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10th June 2025

School Holidays: Saturday 28th June - Sunday 13th July

First day of Term 3 - Monday 14th July

Date Claimers

Week 8

It's SPIRIT Week!

Wednesday 11th June - Senior School Parade, Team Shirt Day

Thursday 12th June - "H" Day - Handshake, Hug, Hi-five

Friday 13th June - Care Carnival

Saturday 14th June - 40 year Proserpine State High School Reunion

Week 9

Monday 16th June - Year 10 Early Childhood Excursion

Tuesday 17th June - Year 7 Deadly Choices Program, Year 10 Mackay Court House Excursion

Wednesday 18th June - Junior School Parade, P&C Meeting

Thursday 19th June - NQIM String Workshop

Friday 20th June - Show Whitsunday Public Holiday

Week 10

Monday 23th June - House Cup winner announced, Food Safety, Barista & RSA Course

Tuesday 24th June - Food Safety, Barista & RSA Course, b kinder day, Year 7 Deadly Choices Program

Wednesday 25th June - Year 7-10 The Ultimate Catapult Challenge

Thursday 26th June - House Cup Party

Friday 27th June - Last day of Semester 1, Newsletter due out

Principal Perspective

Spirit Week!



Spirit Week is here, and it's one of the most exciting times on our school calendar. A big thank you to our senior student leaders and committees for their hard work in making this

week rewarding for all involved. Special appreciation goes to our dedicated staff for assisting with the behind-the-scenes for a fantastic line-up of events.

Throughout the week, there are numerous activities designed to create positive connections among peers in Care Groups, emphasising House and school spirit, and creating positive lasting memories between our staff and students. The week concludes this Friday with our highly anticipated Care Carnival, a day full of entertaining activities and challenges between Care Groups. The main aim of the event being, FUN and PARTICIPATION! I look forward to seeing everyone at the events throughout the week.

We will do a full wrap-up of SPIRIT Week in our final school Newsletter for the term next fortnight.

Proudly a b kinder school

Proserpine State High School was proud to host the first b kinder summit in the Whitsundays last week. We welcomed students from both primary and secondary schools from across

the region to participate in the event that saw outstanding collaboration towards a common goal of sharing kindness in our school and greater communities.

We are proud of our six ambassadors - Savannah Lamont, Mia Vloedmans, Abbie Green, Elizabeth Pascoe, Georgia Whitton and Charli Young who will be hosting our b kinder day at school on Tuesday 24th June selling b kinder cards and soft drinks.



Terrific results at Queensland Intermediate Schools Cup

Our Year 9 volleyball teams delivered outstanding performances at the Volleyball Queensland Intermediate Schools Cup last weekend. Our students proudly represented our school and showcasing their talent, teamwork, and determination on the courts.

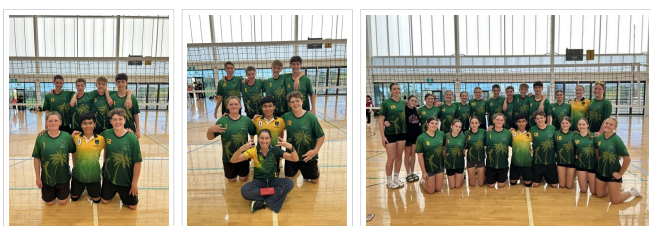
Our Year 9 Girls Honours team had a strong campaign, finishing ninth in the state. Competing against the top teams across Queensland, our girls demonstrated resilience and skill throughout the tournament, earning a well-deserved spot in the top ten.

Our Year 9 Girls Division 2 team put in an excellent effort, placing fifth overall. Their consistent play and strong team spirit were key factors in their top five finish.

Our Year 9 Boys Division 2 team had an exceptional run, securing third place in the state. Their podium finish highlights their competitive edge and the hard work they put into their training.

All three teams should be proud of their accomplishments and the way they represented our school on the Gold Coast.

A special thank you to our Teachers Ben Smith, Kate Thomson, and Nicky Ryan who prepared our students for the event and travelled with them and supported them while away. We're proud of you all!



Senior Student Leaders Inducted



Our school proudly welcomes a new group of student leaders into our highly regarded leadership program. These students are continuing to refine their skills in preparation for nominating for leadership roles next term at our

school.

