I hope I have your support in our policy. We do have

students and their parents met with a school representative to

YEAR 10 SET PLANS AND PATHWAYS: In recent weeks
students and their parents met with a school representative to

map out the best pathway for a successful future. I wanted to

firstly thank the staff who coordinated and participated in this
very important process. I have heard very positive reports in

relation to both the organisation and outcomes of the
meetings. Also I wanted to very sincerely thank the parents
and students who met with our staff. These conversations and
decisions are critical and parental involvement is a very

important component of the process. Whilst the majority of
SET Plans were able to be finalised, I am aware that there are

a number where continued communication is necessary. If this
is case for your child, then you will receive direct

communication from the Middle School team.

KEDRON SHS HOSTS OPTI-MINDS 2015: Kedron State
High School is very proud to be hosting the Opti-MINDS
Regional Challenge for 2015 on the 23rd of August. Kedron’s
motto of ‘to strive, is to shine’ blends perfectly with the ethos
of Opti-MINDS which encourages each individual to do their
very best in a team environment. It encourages creativity and
sustainability, two qualities that Kedron SHS encourages in
our students every day. This is what makes Opti-MINDS such
a wonderful experience for students.

I wanted to thank Kimberley Saunders and Ryan Taylor-Davis
for their coordination of this event at our school and to the
multiple staff who are working with our students

Yours in the Kedron Way

Mr Joseba Larrazabal - Principal

COMING EVENTS

AUGUST

17-21 Book Week
18 P&C Meeting 7pm
Yr 11 Earth Science field trip all day
20 ESL Parliament House excursion
21 Yr 11 Physical theatre performance plus Saturday,
Yr 12 Hospitality Dinner evening P2-4
24 KIMS Meeting 7pm I Block
25 Junior Interschool Metro Finals
26-28 Hearing Awareness Week
26 Yr 11 Dram Dracula 6.30pm
Senior Interschool Metro Finals
27 ESL Abby Museum excursion
28 Weekend Opti minds exc

SEPTEMBER

1 & 2 QSC test & breakfast in ISP

CONGRATULATIONS TO…

Mr Ross Clayfield who was awarded the AFL
Queensland School Ambassador of the Year
award recently. This is a significant honour for
Ross’ many hours of commitment to students
and their participation in AFL.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL
ATTENTION TO DETAIL MAKES THE
DIFFERENCE: It is very evident from not only what I have
seen, but what I have heard since my time at Kedron – that it
is our strong adherence to the highest expectations around
behaviour, participation and uniform that our community
values very highly. I am determined that this shall not diminish
in any way during my time as Principal and in fact I wish to see
it enhanced even further. To that end, I know that for this
to happen, it is a partnership working with home that will
make the difference. I fundamentally believe that an attention
to detail is critical and if students are receiving the same
message from both school and home it has a greater impact.
Here are some messages that I hope you will share with your
child to assist in maintaining our very high standards:

• Wearing the school hat, with polished shoes, socks up and
with the shirt tucked in on the way to and from school –
shows pride in our school and is noticed in this community;

• Allowing the general public to access public transport
first and using our manners when in and around public
transport is noticed;

• Please, thank you, good morning etc are the words that
make a difference whether we are inside the school or
outside the school.

We receive multiple calls and emails congratulating us on the
students. I really want to ensure we maintain that standard.

MOBILE PHONES/ ELECTRONIC DEVICES: In some
recent feedback from students the school’s phone policy was
raised. I understand that students have a great desire to have
their devices with them at all times. However as I explained on
parade recently, there are a number of very good reasons why
we have our current policy. I outlined the following as some of the
reasons:

• Recent research has demonstrated that having phones in
learning environments increases distraction and reduces
success;

• Phones mean social media – the ability to post, respond
and share whilst at school could become very problematic
for the school and more importantly quite destructive for
students, especially around cyber-bullying. I genuinely
believing getting a break from social media is critically
important for young people as it can and often does
become an all-consuming part of their lives;

• Phones mean internet access (unfiltered) – the potential
for the wrong sorts of sites to be seen and shared is very
high and very damaging.

I hope I have your support in our policy. We do have
significant consequences for repeat offenders, however
students get at least 3 opportunities to improve their choices
before the more serious consequences are imposed and I make
no apology for taking a hard line on a repeat offender.

