Senior School Captains: Jack Algate and Bella Rethus
Senior Vice Captains: Lachlan Grech and Chontelle Myers
Senior Cultural Captains: Jack Schusser and Mary Vollmerhouse
House Captains Orion: Kendall Bates and Milla Cornwall
House Captains Taurus: Phoebe Brennan and Bailey Camilleri
House Captains Pegasus: Piper Holmes and Taylah Paull
House Captains Aquila: Thomas Anderson and Renae Hill

Junior School Captains: Jordan Bugeja and Adam Perna
Junior Cultural Captains: Grace Algate and Janee Emms
Junior House Captain Orion: Lainey Cornwall
Junior House Captain Taurus: Natalie Sant
Junior House Captain Pegasus: Ruby Holmes
Junior House Captain Aquila: Ashton Scriha
Welcome back to Mirani S.H.S. for 2017. A very special welcome to the new families who have joined our community. Whatever your interest, we trust you will pursue it with passion and skill, and give it your all. You will be better off, and so will the school.

In line with previous years, we are very pleased with the outcomes of our 2016 Year 12 students, with all students gaining their Queensland Certificate of Education. Students received tertiary offers in a wide variety of courses including Science, Engineering, Law and Business while many other students were able to find employment and apprenticeships. My congratulations go to these students and also my thanks go to them for being such great role models for the next generation of Mirani SHS graduates.

100% of our 2016 Year 12 students gained their Queensland Certificate of Education and 90% of our O.P students received an offer of university entrance. Congratulations must go to Ms Sandra Grace and our Guidance Officer, Mrs Julie Van der Veen for providing timely and correct advice to students.

**To be the best you can be**

Success is something you earn and is the product of hard work. As we move towards the assessment period, students who have followed their assessment planner are less stressed and positioned best to achieve to the best of their ability. Q Parents is an app for apple and android products that can help you support your child. With it, you can see your child’s timetable and assessment allowing you to ensure your child is progressing to “Be the best they can be”.

Regards
Scott Cage

**Mirani SHS extends a warm welcome to three new teachers this year,**
**Lyle Sutton, Hannah Rose and Annabel Dorey.**

**Lyle Sutton**
*Previous schools*: Sunshine Coast regional schools (Maroochydore, Kuluin, Mountain Creek, Budermin and Chancellor Park)
*Subjects taught this year*: Japanese 7&8 (MSHS) 4-6 (Gargett SS, Finch Hatton SS, Eungella SS, Pinnacle SS). Previously p-6 (and 7) Japanese and whole grade level classes.
*Interests*: Studying towards finishing my masters, cricket and fishing poorly.

**Hannah Rose**
*Previous school*: James Nash SHS
*Subjects taught*: HPE/ Recreation, Home Economics
*Interests/ hobbies*: Tennis, spending time at the beach.

**Annabel Dorey**
*Previous school*: Dysart SHS
*Subjects taught*: Media, Film & TV and Visual Arts in Practice
*Interests/ hobbies*: I love sitcoms like The Office and playing touch football.
Health and Well Being.

Responsibility for the physical, mental, social and emotional wellbeing of students is shared amongst the school, the student, the student's family, the health system and the wider community.

Physical Health:

Schools work actively to support students' health and wellbeing in schools.

The supporting student health and wellbeing policy statement supports schools to ensure systems are in place to promote and support the health and wellbeing of students when at school or involved in school activities.

Mirani State High has policies and practices which cover the following.

- Managing excessive heat in schools
- CPR for life
- Drug education and intervention
- Control of head lice
- Developing a sun safety strategy
- HIV, hepatitis C and sexually transmissible infections education
- Road safety in and around schools

Mental, Social and Emotional Health:

Mental, social and emotional health is a state of well-being in which the individual realises his or her own abilities, can cope with normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a contribution to his or her community (WHO, 2014).

Mental, social and emotional health difficulties can be expressed in behaviour that:

- persists over time
- is outside expected age appropriate responses
- prevents a student from learning or participating meaningfully in the school community
- cannot be accommodated through normal classroom adjustments.

Mirani State High supports physical, mental, social and emotional Health and Well Being through a whole school framework and catering for individual needs.

Mirani State High School runs a Wellbeing program twice a week. Students are in home groups, each group having their own Home Group teacher that takes particular responsibility for those students. There are also year level co-ordinators oversee the Well Being program and whole year level events as well.
Mirani State High School also has a Student and Staff Support Services team. This consists of the Guidance Officer, Chaplain, School Based Health Nurse and Youth support/Indigenous Support Worker and Head of Special Education Program.

**The Guidance Officer:**

Julie Van Der Veen works at the school Monday to Friday. Guidance Officers play a central role in meeting the needs of all students through mental health promotion, identification and supporting students with particular mental, social and/or emotional health needs.

They provide direct service to those students with mental health difficulties through needs assessment, intervention, and case management. When appropriate the guidance officer will facilitate referral to clinical care providers.