Since the induction of these leaders two weeks ago, we have finished our final round of senior leadership workshops. These workshops continue to identify leadership abilities, as we empower our emerging leaders to embrace challenges, set ambitious goals, and strive for excellence - learning valuable life skills along the way. All members of the leadership group in their respective roles have an opportunity to shape the direction of our school while contributing positively to our community. We congratulate each of them for being passionate and ambitious towards their goals.

Outstanding Student Achievements

Junior ATSIAP team bring home bronze medals



Congratulations to our junior team who placed third in the 2025 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Aspirations Program (ATSIAP) Regional Challenge for Secondary Schools.

Our students each received a bronze medal for their Oral Persuasive Speech Category and Visual Arts Category entries.

Well done!

JCU Winter School Program



Two of our Year 10 first nation students applied for the 2025 Indigenous Winter School Program. Avalon Black Stone and Miley Thomson were successful and notified by JCU via email that they had been accepted to go to JCU Townsville Campus and undergo residential preparatory program for high school students. This is the perfect opportunity to embrace the university life and gain skills for success in tertiary education. Unfortunately, Avalon is unavailable to attend but Miley is excited and keen to know more about what JCU can offer in Health which she is interested in.

We have a large number of students who have taken up many amazing opportunities on offer this term. Congratulations to our Year 11 students Miley Thomson and Avalon Black-Stone who

Queensland State Library Young Researchers Program



Congratulations to our seniors Millie Groom (Year 10) and Tiarne Watson (Year 11) who were successful in their applications for the 2025 Queensland State Library Young Researchers Program. The duo make up 10 students selected from across Queensland, an

achievement our school is very proud of.

Both Millie and Tiarne had to develop an inquiry idea about Queensland for their entry to be selected, which they will now research during a week long expenses-paid experience hosted by the State Library during the September school holidays. They will also participate in workshops, access State Library collections and explore the Queensland Museum, Queensland Art Gallery, GOMA, Anzac Square Memorial Galleries and cultural events that are on in the city at the same time.

Congratulations to our Teacher Lucy Schaeche-Priestley who has been selected as one of two Teacher Chaperones from across the state. In preparation for their trip, Lucy, Millie and Tiarne will participate in an online research induction/program. What a wonderful opportunity for you all!

STEM Girl Power Camp

Millie Groom was one of 70 Year 10 students and staff selected to participate in the Department of Education's 2025 STEM Girl Power Camp last month in Brisbane. Millie took part in a variety of events including workshops and networking opportunities with experts and inspiring role models from diverse STEM fields.

Millie explored STEM pathways and discussed the importance of STEM communication at the Queensland Museum and Wheel of Brisbane. The STEM Girl Power Camp not only fostered Millie's understanding of STEM's significance in society, but also enhanced her leadership, critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and communication skills.

As a 2025 STEM Ambassador, Millie will now organise and deliver a STEM event during National Science Week in Term 3, with the aim of inspiring younger students to pursue STEM subjects and careers. Well done Millie!



Don

Mr Don McDermid
Principal

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From Our Classrooms

Year 9s take up nutritious cooking task

Our Year 9 Food Technology students have been exploring the powerful impact of diet on health through a design-based cooking project. With diet-related health issues on the rise in Australia, this task encourages our students to make informed food choices while catering for special occasions.



Each student worked hard to design, prepare, and present a nutritious dish suitable for a family celebration, considering dietary needs and health concerns. After evaluating two recipe options, students had the opportunity to prepare their chosen dish, applying food safety and hygiene practices, and reflect on their final product. This project combines creativity, key understanding of nutrition, and practical cooking skills in a meaningful way. Keep up the great work everyone!

Sports News

Students shine in Cross Country and Touch Football



In Cross Country, four of our dedicated athletes made the Northern side at state level. Our Year 7 student Jack Oberg placed second in the 13 Boys Division with a 3km time of 11m11s. Our Year 7 student Shailee Mewha won

the 13 Girls Division with a blistering 3km time of 10m 49s. Year 10 student Millie Groom placed second in the 15-years girls 4km with a time of 16m46s. Our Year 10 student Peppa Geisel was absent, but was selected in the side as her previous times were submitted for selection. All of our runners showcased their endurance, determination, and sportsmanship across the challenging courses.