Yours in the Kedron Way

Mr Joseba Larrazabal - Principal

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17 AUGUST No: 13

1 & 2 QSC test & breakfast in ISP
DEADLY CHOICES PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

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DOUBLE HAPPINESS

Kedron State High School has a multicultural community of over 50 nationalities. Currently, Tenzin Methok in Grade 11 is our only student from Tibet. Tenzin was born in Southern India after her family fled there from their homeland. One year ago, her family was granted a visa to come to Australia. At the time of their application, Tenzin’s older sister was over 18 and so wasn’t granted a visa and the family was divided. But in May of this year, their family was overjoyed when the family reunion visa was approved and her sister arrived in Australia. In June this year, Tenzin’s happiness was doubled when she had the opportunity to meet the Dalai Lama during his visit to Australia. She said:

This day was the most amazing and memorable day of my life. As a Tibetan myself, it was the greatest privilege to welcome the symbol of peace and compassion, the most honourable spiritual leader of Tibet, His Holiness the XIVth Dalai Lama in Brisbane. I was deeply honoured by this experience.

In this photo, Tenzin can be seen wearing traditional Tibetan dress and presenting the Dalai Lama with a welcoming gift. Tenzin is currently studying an OP course of study in Year 11 and is achieving excellent grades.

Ms Alice Windeyer

NUNDAH STATE SCHOOL TURNS 150

The Nundah State School turns 150 years old this year and to celebrate they are hosting a Spring Fair on Sunday 19th October between 11.00am and 4.00pm. The festivities will take place at the school on Bage Street, Nundah and as well as entertainment there will be a wide range of food, craft and treat stalls. The Nundah Historical Society will have photos and displays from the school’s 150 year history and there will be the opportunity to meet teachers and children who currently attend the school. To find out more go to: https://nundahss.eq.edu.au/Calendarandnews/News/Pages/News.aspx
Dear Year 12 Student and Parents/Guardians

**RE: 2015 Year 12 QCS Breakfast**

On Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September, Year 12 students will be sitting the Queensland Core Skills (QCS) test which assists in the calculation of their Overall Position (OP).

As you can imagine, the students feel a little anxious about such a test. To assist them to relax and be mentally prepared for each long day ahead, our school tuckshop has organised to serve a substantial breakfast to the students. Both breakfasts are offered free of charge as goods have been kindly donated by the tuckshop suppliers.

We would be very grateful if you could give some of your **time to assist in the preparation or serving at the breakfasts**. Please complete the slip below and have your student deliver it to the Tuckshop Convenor. The school will contact you with **times when the roster is finalised**.

- Volunteers are required at tuckshop area from 7:15 am – 8:30am.
- Breakfast will be served to students at 7:45 am – 8:15am

We look forward to your help in supporting the students on these days.

Regards
Mr Chris Harris   Ms Margaret Duffield         Mr Joseba Larrazabal
Year 12 Coordinator                  Deputy Principal   Principal
(Senior Secondary)

[Signature]

[2015 YEAR 12 QCS BREAKFAST]

I would like to volunteer on Tuesday (1st Sept) and/or Wednesday (2nd Sept) to assist with the QCS breakfast.

Attending Student’s Name: ____________________________

Parent/Carer’s Name: ____________________________

Daytime Phone /Email address: ____________________________

Signature: ____________________________

PLEASE RETURN TO THE KSHS TUCKSHOP CONVENOR
ARRANGEMENTS FOR YEAR 12 QCS TEST
Tuesday 01 & Wednesday 02 September 2015

- The Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test will be held in the Indoor Sports Centre during these two days and Year 12 students are required to be at the Tuckshop Area NO LATER than 8:30am.
- Students are not required to attend form classes. An attendance roll register is maintained for QCS.
- A full equipment list is below. All equipment must be in a clear container eg. zip lock bag.
- If an OP-eligible student is absent from all or part of the test and wants to remain eligible for an OP, they must provide a medical certificate to the school as soon as possible after the test. As instructed by QCAA, “medical certificates should provide details of the medical condition (eg chicken pox) and not simply say a ‘medical condition’”. The school will submit this medical certificate to QCAA along with an Application for Exemption for Unexpected Absence form.

The timetable for the QCS tests:

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<td>Perusal MULTIPLE CHOICE 1 (MC1) paper</td>
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Equipment List — Not permitted:
- own paper
- dictionary
- thesaurus
- protractor
- drawing compass
- electronic devices
- any other items