

# THURSDAY OCTOBER 22ND 2020 QUIRINDI HIGH SCHOOL Newsletter



Term 4 - Week 2



## Announcing 2021 QHS Captains

Congratulations to our incoming 2021 School Captains: Vice Captains; Isabella Davis and Sam Fechner. Captains; Millie Slade and James Redgrove.

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to a fast moving final term for 2020. Our HSC students got underway with their English exams this week. Teachers have been supporting them throughout the holidays with a variety of classes. For those students who choose to attend these holiday sessions, it will make a difference. It is such a great opportunity QHS teachers are willing to provide for students to give them that extra edge.

Speaking of an extra edge, Year 11 have been matched with their teacher mentor/coach for their HSC year. The students will have regular contact with this person who will assist them with their time management, post school discussions, study techniques and much more. This is the third group to have the benefit of this program. We know it makes a difference for those students who choose to participate. Again I have to thank the staff who give up their time to provide this extra layer of support for students. It is what sets QHS apart.

I would like to offer a huge congratulations to Meghanne Wellard (Clarke) who has been selected through merit selection to fill the role of Executive Director within the Department of Education. She will be one of eight Executive Directors who manage School Performance Directorates and Networks.

We continue to monitor the ever changing Covid advice. As we are able to open up more opportunities for students, we will do so. The advice can change on a daily basis. At this point in time, school is still a restricted place for non-essential adults. This means we are still not able to have parent meetings or gatherings.

This week saw the start of the installation for our new air conditioning system throughout the school. This is a part of the Cooling Country Classrooms programs. All classrooms throughout the school will have reverse cycle A/C installed. As you can imagine, this is a huge job and will take the term to complete. What it does mean is that students will return to much better learning spaces for 2021. There will be more information released surrounding this project.

Congratulations to our newly elected leadership team, who have stepped positively into their role as captains.

*Ian Worley*  
Principal



HSC EXAMS COMMENCE



NEW TEAM SPORTS SHIRTS



YEAR 12 GRADUATION



INCOMING YEAR 12



BREAKFAST CLUB RETURNS

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# PREPARE TO SUCCEED



2020 Year 11 students officially commenced their Year 12 learning last Monday.

Students met with their Year Advisor, Mr Hamilton to receive a copy of their Assessment schedule, Assessment Policy and HSC Guidelines.

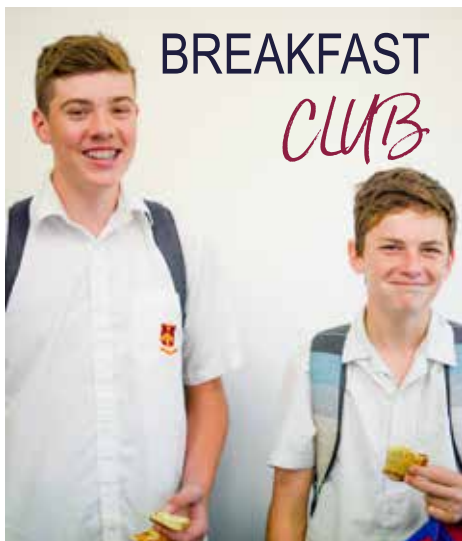
Deputy Principal, Miss Loughrey and Principal, Mr Worley also spoke to students on the importance of making the most of every opportunity.

"This is your 13th year of school, every one of you is stepping up into the leadership roles within the school. The school staff will do as much as they can to help you get to where you want to be, but it is up to you take advantage of these opportunities," said Principal Worley, who continued... "The School Learning Dispositions of Self-Regulation, Reflection, Persistence, Curiosity, Resilience and Taking Risks will give you the tools to aim high in your success."

Students are encouraged to utilise the Study Centre, make the most of the QHS Year 12 Mentoring program and use their study time wisely.



## BREAKFAST CLUB



The QHS Breakfast Club is in full swing for Term 4, commencing every day from 8.30am in TAS 4. Thank you to Head teacher Wellbeing, Mrs Saunders and to the dedicated volunteers who assist in providing students with a fresh and healthy start to the day.



## STRONG DEBATE



The QHS Junior Debate team, comprising Katie Martin, Grace Hutchins, Bella Pollard and Rudi Sangster-Walker, put in a valiant effort in their debate against Armidale Secondary College last week.

The online debate saw QHS as the Negative to the topic... 'Year 7 and 8 Students should be taught Self-Defence in School.'

QHS team Coach, Mr Owen said, while the Armidale team put up a strong debate for supporting the teaching of martial arts in schools and had some good arguments, the QHS team should be proud of their

effort.

QHS argued that the school Curriculum was already full, and it is up to parents to teach their children Self-Defence life skills outside of school.

"While we came in second, the QHS team debated the best they have ever debated, they put in a good effort and we are proud of the team and can't wait and see who they may be up against next."

Great effort Junior Debate Team and thank you Mr Owen for your ongoing support of our students.

## HSC EXAMS BEGIN



About 76,000 students from the NSW HSC class of 2020 started their written exams, with COVID-safe protocols in place this week.

Safeguards including temperature tests and spaced seating have been introduced to protect students who sat their first English test on Tuesday morning.