The Guidance Officer also provides information about careers, university studies and subject selection.

**Youth Support Worker/Indigenous Education Officer:**

Debbie Francis works in this role Monday to Thursday. Debbie supports students to attain their best educational outcome in a variety of ways.

**Chaplain:**

Rex Fraser is at Mirani State High School Every Tuesday and Thursday. Rex works with individuals, groups and classes covering a wide variety of areas but with the focus always on improving the well being of the students.

**School Based Health Nurse and Indigenous Health Worker:**

Vanessa Gilmore (School Based Health nurse) also provides a service to the school 2 days a week.

I was born in Mackay and have lived here for most of my life. I have two sons and believe that Mackay and surrounds is a great place to raise children.

I am a Registered Nurse with 10 years’ experience, mainly in General Practice.

I am excited to join your school community here at Mirani State High School and look forward to getting to know you all.

I will be at your school on Thursdays and Fridays most weeks and my door is always open. I am located in A Block with the other Support Services Team so please come and say hi and get involved in any activities or health promotion events held during the next year.

Kylie Sinn (Indigenous Health Worker) has a particular focus on Indigenous Health. Kylie is at the school on a Friday.
50th Anniversary 21\textsuperscript{st} and 22\textsuperscript{nd} July 2017

Are you one of the many families that has had 3 or more generations attend our school? If so, the reunion committee would love to hear from you as we would like to recognise this achievement. For further details, please contact us at miranihigh50@miranishes.eq.edu.au

Do you know someone that has attended Mirani SHS and has made a significant impact in their chosen field? We have had many students do well in a variety of areas while at school, but we often don’t hear what happens after school. If you do know someone, the reunion committee would love to hear from you as we would like to recognise their achievement. For further details, please contact us at miranihigh50@miranishes.eq.edu.au

The organising committee also wish to keep you informed on the progress we are making and also send out some calls for help as necessary. At this stage the program is coming together.

**Friday afternoon** – 2.00 pm – 6.00 pm  Visitors welcome to come in and visit the classrooms, enjoy looking at the memorabilia and then stay on for wine and cheese.

**Saturday afternoon** – 1.00 pm – 5.00 pm  School tours, class photo opportunities, memorabilia display, activities from current students, afternoon tea available at tuckshop.

**Saturday evening** – 6.30 pm to late  Dinner/dance in the new hall.

**Sunday morning** – 10.00 am – 12.00 am  Brunch; final catch up for those wishing to attend.

If parents would like to think about donating some items eg cakes, scones etc to the tuckshop for the afternoon tea then that would be most welcome. More details in future newsletters. If you wish for any further information you may email: miranihigh50@miranishes.eq.edu.au.

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### Maths Tutoring

Maths tutoring sessions are run every week on the following days:

Tuesday; Wednesday; Thursday

3:10 – 4:00pm in D04

### English Tutoring

English Tutoring is on Wednesday and Thursday from 3.15 to 4.15pm in the Library.

Students can receive assistance with homework and assignments.

### Mirani SHS P&C

P&C Meetings are every 2nd TUESDAY of the Month during school terms at 7.00pm in the Common Staffroom.
Welcome Mirani High Families

Welcome to Mirani State High School P&C’s first newsletter for 2017! We would like to introduce our committee.

- Kylie Leahy - President
- Robyn Creese - Vice President
- Andrea Stroppiana - Treasurer
- Caroline Stratford - Secretary

For those of you who are new to our great school - welcome! Mirani SHS P&C is committed to ensuring our students have access to the best possible resources and education. Last year we were able to contribute almost $300,000 towards our fantastic multipurpose hall as a result of many, many years of generous family contributions. This year’s goal is to enhance and increase this facility with new portable dance flooring, seating ($30,000) and fitting out the kitchens with new appliances and equipment. We are currently applying for several grants to help with this but we still rely heavily on parent contributions of only $50 per family for the year to maintain and upgrade as needed.

We appreciate that some families are struggling but many parents believe that paying around 80c per school week is preferable to spending more money on multiple fundraising events throughout the year. To make it as easy as possible the school office can also take part payments each term. Remember we are all working towards giving our students the best education and opportunities possible. Hope to see some new faces at the AGM next month!

Thank you for helping support all our kids!

AGM
Tues 14th March
7pm
P&C has contributed $40,000 towards the fantastic new laser cutter which is used by many students!

SCHOOL HATS available at the Tuckshop

BREAKFAST CLUB
The P&C is proud to support the new weekly breakfast club which provides toast, cereal and yoghurt for students that have not had brekky or have been on a bus since early morning. Donations of spreads, fruit and $$ is greatly appreciated. Please contact the office for more information.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND.......... ALL POSITIONS WILL BECOME VACANT AT THE AGM. THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER POSITIONS WILL URGENTLY NEED TO BE REPLACED FOR 2017. THESE POSITIONS DO NOT REQUIRE A LOT OF YOUR TIME AND YOU WILL BE FULLY SUPPORTED!! PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING OUT! Your kids WILL benefit!!