In Touch Football, our Year 7 student Nate Sheather was selected as a Northern representative and demonstrated great skill and leadership on the field. His speed, agility, and game awareness were key contributors to his selection.

Congratulations to Jack, Shailee, Millie, Peppa, and Nate on your outstanding sports achievements!

Cricketers blitz the field at Mackay Gala Day



On Monday, 26th May our Junior Boys Cricket Team travelled to Mackay and participated in the Mackay/Whitsunday Gala Cricket Day.

In the first 15 over game our boys played Catherine McAuley College 1 (CMC) and batted first. Alex Valmadre and Emmerson Baker opened the batting. Emmerson was first to be dismissed which brought Reg Davies to the crease. Reg and Alex had a solid partnership taking the score to 65 before Alex was caught for a well-constructed 29. Kobi Whitty joined Reg and they added another 11 runs before confusion reigned and Reg was left stranded half way down the pitch being run out for a solid 22. Lucas Appleton came in and contributed 10 to the total before being dismissed LBW making us 4-98 with one over remaining. Kobi was bowled on the last ball of our innings for 9 taking us to a total of 100 off our 15 overs.

Our opening bowlers, Ben Hope and Brad Hetherington started well. Alex Valmadre took the first wicket in the third over having CMC at 1-14 after three overs. Sean then took his first wicket in the fourth over to have them at 2-18. Kobi, Lucas and Emmerson all bowled tight over following restricting the score to 2/25 after six overs. Harry Camm picked up a wicket second ball of his over and not to be outdone Oscar Kelly repeated it next over having CMC now 4-31 after eight overs. Cabe Manley and Sean then kept the screws on over the next 2 overs before Ben Hope returned for his second over, again getting a wicket with his second ball, plus a run out to have CMC in real trouble at 6-43 after 11 overs. Brad followed up with his first wicket before Lucas took his wicket in the last over. Catherine McAuley 1 finished at 8-69 for a solid win to our boys.

In the second game we played Catherine McAuley College 2 (CMC2) and sent them in to bat. Alex Valmadre struck in the third over to have them at 1-12 after three. From there we didn't take any more wickets while the opposition's two best batsmen made solid progress. After nine overs they had progressed to 1-39 having us in a strong position to chase. Unfortunately, their strongest batsmen put his foot down and raced to 54 before retiring in the thirteenth over and the other strong batsmen accelerated to finish unbeaten on 39 taking them to a final total of 124.

Emmerson and Alex opened again with Alex making the early departure this time for three having us 1-22 in the third over. Oscar joined Emmerson and they scored freely until Emmerson was dismissed for 24 making us 2-52 in the sixth over. Oscar continued to score at a run a ball and Lucas just about matched his scoring rate advancing our total to 86 before Oscar was dismissed. Brad Hetherington joined Lucas and after a slow start steadily scored his nine while Lucas progressed to 17 before being bowled in the last over. We fell just short making 109 from our 15 overs.

We had a great day with the biggest highlights being a brilliant catch by Kobi Whitty in the first game and the way our boys managed and organised themselves to ensure all players were equally involved. It was lovely to be represented by such keen enthusiastic young cricketers. Well done boys!

Silver medal at State Championships for Jaylynn



Congratulations to our Year 10 student Jaylynn Matheson-Hone who was presented with her silver medal last week by Northern Sport Regional School Sports Officer Brook Wilson.

Mr Wilson said it was important to him that Jaylynn was presented in person with her silver medal for her representation at the State Rugby

League Championships last term.

Well done Jaylynn!

Outside the Classroom

Duo enjoy local hospital Heroes in Health Program

Our Year 12 students Archer Philipson and Belle Howard recently attended the Heroes in Health Program at the Mater Hospital in Mackay. Heroes in Health is a joint collaboration between James Cook University (JCU) and the Mater Hospital, which is a structured two-day program exploring Medical, Nursing and Allied Health careers. Students are given an unrivalled opportunity to go behind-the-scenes at a working hospital, don scrubs, do hospital rounds and chat with health care staff giving them a true feel for what it's like working in multiple health care disciplines. Archer and Belle were also able to speak with JCU advisors that provide information about courses of interest and university life. Well done to you both!