The 2020 cohort has had to endure a tougher year than usual with COVID-19 forcing many interruptions, such as home schooling and the cancellation of sports, drama, musicals and most co-curricular activities. This year has been the most uncertain year, but it has taught students how to be flexible and adapt to changes,

which is really important for the future.

The NSW Department of Education's leader of psychology and wellbeing services, Pauline Kotselas, is encouraging students to make use of all available support, from online resources such as the "Stay healthy HSC hub" to debriefing with teachers after exams.

"Not all stress is bad; it's a normal reaction to a situation like exams," she said. "Just focus on the exam that you're doing at the moment, remember that the HSC does not define you and be kind to yourself ... Students have sat through many exams; this is just one other. They're well practised." GOOD LUCK TO ALL HSC STUDENTS



The QHS Clontarf Academy hosted a fantastic 'Welcome Back to Term 4 - Teachers Breakfast', earlier this week.

Students were enthusiastic as they helped cook, prepare and serve the breakfast, displaying their excellent front-of-house service, in an event that was greatly appreciated by teachers.

"We had a terrific turn-out and it was awesome to see some new faces as well. Thank you all who attended and thanks to the ongoing support of QHS teachers. Well done students." said QHS Clontarf Academy, Operations Officer, Aaron Sampson.

Thank you QHS Clontarf for celebrating our teachers during what has been a big year of extremes for us all.

TEACHERS BREAKFAST

*Congratulations*

*2020 Graduation Acknowledgement*





At the Year 12 Graduation event at the end of last term QHS Student, Luke Wilson performed an improvised piece on the guitar as the Official Party arrived.

Molly Owen, performed the National Anthem, followed by the Acknowledgement to Country, by Year 12 Student and Vice-Captain, Liam Faulkner.

Event Emcee, Mr Owen welcomed students and Year 11 SRC Member, Millie Slade officiated as Chairperson.

QHS Captain, Jock Barnett, welcomed visitors online that watched on via the live video.

A musical item was performed by Jackson Worley, 'Prayer from Jewish Life' by Ernest

Bloch, then Jock Barnett and Mia Constable offered a Response from Year 12.

A very entertaining Year 12 Memories Slideshow by Year 12 Advisor, Miss Cooper was displayed, before her formal address.

Former Quirindi High School student, and father, Mick Clark gave a humorous and emotive Parent Address followed by the musical item 'River Flows in You' Yiruma by Nicole Rae.

Principal Worley offered his address, and the 2021 QHS Captains and Vice Captains were presented.

Congratulations were offered to new captains on behalf of the 2020 school Captains Jock

Barnett and Mia Constable, followed by the Presentation of Graduation Folios.

Guests then exited to create a guard of honour as students rang 'The Final Bell'.

Below is an edited version of today's speech, by 2020 QHS Year Advisor, Miss Cooper:

"Your HSC year has not been ideal, it is not what you pictured, and it is not what we wanted for you. But you have weathered the chaos and uncertainty and have displayed a resilience and maturity that is to be commended. Those traits will serve you well moving through to adulthood – and in 20 years you will be able to use: 'I got my HSC during a pandemic, what

are you complaining about?' on your own kids."

"As we have moved into the senior school, we have had more and more of us leave the group. To other educational pathways, apprenticeships and the workforce. I see many of them around town and could not be prouder of the way they conduct themselves, of their professionalism and the 'hey Miss' that I imagine will continue to follow me throughout the coming years. Those still at school took on positions of leadership, official and unofficial. Despite some stumbles and hiccups along the way you are all growing into mature, responsible and





resilient adults. Some faster than others, but I have no doubt you will all get there.”  
 “Year 12 2020, in conclusion for today’s event, I have written you a sonnet”

*Eyes wide, shirt tucked,  
 ready for your first day.  
 New school, big pond.  
 You see the larger fish*

*Swim through the sea of students,  
 on their way.*

*To follow in their wake a distant wish.*

*You move through each grade,  
 challenges piling tall.*

*Equations to solve,  
 words scratched out in red.*

*Each page a victory, no matter how small.*

*A shaky step along the path ahead.*

*Appropriately distanced, you now stand.*

*Ready, eager, at the end of your road.*

*Kindness, care and compassion close at hand.*

*Life lessons tucked away, already stowed.*

*Take what you have learned and use it with  
 pride.*

*Keeping all of us here close by your side.*

“Good luck on the road ahead. Take everything you can from your experiences at Quirindi High School. Be proud of your time here – you have been given a very impressive toolkit for the future. Use it well. Ladies and gentlemen please join me in congratulating, Quirindi High School’s class of 2020,” concluded Miss Cooper.





