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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Winter Uniform

With the weather turning cooler it is timely to review what is appropriate for our Winter Uniform:

- The approved school jumper is the blue zip-front jacket, available from the uniform shop (\$50.00).
- Optional additions are plain black tights or black slacks for the girls and black dress trousers for the boys.
- A reminder that the options do NOT include Leggings, Track Pants or Jeans.
- Of course, our fundamental rule is that NO HOODIES are allowed, as this ensures the safety and identification of all young people in our school.

We take pride in how well our students present themselves and with your support we can maintain our high standard of dress.

Should a student be unable to wear an item of uniform for a day, due to an unusual circumstance, parents are asked to send a note of explanation with the student on that day. The note is to be taken to Student Services (in the admin office) before school. Should the explanation be satisfactory, the student will be issued an exemption for the item(s) of clothing for that day.

Next Step Survey

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual state-wide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2016. The Next Step survey is a brief, confidential survey that gains a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and

life choices made by Queensland school completers in the year after they finish Year 12.

Between March and June, all our students who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician's Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate. Thank you for your support of the Next Step survey in 2017. Further information on Next Step is available online at the following link or on toll free telephone 1800 068 587.

<http://www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep>

Year 6 enrolments for 2018

Our enrolment process for 2018 kicks off on Wednesday 17 May with our "Nerang Experience" day for Year 6 students from our local primary schools. The "Nerang Experience" is an opportunity for prospective students to see first-hand what Nerang High has to offer. From meeting our Junior Captains, witnessing student performances, learning about our Signature Programs and having all their questions answered about high school, the students will leave our Experience session confident in the knowledge that their next step will be an exciting one. This event is held at Nerang High in the Hall and a free bus will pick up children from their respective primary school at 11.00am and return them 1.15pm.

The following week on Wednesday the 24 May, we hold the first of our Parent Information Evenings. This is a fantastic opportunity to see why 2018 will be our most exciting year yet and why we're proud to be a high performing school. Parents will have the opportunity speak to our Curriculum Leaders, learn about our 2018 Junior Secondary initiatives, witness student performances, hear from our School Captains and much more. The event is held at the Nerang High Hall (access via bus

bay gates on Weedons Road). The evening commences at 5.00pm with access to Faculty Booths and the opportunity to speak with Curriculum Leaders. At 5:30pm the information presentation commences, followed by a Q&A session.

Be Prepared

We are almost half way through the term and it won't be long before we are into revision and exams. All students need to complete all assessment on-time and to a high standard to be gaining the very best results they can. Students need to be encouraged and monitored at home to ensure they are completing assignments and studying for tests.

Please talk to your children about their assessment and have them review their assessment schedule (each student was given an individual one at the start of the semester and a year-level version is available on the website.) Help them to plan the times when they will complete assignments and study for tests by ensuring they have a planner/calendar with the dates when assessment is due and the dates/times when they will be working on it preparing for that assessment. (see the guide on the school website: Curriculum tab, 'Testing and assessment' page- look for the Homework and Study link)

<https://nerangshs.eq.edu.au/Curriculum/Testingandassessment/Pages/Testingandassessment.aspx>

<https://nerangshs.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Documents/Assessment/Homework%20and%20Study.pdf>

Our Year 11 and 12 students are aware that if they have assessment items that have not been submitted, they will not be released for study at home during the Exam Block at the end of the semester, and will have to attend school for normal school times until this assessment is completed.

Achieving to the highest standard doesn't happen by accident, it needs to be planned for.

Change of Contact Details

Just a reminder to please notify the school immediately of changes to address, telephone numbers and/or other relevant personal details (e.g. emergency contacts). It is extremely important our records are kept up to date, in case we have to contact you in an emergency. Student 'Report Card' and access to MyEdiary are both emailed to parents, so it is important we have a current email address lodged with us. Just email deb at admin@nerangshs.eq.edu.au with a request to update. (e.g. *Hi Deb, please update my email address to this email, cheers, your full name, your child's name*). Deb will then ring to confirm this change has been made.

Regards,

Scott Ison

English Department

Writing Competition

Independent Education Union is running a literary competition for all year levels. Students may write a poem, short story or non-fiction prose. Full details and entry forms can be found at the following link. Entries close 21 July 2017.

