In the life of a Junior Secondary Student
by Mrs Kimberly Cameron, HOD - Junior Secondary

Our cohort of Year 7 students at Ayr State High School have made a great start to their high school life. This excellent start has been the result of our dedicated, hardworking and passionate Year 7 teachers. Let's listen to what two of our students have to say.

When I went to school on the first day I was excited because I could have a fresh start at school. The orientation days really helped because on the first day it felt like I had been going to high school for years. I really like going to high school because it is really fun when you go to different classes, much more fun than primary school. Advice for other Year 7 students: Be confident and make new friends.

by Paige Fraser, 7D

I felt nervous and excited mainly because I didn’t know anyone except my friends and what excited me was I got to do my favourite subject HPE. At Ayr State High School the orientation days really helped me to find out about the school and learn who my teachers are. My experiences so far are that Ayr State High School is a great learning school and I am going to have fun growing up and going to this school. The best thing about Ayr State High School is that I have lots of great friends and lots of great teachers to help me. I settled in well by doing what teachers say and making new friends. My advice would be go to the orientation days and compete in things and get your name out and then you will make plenty of new friends.

by Conor Brown, 7B

Ayr High Shows Its Heart!
by Ms Deanne Ruge, A/HOD - IT, Business, Humanities, VET

Our Interact club is busy organising its community event for 2016 - Sweetheart Day! A group of students from Year 7-12 are working with Community Service Vice Captain Emma Lyons to host a Sweetheart Stall to raise funds for HeartKids Australia.

It is a little-known fact that childhood heart disease is the greatest killer of children under 1 in Australia. HeartKids provides ongoing support for children with heart defects and their families all across Australia, as well as fund life-saving research into childhood heart disease. To help support this worthy cause, students can purchase a gift from the stall which will be delivered in form classes on Monday 15 February. On this day, serenades will also be performed by our talented Ayr SHS students for lucky recipients.

Sweetheart Day is a day to remember, with Ayr High wearing ‘its heart on its sleeve’ and spreading some joy. Stay tuned to the Facebook page for pictures of this awesome community event.
From the Principal
by Mr Craig Whittred, Principal
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Welcome back to 2016! Ayr State High School has started the year on a real high. Congratulations to our Year 12 students on their results. We had Liam Shannon achieve an OP1 as well René Le Feuvre and Luke Sockhill achieving an OP2. In fact our whole cohort of students achieve well above state averages with more than 65% of our students achieving an OP score between 1 and 10, which is outstanding. We also achieved above state average in our QCE attainment with over 90% of students achieving a QCE. All of our OP eligible students were offered placement to university and many of our Non OP eligible students have landed apprenticeships, traineeships and full-time work. Congratulations Class of 2015.

On the first day of school we welcomed our new Year 7 students into the Ayr High family. It has been a very exciting few weeks for the students and I’m really happy to say they are enjoying secondary school life. Next Tuesday we are holding a Meet and Greet evening for all Year 7 students and their parents/carers. I encourage all parents/carers to come along and make contact with your sons and daughters teachers and to ask questions now the year has kicked off...

In 2016 our schools’ Explicit Improvement agenda is focused on two key areas. HIGH EXPECTATIONS and POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT. In each of these areas we are working with both teachers and students focusing on a consistency of practice and expectations across all year levels and in all classrooms.

In HIGH EXPECTATIONS we have started the year off with a focus on a consistency of our uniform, which is every student wearing the senior/junior shirt, our black shorts with the school's initials on the leg, white socks, lace up sports shoes and the school's hat. Students are expected to wear the school hat when outside and not under a solid roofed structure. This is to bring our school into alignment with Queensland Education's Sunsafe policy.

We are continuing our focus on High level of ATTENDANCE with our acceptable benchmark at 95% attendance. This year we will also be focusing on student EFFORT. Expectations will be that all students attend and participate in all classes at an appropriate standard. Students who constantly meet these standards will be recognised and awarded, students who are not meeting these standards will be placed on academic improvement plans, have parent/carer interviews and in the case of students in the senior years, may have their enrolment cancelled.

