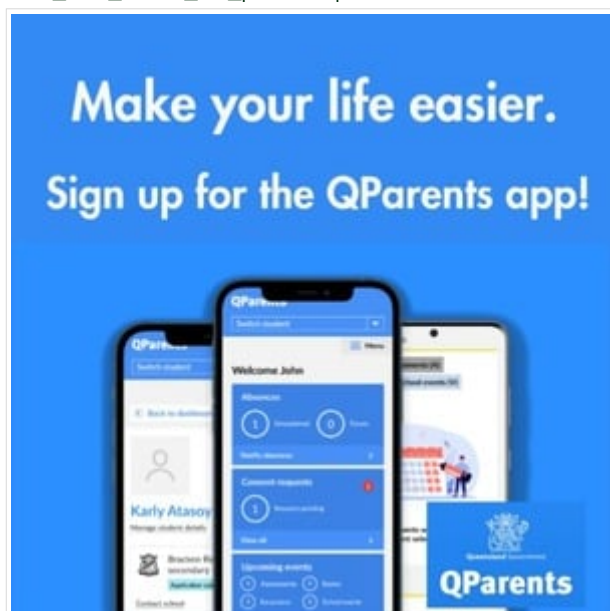
Uniform Shop Trading Hours

Tuesday 8.00am - 11.00am
Thursday 1.00pm - 4.00pm

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theschoollocker.com.au

Have you downloaded the QParents App?

https://proserpineshs.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/10701/qparents_fact_sheet_for_parents.pdf



Newsletter Side Panel

Up-Date Your Contact Records

- Parents, have you changed your address, phone number, email address, etc.?
- Parents, have you changed jobs recently?
- Parents, has your son/daughter's medical details changed?

It is most important that changes to your contact records are correct as the Transport and Main Roads (TMR) have changed the Process of Student Verification for the School Transport Assistance Scheme (STAS).

From now on the process will be completed electronically with details held in TMR's state-wide database being matched with data from OneSchool (our school records). The onerous task of checking large paper based reports has now been discontinued. If these records are not up-to-date your school transport assistance will be cancelled in cases where details held by TMR do not match student information held in OneSchool.

Please advise the school of any changes, not only for bus travel but also in case your student becomes unwell or they have an emergency situation.

How to update your records:

Return to the beginning of the newsletter and in the left side bar under 'Forms & Documents', print out the appropriate form/s (Change of Details Form or Medical Changed Details Forms), fill in the form/s and then return it/them to our Administration Office or send the forms via email to principal@proserpineshs.eq.edu.au. You are also welcome to call into our office to have the changes made on the spot.

Medication at School

Any prescription medication should be left at the office after the Request to Administer Medication at School Form has been completed by the parent or guardian. The medication must be in the original container provided by the doctor, dentist or optometrist, not a pharmacist, and have clear details or instructions indicating dosage and times. The permission form is valid for one week only, unless there is a permanent medication where special negotiation will take place.

Parents please note that non-script items such as Panadol can be stored in the student's own school bag and taken as required. Non-script items are not kept at the office.

Once the Request to Administer Medication at School Form has been completed and if there is a change to any previous medication subscribed then a Medical Changed Details Form in the left side bar under 'Forms & Documents' can be filled out and dropped into the school.

Community News

World Education Program (WEP) Australia

Host Families Sought for Student Exchange Program

Our school community has the opportunity to support a rewarding cultural exchange experience, with World Education Program (WEP) Australia currently seeking host families for upcoming international student exchanges.

WEP Australia places secondary school students from around the world with carefully selected host families, offering them a chance to experience Australian life, attend school, and become part of a local community. For the next exchange



period, there is a need for approximately 30 host families nationwide.

Hosting an exchange student is a unique and enriching experience. Families play an important role in providing a safe, welcoming environment while also gaining the opportunity to learn about different cultures, traditions, and perspectives.

Families interested in becoming a host, or those seeking more information, are encouraged to explore this opportunity further. Even sharing this information with others can help support the program and make a meaningful difference in a young person's life.

Thank you to our community for considering this opportunity to be part of a global cultural exchange.

Whitsunday Athletics



TERM OVERVIEW (SENIORS) SPRINTS | LONG JUMP | TRIPLE JUMP

- Sessions are held every Tuesday and Thursday 3:30-4:30 pm at the Proserpine State High School oval.
- Seniors are generally considered athletes aged 10 and above. However, placement in these groups is based on the individual's ability and previous experience. This is to ensure that each athlete can participate safely and fully benefit from the sessions. Final group placement will be determined by the coach.
- Sessions are led by a L2 Development Coach, L1 S&C coach with BExSS and 10 years experience in youth athlete development.

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Wintermoon Festival

Wintermoon Festival
1st - 4th May 2026
30th Anniversary Celebration
 featuring

Obisun - Luke O'Shea - Alchemunk
 Matt Tandy - Tropical State of Mind
 JC & the Tree - Tiffany Grace - Dallas Steele
 Jack Raymond & Jay Bishoff
 Niq Reefman - Gypsy Nix
 Caroline Trengrove - Hannah Roberts
 Triple Espresso - Category 5
 The Chai House Band - The Fat Cigars
 30th Anniversary Concert
 Rosie Pyrospirals - Yoga by Rene
 Magic Sean - Punch and Judy Puppets

Bellauntines Strawberry Farm - Camerons Pocket
 www.Wintermoonfestival.com

The Pop Up Gown Bar

https://proserpineshs.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/10991/pop_up_gown_bar_flyer_1_.pdf

Whitsunday Transit

https://proserpineshs.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/10669/jan26_whitsunday_poster.jpg

**AFTER SCHOOL
ACTIVITY BUS
TIMETABLE**

- TICKETS MUST BE PRE PURCHASED FROM OUR OFFICE
- 10 TRIP BOOK \$50.00

07 4946 1800

15:05	St Catherine's Primary
15:08	Proserpine SS & SHS (Chapman St)
15:10	Proserpine Pool
15:13	Proserpine JRL
15:24	Cattle Club / Camm Rd Mt Julian
15:29	Rifle Range Rd
15:36	Whitsunday Plaza (Woolies)
15:40	MacArthur Dr Bus Stop
15:43	Island Dr Bus Stop (Coles)
15:48	Airlie Main St
15:52	PCYC