## Year 12 Grad Announcement and First in Awards

**Mitchell Anderson-Griffiths**

**Georgie Auld**

**Sam Avar** - North West Representative - Swimming

**Jock Barnett** - First in VET Metal & Engineering

**Montanna Bright**

**Heidi Campbell** - First in Year 12 Drama, Legal Studies  
and Community and Family Studies

**Lillie Clark** - North West Representative - Basketball

**Mia Constable**

**Amy Crowhurst**

**Cassidy D'Elboux**

**Jasmin De Rooy** - First in Year 12 Ancient History and  
Visual Arts

**Taylah Douglas** - First in Year 12 English Studies,  
PDHPE.

**Michael Easey** - First in Year 12 Design & Technology

**Liam Faulkner** - First in Year 12 Business Studies and  
Sport, Lifestyle & Recreation Unit 2

**Luke Fechner** - First in Year 12 Sport, Lifestyle &  
Recreation Unit 1

**Maxwell Flett**

**Benjamin Foody** - First in Year 12 Geography

**Alicia Forsyth**

**Eliza Furner** - First in Year 12 English 2U Standard

**Blake Haines** - First in VET Hospitality

**Kelsey Hawkins** - First in Year 12 Mathematics  
Advanced, Chemistry and Biology

**Chrystal Johnson**

**Zara McCarthy** - First in Year 12 Business Studies

**Emily McGilchrist** - First in Year 12 Mathematics and  
English 2U Advanced

**Brodie Nankivell** - First in Year 12 Primary Industries

**Tyra Nean**

**Zane Nean** - Achievement in Music

**Ky Orrock**

**Amber Perrett** - First in Year 12 Mathematics Standard 1

**Caitlyn Petersons** - First in Year 12 Society & Culture

**Georgea Quayle** - First in Year 12 Agriculture

**Nicole Rea** - First in Year 12 Music

**Phillip Reibelt**

**Phoebe Roberts**

**Clayton Russell**

**Paige Ryan**

**Lachlan Sevil**

**Samuel Straney** - First in VET Construction and Year 12  
Modern History

**Chloe Symington** - First in VET Hospitality and Year 12  
Textiles

**Joseph Trengrouse**

**Katie Woods**

# a Sporting future



Females

QHS SINGLET

Year 7/8



Year 9/10



Year 11/12



Males

QHS SINGLET



In preparation for when sport opens up after COVID-19, QHS have created 6 different sets of representative team sports singlets.

The singlets – a total of 90 – come in sets for girls and boys from Year 7 to 12 ensuring all our students will look great when they take to the field representing the school at sporting events next year.

QHS would like to extend a HUGE thank you to Aurizon and the Aurizon Indigenous Reference Group for their significant support in purchasing the 90 school team school sports singlets for the school.

“Aurizon is a regionally based company with over 90% of our employees being based in regional communities in Queensland, Western Australia and New South Wales,” said Shane Allan, Driver Trainer at Aurizon, who continued... “We

are proud to support and be part of regional Australia and give back to the communities that are so vital to our success.”

As a former QHS student and member of the Aurizon Indigenous Reference group, Shane is responsible for overseeing and guiding Aurizon on implementing its Reconciliation Action Plan, which focusses and commits to the key pillars of Respect, Acknowledgment and Opportunities.

“There is always more work to do and we will continue to focus on creating further opportunities and relationships with the traditional owners upon the land on which we operate. Once again, thanks for allowing us to support this opportunity.

Thank you to 2020 QHS Sports Captain, Lille Clark for being part of today's presentation and to QHS students Sarah

Edwards and Jaiden Summers for their participation.

Thank you to Aurizon and the Aurizon Indigenous Reference group, with a large indigenous representation at QHS, we are exceptionally grateful for this donation that will go to assist all of our students at the school.

Thank you also to former QHS student, Clay McDonald for your ongoing support of the school and assistance with this project – your continued pride in our school and contributions are very appreciated.

Photo Caption:

QHS student Sarah Edwards, and QHS Sports Captain, Lillie Clark with Shane Allan, Driver Trainer, Aurizon - former QHS student and member of the Aurizon Indigenous Reference group – at the presentation of the QHS Teams Representative Sports Singlets.

## Term 4 2020

Wk 3 A	Oct 26 - Oct 30
Wk 4 B	Nov 2 - Nov 6
Wk 5 A	Nov 9 - Nov 13
Wk 6 B	Nov 16 - Nov 20
Wk 7 A	Nov 23 - Nov 27
Wk 8 B	Nov 30 - Dec 4
Wk 9 A	Dec 7 - Dec 11
Wk 10 B	Dec 14 - Dec 18

## QUIRINDI HIGH SCHOOL 2020 SCHOOL TIMETABLE

### MON, TUES, WED & FRIDAY

Roll Call	9.05 - 9.20	15 min
Period 1	9.20 - 10.35	75 min
Recess 1	10.35 - 10.50	15 min
Period 2	10.50 - 12.05	75 min
Recess 2	12.05 - 12.20	15 min
Period 3	12.20 - 1.35	75 min
Lunch	1.35 - 2.05	30 min
Period 4	2.05 - 3.20	75 min

### THURSDAY-SPORT

Roll Call	9.00 - 9.10	10 min
Period 1	9.10 - 10.25	75 min
Recess 1	10.25 - 10.40	15 min
Period 2	10.40 - 11.55	75 min
Recess 2	11.55 - 12.10	15 min
Period 3	12.10 - 1.25	75 min
Lunch	1.25 - 1.55	30 min
Sport	1.55 - 3.20	85 min