Students network with industry professionals

Last Thursday afternoon, five of our Year 11 General Business students completed work experience at the Queensland Tourism Industry Council (QTIC) World Environment Day held at the Shute Harbour Marine Terminal. The event was proudly supported by Whitsunday Regional Council and helped bring the conversation on sustainability into the heart of one of our State's most iconic regions.



The event was part of a broader effort by QTIC to integrate sustainability into Queensland's tourism sector and was

attended by a number of key guests including the Leader of the Opposition of Queensland, Steven Miles and Whitsunday Mayor Ry Collins. Guest speakers included Stewart Moore (EarthCheck), Andrew Picone (Pew Charitable Trusts), Fiona Walmsley (Virgin Australia), Johnny Gaskell (Great Barrier Reef Foundation) and Robbie Congoo (Yooribaya Cultural Experiences).

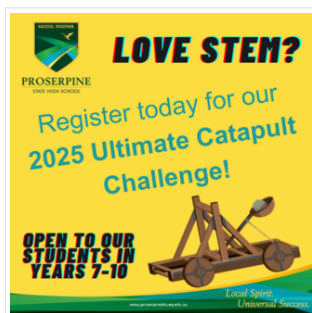
This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to network and gain valuable experience in the Tourism Industry. They all received a lovely thank you from the organisers. Thank you to our Acting Head of Department Business and Technology Mickayla Dargush for organising this opportunity for our students.

Catch up with our Leos Club in the community

Our Whitsunday Leos Club members enjoyed breakfast together last Friday morning before hosting their meeting about upcoming events. The volunteer group planned assisting the Proserpine Lions Club members at the Dingo Beach Whitfunday and at Show Whitsunday in a fortnight's time. Thank you to Proserpine Lions Club members Jane Bettridge and Misty Bland for cooking up the delicious breakfast and kindly supporting our Whitsunday Leos Club at each meeting.



Registrations now open for catapult challenge



Does your child enjoy STEM activities that challenge their mind and engage their imagination? Well, we have just the event for them! On Wednesday 25th June (Week 10), we are hosting The Ultimate Catapult Challenge for our Year 7-10 students.

Registrations are now open, and event forms can be collected from O Block staffroom, with students encouraged to enter as a team of four or individually and will then be assigned a team.

The incursion is an enrichment activity that will be held in our E Block technology classrooms and will include both maths and engineering components as students use a variety of materials and variables for their designs. Which team will be crowned catapult champions for 2025?!

NAIDOC celebrations to kick off with AFL comp

This year, NAIDOC Week marks a powerful milestone: 50 years of honouring and elevating Indigenous voices, culture, and resilience. The 2025 theme, "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy," celebrates not only the achievements of the past but the bright future ahead, empowered by the strength of

our young leaders, the vision of our communities, and the legacy of our ancestors.

Our First Nations team and fellow staff at Proserpine State High School have created a great week of engaging activities for our students starting off with our annual NAIDOC House Challenge. On the back of the success of last year's NAIDOC House Challenge, this year is set to be bigger again, with our students going head-to-head in AFL matches. We're excited to partner with the AFL, AFL Women's Gold Coast Suns Team and Deadly Choices to bring this event to life for our students.



Registrations are now open at N Block Staffroom, and we encourage all of our students to come along and take part in the fun-filled community afternoon. Our school's full calendar of NAIDOC events will be out in the coming weeks, and we look forward to sharing it with you soon!

Preparations begin for Musical Theatre Night



Our Seagrass Theatre and Music Company are preparing for their annual night of night's with students submitting their applications to perform at our Musical Theatre Night.

The event will be held on Friday 15th August in our Performing Arts Centre (PAC). Students wishing to perform are encouraged to collect an application form from our Seagrass Presidents Hayden Hudak or Dominik James-Johnston or from the PAC staffroom. Rehearsals will begin at the start of Term 3 to provide plenty of time to polish routine before the big night. We can't wait to see what show-stopping performances will grace our stage!