<http://www.qieu.asn.au>

BRISBANE KOKODA CHALLENGE 2017

On Saturday June 3rd three teams of Nerang High students will enter the Brisbane Kokoda Challenge.

Nerang Proclaimers 1, 2 and 3 will tackle this 48km course together in the spirit of the values of Kokoda: courage, endurance, mateship and sacrifice. We commenced weekend training sessions in February and are on track to put up a strong fight to win the School Cup.

Each team must raise a minimum amount to participate in the Kokoda Challenge Brisbane - if we do not reach this target, we will not be able to compete. Please show your support for this huge undertaking by donating at:

<https://kokodachallenge.com/donate-online>

Thank you for your support.

Nerang Proclaimers 1: Damon, Kylie, Viktoria, Amber

Nerang Proclaimers 2: Emma, Amy, Ash, Grace

Nerang Proclaimers 3: Jack, Maddy, Jorja, Susan



CANTEEN NEWS

Online ordering is now available at the School Canteen. Flexischools is a fast and secure way to order and pay for your Canteen orders. Take advantage of this new convenient service by going to the link below and register.

<http://www.flexischools.com.au>

Bookroom Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

8:30am - 12.00pm

12:30pm - 2.00pm

RESOURCE CENTRE HOURS

Open daily – from 8am-8.45am
Open Morning Tea – 10.15am – 10.45am
Open – Lunchtime 1.15pm – 1.45pm.

LIBRARY TEACHER AIDE MRS MARILYN RIVETT

FINANCE WINDOW

OPEN MONDAY WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

Remember Internet Payments can be made 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

*Payment Options are available, including Centrepay.
Please direct any queries to our Finance Officer Donna
Rath 5503 7804*

FINANCE NEWS

The Finance Window is open to accept payments on Monday, Wednesday and Friday only from 8.00am to 2.00pm. Finance will not accept payments from students during class time. Students are to make their payments before school or during the two lunch breaks.

INTERNET PAYMENTS

Have you considered making your SRS payments via the internet? You can make the payment at your convenience and include a due date for the payment to be made. The school banking details are: Name of Account: Nerang State High School BSB: 064-451 Account Number: 10003546 For all internet payments, it is essential to use an identifiable description so that your payment can be receipted. Please use the following examples of descriptions: Jamie Smithson paying for SRS, the description would be: SMITH Jam SRS Jack Longworthy paying for SRS, the description would be: LONGW Jac SRS Jack Longworthy paying for Laptop Program, the description would be: LONGW Jac LAPTOP If you follow the above examples, it ensures that the office staff can receipt to the correct student and invoice. 3 If you follow the above examples, it ensures that the office staff can receipt to the correct student and invoice. Gayle Rees Business Manager

Important information for students with EpiPens®

The Therapeutic Goods Administration has advised that four batches of EpiPen ® 300 microgram adrenaline injection syringe auto-injectors are being recalled. If your child's EpiPen ® is from batch 5FA665, 5FA6651, 5FA6652 or 5FA6653 (all of which expire in April 2017), return it to your pharmacy for a free replacement or refund. It has been identified that EpiPens ® from the four affected batches may contain a defective part that could result in the auto-injector failing to activate or needing to be applied with more force than normal to activate. It is important to keep the current auto-injector until you get the replacement, and use it if required (being mindful that you may need to apply more force than normal to activate it). For further information see the TGA Recall Alert below. If you have further questions or concerns, talk to your health professional.

<http://www.tga.gov.au/alert/epipen-300-microgram-adrenaline-injection-syringe-auto-injector>

CyberSafety

Parents — give your children the knowledge to stay cyber safe with the 'Meet the Creeps' website and quiz! The website guides you and your children through online scams, social media pitfalls and cyberbullying.

<http://www.creepquiz.eq.edu.au/>

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME FEES 2017

We have had a great response from our parents keeping up to date with their SRS instalments.

3rd Instalment of Student Resource Scheme Fees and Laptop Fees - due 12 June.

These payments must be paid prior to the acceptance of monies for other school activities eg: sport, excursions and camps.

If you are experiencing any financial difficulties, we have two options available (Centrelink and Payment Plan).

Please contact Donna Rath on 5503 7804 in the first instance to discuss.