In the area of POSITIVE CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT our focus is for all students to be Assessment Literate Students and our classrooms to be calm and well managed, with the majority of time spent on learning not on behaviour management. Students should feel safe and supported and we are delivering curriculum to meet the needs of every learner both academically and emotionally.

Our improvement agenda is firmly focused on developing improved student outcomes for every student at Ayr State High School. Our staff are committed to this endeavour and we are looking forward to maximising those improvements with the help of both the parents/carers and students.

Finally this will be the second last Ayring to be published in a paper form. From the start of March we will be publishing the Ayring electronically via our school website, the QSchoolS app and our newly developed Facebook page. Whilst this initiative will reduce our environmental footprint and save money it will also enable parents/carers and family members to see photos in full colour and enable the sharing of stories of children with other family members who may not live in the Burdekin.

Our official Facebook page is called Ayr State High School and can be recognised by having a banner picture of the 2015 student executive. I encourage everyone to join as this will become an effective communication tool for reminders of events and celebrations of success.

Yours in education

Craig Whittred
Principal

Sensational Year 7 2 Days of Activities At Ayr Surf Life Saving Club & Alva Beach

End of Term 1

P&C Meeting
Monday 7 March 2016 7.30 pm, Resource Centre preceded by A.G.M. at 7.00 pm All welcome.

Maths & Science Tutoring

Wednesday Afternoon (3.15 - 4.15 pm)
Thursday Afternoon (3.15 - 4.15 pm)
D1 Lab

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Do you want help with homework?
Do you need help with studying for a test?
Friday 19 February will see a carnival atmosphere prevail as the four sporting houses vie for honours in the Interhouse Swimming Carnival.

This year the Tuesday prior to the Carnival (16 February) will be ‘Spirit Day’. Students can dress in their House colours or their theme. In session 4, students will attend House Meetings then assemble at the MPS for the traditional skits and war-cries.

Friday (19 February) will begin with an assembly at school (at 8.50 am), followed by standard events and presentations at the pool. The Carnival will finish at 3 pm from the Ayr Swimming Pool (not from Ayr SHS) – please make arrangements for the safe departure of your child at 3 pm. Arrangements have been made for those students who catch the bus – they will walk back to the school with staff supervision to catch normal bus schedules.

Students are encouraged to dress in their House theme or their House colour for the Swimming Carnival. Students who are not competing will enjoy the carnival atmosphere, cheering and supporting their friends. Good luck to all.

NOTE: Footwear for the day must meet safety requirements for the walk to the pool (i.e. normal enclosed shoes are required).

Interschool Sport

The 2016 season of interschool sporting competition commences on Tuesday 16 February (week 4) with U15 and Open Netball and Rugby League. Positions in the school teams have been hotly contested with many students keen to participate.

Interschool Volleyball (U14 and Open teams) will be the next sport on the calendar. Selection trials and training will begin shortly with the first games scheduled for Thursday 3 March (week 6).

The following North Queensland trials are scheduled for Term 1:
- Cluster 1 (22/2) - Basketball (18 Yrs), Rugby Union (18 Yrs), Volleyball (19 Yrs)
- Cluster 2 (2/3) - Netball (15 & 19 Yrs), Rugby League (15 & 18 Yrs), Squash (15 & 19 Yrs)
- Cluster 3 (14/3) - Hockey (19 Yrs), Football (19 Yrs), Touch (18 Yrs), AFL (15 Yrs)

Students should keep an eye on the notices for further information closer to the trial dates or alternatively contact Miss Courtney Carrigan.

New Burdekin School Sport Uniform

Students representing the Burdekin district now have a brand new shirt to wear to sporting events. The shirts are available for purchase from Eathornes Sportspower and cost $33.