Industry News

Student Opportunities

All Senior Students are sent a copy of our weekly student opportunities. This includes information and opportunities about:

- Work experience
- Apprenticeships and traineeships – full time and school-based
- Save the dates
- Casual and full-time employment
- Training and career pathway sessions
- Scholarship and open day information – There are many University webinars at the moment, be sure to check out their websites to register or check your emails for the links.

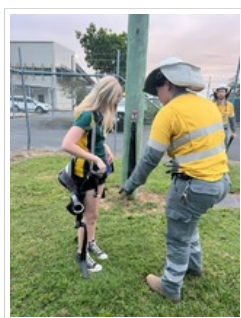
Please visit B4 for more information on the positions available, school based traineeships and apprenticeships, or work experience.

Isla enjoys Ergon Energy apprenticeship event

Our Year 10 student Isla Bennett attended Ergon Energy's Apprenticeship Information Night last week after hearing about the event in our school's weekly Student Opportunities email.

The fully immersive experience included a mixture of classroom information and the opportunity to hear from current Ergon Energy apprentices and trainers.

The students in attendance then spent time in the training yard where they tried on a harness and went up in the bucket lift. The evening was very informative and provided an insight into Ergon Energy apprenticeships.



Student voice shared at Chamber breakfast



Proserpine State High School students made up the discussion panel at the Whitsundays Chamber of Commerce and Industry breakfast last Thursday morning. The event was hosted by Wilmar at their Mill

Social Club, with a focus to explore what today's apprentices, trainees, and early career professionals value most in a workplace including what it means to work for a local business. More than 30 business owners were in attendance and heard from our current Year 12s Mia Vloedmans who is completing her Certificate IV in Allied Health and placement with PhysioPlus and Luke Stefani who spoke about his Certificate III in Information Technology and school-based traineeship with Managed Computer Solutions. The duo were joined by former graduates Will Muller, Ryan Muller, and Beau Sales who shared their experience transitioning from school to the workforce as apprentices for Wilmar Sugar Australia Limited and Filby's Motors.

Attendees also heard key insights from Georgia Lavers from the Greater Whitsunday Alliance Regional Jobs Committee, who shared real-world insights and lived experiences. This included practical tips for fostering supportive and engaging work environments and how businesses can future-proof their workforce strategies in a competitive labour market.

Thank you to our Senior Schooling Officer Mrs Bernie Porter and Link and Launch Coordinator Ms Shelley Simpson for organising this wonderful networking opportunity for our students!

Link & Launch celebrates 100 days to go!

Our Year 12s marked the milestone of 100 days left of high school last Tuesday with our Link and Launch Coordinator Shelley Simpson spoiling them with delicious doughnuts at morning tea.



The Link and Launch program connects with young people who have completed Year 12 but have not yet transitioned to further study, training or work. Ms Simpson assists our graduates to navigate a range of post-school options in line with their individual goals, aspirations, skills and strengths and supports them to make independent choices that will equip them to make a successful transition.

Some options young people may consider through the Link and Launch program include:

- free apprenticeships for under 25s
- Fee-Free TAFE
- Skilling Queenslanders for Work programs
- alternative entry to university
- employment
- and federal incentives and participation programs like Transition to Work.

Take your next step



Graduated Year 12 in the past few years and not sure what you want to do or how to make it happen? Our free Link and Launch Program may be able to help you. Please call or text our Link and Launch Coordinator Shelley on 0467 858 781 to discuss how the program

can support you. #linkandlaunch



Shelley

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Student Support Services Team

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Cyber safety experts provide free webinar

Child and Adolescent Psychologist, Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, and Australia's foremost cyber safety expert, Susan McLean, are back to host the second part of their Digital Media Literacy

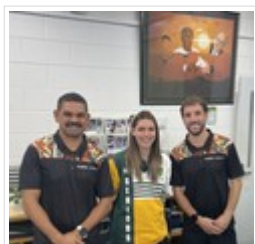
and Safety webinar supporting Primary and Secondary students. To register for the event, please click the link below

<https://proserpineshs.eq.schooltv.me//webinar/qld-digital-media-literacy-safety-part-2>

Yarning Circle

Griffith University School Visit

On Monday, we had a visit from Matt Doran, Indigenous Outreach Officer from Griffith University on the Gold Coast. Matt chatted one-on-one with students interested in university after graduation.