Dream, Believe, Achieve was the theme of a visit by the NRL to our school this week (Tuesday 9 February). Students in 10A and 10B HPE, and 11A Recreation were fortunate to attend the seminar in Session 2 and then other interested students attending during morning tea. Current NRL Jillaroos player and Women’s Daly M Medal winner, Jenni-Sue Hoepper, and former NRL and Super League player Ben Jeffries, shared their personal journeys and insights on how they have achieved their goals and dreams. The session focussed on positive attitudes and mindsets in order to achieve goals, surrounding oneself with supportive people and the importance of gaining an education. Students were also treated to a video montage of NRL stars who shared their goals and dreams and the dedication it took to achieve them. The session was inspiring and well received by students.
From the Senior School Deputy
by Mrs Kathy Fortescue, Acting Deputy Principal

I am really excited to be here at Ayr State High School and would like to say a big thank you to all of the wonderful staff and students who have given me a very warm welcome to this wonderful school community. I would also like to congratulate the 2015 school graduates on the really great OP and exit results attained. I have already begun working with the Year 11s and 12s to ensure that they are in the subjects where they will best experience success at school. There are many different pathways that students can take to achieve their goals and I have been very pleased to meet so many students taking an active interest in their studies and future pathways.

Uniforms
Thank you and congratulations to the parents/carers of most of the students who are following the uniform policy and look great. Socks should be white in colour and sports shoes should have an arch in order to provide support for your child’s growing feet. Students should also follow the jewellery policy.

Acceptable Shoes

Shoes that are not acceptable

Behaviour and Effort

The volume and rigour of school work certainly increases once students hit the senior schooling phase of learning. During this important time of schooling there are often a lot of other factors vying for time in our young people’s lives whether it be part time work, spending time with friends, learning to drive, or social media. The number of distractions are many! Parents, carers and teachers all need to help our young people to learn how to manage their time effectively, and how to prioritise time. The start of a new school year is a perfect time to help your child be organised for the year ahead, so if you haven’t done so already, please take the time to discuss with your child some ideas around managing time in order to achieve their very best results in 2016. To succeed in schooling requires more than showing up to school, it requires effort, commitment and persistence.

I look forward to working with all of our senior school community.

Burdekin Future Leaders Sought

Applications for the Burdekin Future Leaders Group are open. At the end of the last school year, students in Year 11 and 12 attended a presentation about the programme. With applications closing on 12 February students are encouraged to apply to participate in this fantastic opportunity.

The Burdekin Future Leaders Group has been established to motivate, inspire and further develop the leadership skills of a select group of senior school students who will become the future leaders of the Burdekin Shire. Successful participants will meet monthly to take part in a range of activities that will broaden their knowledge of issues affecting the region, identify opportunities within the region, increase confidence and community participation, enhance leadership skills and networks and learn in a practical and stimulating environment with access to existing Burdekin leaders from a variety of industries. Burdekin Future Leaders Group member selection will be conducted annually via a nomination and interview process for interested participants. Modules of study will include personal development in leadership, goal setting, public speaking and networking, key industries, current future and emerging industry trends, industry field trips, work experience and presentations. Participants will also work in groups with an assigned mentor to deliver a project concept at the conclusion of the programme at the graduation ceremony. See Mrs Fortescue if interested.

Upcoming Events

16 Feb  
Swimming Carnival Spirit Day (S4)  
Yr 7 Meet & Greet (5.30-6.30 pm, I Block)

17 Feb  
Student Leader Induction Ceremony (12.30 pm)

18 Feb  
Junior Secondary Meeting (S4)  
Music Support Meeting (5 pm, A12)

19 Feb  
Interhouse Swimming Carnival (All day)

23 Feb  
Yr 11/12 Parent Info Evening for OP students

25 Feb  
Interschool Swimming Carnival (4-6.30 pm)

29 Feb  
Yr 11/12 Parent Info Evening for Non OP students, VET, SBT & more

1 Mar  
Yr 11 RYDA  
Yr 12 RACQ Talk (S1)

7 Mar  
Indigenous Meet & Greet  
P&C Meeting/AGM (7.00 pm, Resource Centre)

9 Mar  
School Photos

10 Mar  
School Disco

15 Mar  
Yr 6 Transition Visit  
Senior Secondary Meeting (S4)

16 Mar  
Yr 7/8 Vaccinations (Boys & Girls)  
Yr 6 Transition Visit

17 Mar  
Junior Secondary Meeting (S4)

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Throughout the year, students may want or need to visit the Guidance Officer for a variety of reasons that affect students learning. At Ayr State High School there are two Guidance Officers, Mr Johnson and Ms Shaw. The three main areas of service are Academic, Careers and Social and Emotional support. The Guidance Officers can facilitate your decisions around subject selection, study skills, time management and goal setting. Students can also seek personal (short-term) counselling or career advice. They can complete assessment to investigate on-going and significant learning difficulties for students making minimal progress at school to help facilitate better outcomes at school. The Guidance Officers can also advise around seeking support from outside agencies within the community.

Ms Shaw is case managing Years 7, 8 and 11 at school all day on a Tuesday from 12 pm, Thursday’s before 12 pm and all day Friday. Ms Shaw services six other schools in the Burdekin also which keeps her very busy.

Mr Johnson is case managing Years 9, 10 and 12 at school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday all day.

Students are able to self-refer at the office and teachers and parents/carers may also contact the Guidance Officer through the school if they have an enquiry or to make an appointment.

Exciting New Careers Website
Ayr State High School now has its very own careers website. It can be found at the following web address: http://www.ayrshscareers.com/ or simply Google: Ayr SHS Career Tools. The website is a ONE-STOP SHOP for everything you need to know about Senior Schooling and beyond. It is a helpful and interactive tool that can be accessed by parents/carers, students and wider community members both at school or at home.

On the website, you will find a range of information required for Senior Schooling including: TAFE/University options, details on the Queensland Certificate of Education, OP’s, QTAC, Youth Allowance and much, much more. It is also a place to find important messages about career events/expos and job vacancies within the area. Students can create a unique login and partake in interest tests, research millions of jobs, upload and develop resumes and an online career portfolio, define career goals and develop a step-by-step plan on how to reach them and get the job and life that they want!

The school invites parents/carers/employers to access the website to find out more. If you have any questions about the site or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Guidance Officers on 4790 4333.

Homework Activities in Maths and Science for 2016
by Mr Kerry Flynn, HOD - Science & Mathematics

Welcome back to another great year of Maths and Science at Ayr High.

Year 7 - 9 Maths and Science:
After the successful trialling of set home study sheets in Year 7 - 9 last year, the Maths and Science Department have organised for a full implementation of the set home study sheets for this year. Thanks to those parents/carers who gave useful and positive feedback. The plan for this year is that ALL classes in 7 - 9 will receive a series of photocopy sheets that they will glue into the back of their notebooks at the beginning of each unit. On the sheets will be a series of tasks that align to the unit of work and also assist students to form study habits and to reflect upon their learning. The teacher and students will negotiate what tasks will need to be completed each week.

We believe that this way both, students and parents/carers can take better control of home time and the need to support students to become better learners.

Years 10 - 12
We will also be trialling some home tasks in Year 10 to bridge the gap between the junior school and the independence that comes with senior school. Feedback from parents/carers will be appreciated as we embark on this process. In Year 11 and 12 subjects there are different expectations depending upon which subject students are enrolled in. Please talk to your student about what the expectations are for the particular subject.
**Canteen Rules:**
- No ports or bags through the Canteen line
- Only 4 items per student
- $50 notes will only be changed towards the end of First Break
- Canteen closes 10 minutes before the end of each break

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