Matt spoke with Miley Thomson about optional pathways she can go to study Nursing and what indigenous support, activities, and scholarships are available at Griffith University.

Under 8's Day

What a beautiful day for the annual Under 8's Day at Proserpine State School. Firstly, I would like to thank my brother Leo Gabey for sharing his cultural artefacts that he has accumulated and passed down through family generations over the years. I would like to thank our student representatives Cassius McLeod, Stefany Allan and Savanna Allan, and Tavis McDonald for running activities for the kids who once again enjoying face, hand and plate painting, air pump rocket launches, and didgeridoo playing. The artefact table was a draw card this year with curious little minds wanting to know about the wumera, message and clap sticks, boomerang, spear, local ochre, and necklace made out of seeds. Over all it was great experience for the high school students to interact and chat to parents and staff and sharing their cultural knowledge.

Reconciliation Week – Whitsunday Regional Council event

I was very honoured and proud of our students who attended the annual Whitsunday Regional Council Reconciliation Week celebration at the Proserpine Entertainment Centre on Tuesday 27th June. Before the ceremony began, we assembled on the grassed area where students raised the flags, Mayor Collins spoke about the importance of reconciliation within our community and guest speaker Robert Congoo performed the Smoking Ceremony and Welcome to Country.

Our Senior Student Indigenous Leader Tavis McDonald spoke brilliantly on behalf of our school about what 'Reconciliation: Bridging Now to Next' means to him. Tavis' outstanding speech encapsulated the true message of why all Australians need to work together and walk together as one in the future.

The one thing I admired the most from the event was that all of the student speeches on the day were different, and each speaker personalised their own perspectives of reconciliation.

QATSIF Round 17 Scholarship

A reminder that the Round 17 QATSIF Scholarship is open for our Year 10 and 11 students. If your child is performing well at school and attendance is high, they have the opportunity of applying for a scholarship that will not only help families with

financial costs associated with school but encourage students to value education and build confidence. In term 3, I will be starting the process of reviewing academic performance results from their report cards and attendance percentage to collate a list of eligible students. Please go on the QATSIF website to find out more information on www.qatsif.org.au.



Arthur

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Teacher Aide First Nations

First Peoples School to Uni Program – Griffith University

Year 11 and 12 students are invited to participate in the Griffith University School to Uni program. This program will provide you with a clear pathway to university and will equip you with the skills you need to successfully complete your studies. The program offers:

- One-on-one mentoring.
- On-campus experiences and bootcamps.
- Social and wellbeing events.
- Parent and guardian information sessions.
- QTAC application and fee assistance.
- University transition preparation.

<https://www.griffith.edu.au/gumurri/first-peoples-s2u>

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2025 ATSICHS Young, Black and Proud Scholarship

The Young, Black & Proud Scholarship (YBPS) program 2025 round is open for applications from groups as well as individuals. This can include sports teams, theatre groups or debate teams, as long as the group fits into one of the three categories of sports, arts or academics.

These scholarships supported by the Queensland Family and Child Commission are worth \$2000, \$5000 and \$10000.

Please follow this link for information www.atsichsbrisbane.org.au/ybps

Applications close 16 July 2025.

https://proserpineshs.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/9444/young_black_proud_scholarship_poster.pdf

If you would like to speak with me about opportunities that may be available to your young person, please don't hesitate to contact me on 4945 0162 or email kmcd0302@eq.edu.au



Kelli

Mrs Kelli McDonald
Teacher Aide (First Nations)
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School News

P&C Meeting next week

All are welcome to attend our upcoming P&C Meeting on Wednesday 18th June in our Administration Office Conference Room. Meetings start at 6pm sharp and generally run for one hour. We look forward to seeing you there!



Save the date!


P&C General Meeting
Wednesday 18th June @ 6pm

Administration Office Conference Room

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Don't forget Show Public Holiday coming up



Public Holiday

Show Whitsunday

Friday 20th June, 2025

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Save the date - 63rd Annual Awards Night



Save The Date

63rd Annual Awards Night

Tuesday 18th November

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Temporary Cleaners Required

Temporary cleaning hours available until 12 December 2025:

- 1 x 38hrs per week cleaner (5 days)
- 1 x 8 hour per week cleaner (1 day)

If you are interested in these temporary hours at our school, please email a copy of your resume to our Business Manager Nicole Jolley - njoll4@eq.edu.au by Thursday 15th June. Hours include 2 shifts per day (hours range from 0500 - 0900 morning work then 1400 to 1800 afternoon work). Resumes may also be dropped into our school Administration Office. A Working with Children Blue Card and a Criminal History Check must be completed BEFORE employment commences. If further

information is required, please phone our Administration Office on 4945 0121.

Uniform donations wanted

Do you have any pre-loved school uniforms or out-grown black school shoes in good condition? We would greatly appreciate any donations to our second-hand uniform supply. Items can be dropped off at our Administration Office.

Where Are They Now?



Where are they now? Allira Griffiths (nee Norman)

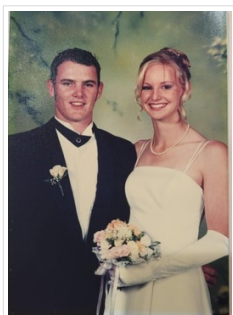
What year did you graduate? 2003

What were your senior subjects at Proserpine State High School? Math B, Math C, Biology, English, HPE and Economics.

Favourite Proserpine State High School memory? I have so many great memories from my time at Proserpine State High School! Sport was a huge part of my senior years and I always looked forward to my regular athletics training sessions. We were so lucky to have such dedicated and fun coaches in Mr Cox and Mr Harling. You could always hear Coxy coming from a mile away with his booming voice!

I also had many memorable trips travelling for sports (volleyball, touch, hockey, soccer, athletics were my favourite!), school band tours, school camps, various maths and business camps and public speaking tournaments.

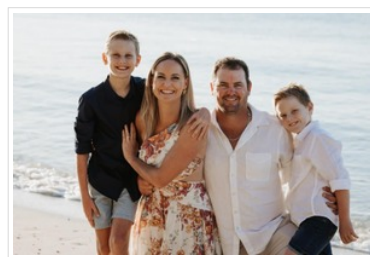
My final year of school was such a highlight for me, where I was honoured to represent my peers as School Vice Captain. The final year was a blur of hard work, fun and lots of sports – culminating in some amazing awards, achieving an OP1 and some pretty awesome end-of-year celebrations! Despite all of these fun times though, my favourite memory would have to be meeting my future husband at Proserpine State High School!



Where did life take you after you graduated? After graduating high school, I moved to Brisbane to study a Bachelor of Business, Majoring in Accountancy (with an extended Major in Business Law and Taxation) at Queensland University of Technology. I worked part-time while studying and in my final year I also provided private tutoring lessons to other students, which I really enjoyed.

I absolutely loved university – I met some great life-long friends, had lots of late-night study sessions and was invited to join the university team for a business start-up project, which was such a rewarding experience! I graduated in 2006 and was awarded the Dean's Award for Excellence – awarded to the student with the highest graduating GPA across the Accountancy and

Banking and Finance majors at QUT, an achievement that I was (and still am) extremely proud of.



After university, I accepted a graduate position with Deloitte in external audit, while also completing further studies to obtain my Chartered Accounting qualification. On a personal front, I was fortunate to marry my high school sweetheart, have two beautiful boys, travel, and move back to the Whitsundays where we enjoy plenty of fishing, horse riding and time with family and friends. There really is no place like home!

What job position are you currently in? I have a consulting business which specialises in supporting providers in the aged care and community services sector, a purpose-driven sector that I've really found a passion for. I work remotely from an office in Proserpine where I provide consulting services to clients, run webinars (virtual training sessions) and occasionally travel for onsite visits to clients who are located all around Australia.

Tell us about why you picked Accounting and what your study/training journey has been? Ever since I was very young I have loved numbers (my favourite subject was Maths) and I have always wanted to be an Accountant. I actually deliberately didn't pick Accounting as a high school subject as I knew that I'd be doing it for the rest of my life!

When I was in primary school, my older sister Nicole would also occasionally write maths exams for me at home (based on work three years ahead of my grade!) and I wasn't allowed to finish until I could get all of the answers correct...this was before computers and the internet were mainstream, and we didn't have Netflix or Tik Tok to occupy our time!

This career choice has led me down a pathway from moving to Brisbane for university, to working for a Big 4 accounting firm, completing postgraduate studies (Chartered Accountancy), to travelling around Australia and gaining first-hand experience on how many different businesses across a variety of sectors operate. I am very fortunate to now apply the knowledge and skills that I have developed to supporting a sector that I'm passionate about, while also having the flexibility to work remotely and live in the beautiful Whitsundays.



black marlin while we were filming with the team at iFish TV! That was a fun day!

Best advice for current Year 12 students? Be true to yourself, surround yourself with good people, prioritise happiness and don't be afraid to go after your dreams!

Favourite quote? One of my favourite quotes is “Luck is when preparation meets opportunity”. to me this is about investing in yourself, putting in the hard work and being ready to take advantage of opportunities when they arise – and having the confidence to say yes! Sometimes, others may only see the ‘luck’ (or the outcome), but there is often so much hard work and preparation before the ‘luck’! And of course... have fun and smile!

Community News

Speech competition for Year 7-12 students

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Join the Australian Air Force Cadets Squadron

Looking for an exciting and rewarding challenge? The Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC) 110 Squadron Whitsundays is now recruiting! Open to youth aged 13-18, the AAFC offers hands-on aviation experiences, leadership training, teamwork skills, and outdoor adventures such as bivouacs and navigation exercises. Cadets also participate in community events, fundraising, and inter-squadron competitions, all while developing valuable life skills.

Dream of flying? The AAFC provides incredible opportunities for cadets to access **flight training scholarships**, with the potential to fly solo before they even get their driver's licence! Whether you're passionate about aviation or just looking for a unique experience, the sky is the limit.

If you're ready to take off on a journey of personal growth and achievement, contact us today!

Email: co.110sqn@airforcecadets.gov.au

Call: 0407 124 268

Challenge yourself. Make new friends. Take to the skies!

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Proserpine YouthSpace - June Program

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North Queensland Jobs Survey

A promotional poster for the 'Jobs North Queensland' survey. The top left shows a family (mother and three children) sitting at a table. The bottom left shows a construction worker in a hard hat and safety vest standing next to a yellow excavator. The right side of the poster has a dark blue background with white and yellow text. It asks 'Parents - How confident are you helping your child with career choices?' and encourages participation with 'Tell us & win!'. A QR code is provided, and a circular badge indicates 'Win 1 of 3 \$100 gift vouchers'.

Plate Up For DV



Whether it's a backyard barbeque, a picnic in the park, or a dinner with family and friends, 'Team Whitsundays Dancing CEOs' are inviting you to serve up not only delicious food but also hope and support for vulnerable women and the children in their care.

To 'Plate Up For DV' simply head to www.mygivingtable.com.au, selecting the 'Team Whitsundays Dancing CEOs' Kate Purdie, Julie Telford, Candice Crossley, and Alice Harriott, register the date for your feast, the number of people you'd like to invite and nominate how much you wish them to pay.

My Giving Table will then create an event link to share with family and friends, as well as tracking ticket sales and RSVPs, taking payment from your guests, paying the chosen charity (Women's Legal Service Queensland), and providing you with a tax donation receipt.

Best of all, you don't even have to cook if you don't want to thanks to the team at Fish D'Vine, who will deliver from their brand-new provisioning menu direct to your door.

Plate Up For DV from now until the end of May and you'll literally be helping to save lives – every little bit goes a long way towards improving outcomes for the women and children in our communities who are impacted by domestic violence.

Win a Luxe Whitsundays Long Weekend

Team Whitsundays Dancing CEOs are running a 'Luxe Whitsundays Raffle' as one of their final fundraisers for Women's Legal Service Queensland and you are invited to try your luck!

The prize for six guests includes:

- Business class return flights from Brisbane;
- Accommodation at The Cove;
- Tickets to attend the iconic White on Whitehaven Long Lunch by Fish D'Vine;
- Transfers to and from the event on a private superyacht;
- An amazing dining experience in a Cabana at the Coral Sea Resort.

Tickets cost just \$25 and are available via <https://www.raffletix.com.au/kate-julie-candice-alice>.

Sign up for 2025 AFL season

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50c Fares for Bus Services

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