P&C endorses O Parents which gives you access to your students’ timetables, assessments, report cards, invoices, absences etc. Check your email for your invitation to join or contact the school office on 4966 7111.

CONGRATULATIONS and good luck to our 2017 Senior students. Have a great year and make lots of great memories!

MIRANI HIGH SCHOOL 50TH ANNIVERSARY
Mirani High School will be celebrating its 50th anniversary since the Primary School moved to its new location, on Friday 21st – Sunday 23rd July 2017. Monthly meetings are being held to organise this event. The P&C will be providing assistance with afternoon tea and bar service at the dinner dance. Check Facebook to find past students and join the fun! For more information please contact the High School Office on 4966 7111.
MIRANI STATE HIGH SCHOOL CLEANER

Permanent Cleaner – 15 hours per week

Permanent Cleaner 12.50 hours per week

Mirani SHS is seeking cleaners who can:

- Contribute to the efficient & effective operation of the whole environment of this school site, by providing a high level of cleaning support

- Ensure that a high standard of hygiene and cleanliness is maintained

Applicants are required to obtain a copy of the Application Package the school office. These packages include a detailed position description and selection criteria which must be addressed in order to be considered for the position. Please include your current resume, with your application and provide the names and contact details of two current referees.

Closing date: close of business, Friday 24 February 2017

Applications can be returned, marked “Confidential” to:- The Business Services Manager, PO Box 58, MIRANI QLD 4754 or email – jbatt92@miranishs.eq.edu.au

- prospective employees must make application for, and be able to obtain, a suitability card from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian

- the successful applicant may be subject to a probationary period.

“The Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000 requires the preferred applicant to be subject to employment screening.”

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply

Queensland Government
Mackay Rowing Club Junior/School Rowing Program for 2017:-

1. Student participation can occur at 2 levels:-
   - **Full 12 month junior membership with Mackay Rowing Club (MRC)** – this entitles the junior member to full participation in all club rowing activities, including the school rowing program and full access to club facilities and boats for the entire year. The 2017 Junior membership fee is $250.00
   
   OR
   
   - **Enrolment in the school rowing program only** – this entitles the school rower to participation in supervised coaching & competition on Tuesday and/or Thursday afternoons as well as competition in designated junior/school regattas during the approximate 6 month period encompassing the 2nd & 3rd school terms. The 2017 school rowing program fee is $150.00

2. The dates and times for the school rowing program are as follows:-
   - **Start date:** Mid-term 1 2017  **Finish date:** End Term 3 2017
   - Tuesday and Thursday afternoons 3:30 to 5:30pm - open to all schools
   - As the year progresses extra sessions can be incorporated for motivated athletes
   - Regatta dates to be advised

3. Mackay Rowing Club will offer a structured rowing program which will have three levels....Novice, Intermediate and Advanced. Coaching will be offered for technique, endurance work, competitive work, sprint training and ergo (rowing machine) sessions.

4. Contacts for interested students are as follows:-

   Mackay Rowing Club Junior/School Rowing Co-ordinator - Jane Deguara Mob: 0407653019
   
   Mackay Rowing Club Junior/School Regatta Manager - Tanya Tayler Mob: 0427777043
   
   Mackay Rowing Club President: Bert Sadlier Mob: 0417074350
Year 10

A huge thanks to students and parents for your efforts in returning work placement forms so promptly to support your child’s first work experience – 22/05/2017 – 26/05/2017.

I will begin contacting employers within the next couple weeks and will speak with students and parents if the need arises throughout the process to ensure the best possible experience and outcomes for all involved.

Placements will not be altered once a student is placed with an employer. Therefore any new information pertaining to your student’s choice of work experience needs to be discussed with me immediately.

Holiday Work Experience

Students in year 9 – 12 have the option of engaging in holiday work experience. If your child is interested, please have them collect a holiday placement form from me as soon as possible to ensure adequate time for placements, paperwork and employer interviews to be finalised.

Cathryn Post
Work Experience Coordinator
49667104 / czonc1@eq.edu.au

Word from the Chappie

Hi and welcome to 2017.

So why do ‘New Year’s Resolutions’ usually fail? My theory is that the problem lies within the first two words of those promises. When we say, ‘This year I will be a better husband, wife, son or daughter. This year I will work harder at being the best that I can be. This year I will try harder to control my temper, swear less or smoke less.’ whatever the need may be, we are giving ourselves 365 days to get around to making any changes. There is no urgency, no immediate action required. If there are things about you that you would really like to change, can I suggest that you replace the words ‘This year’ with the word ‘Today’.

When a person decides ‘Today I will work harder at being the best that I can be,’ ‘Today I will work harder at controlling my temper,’ this does require urgency and does need action.

If you know there are areas in your life that need changing, work hard today at making those improvements. You are the one who will benefit the most.

A message from Chappie Rx
In Term 1 Chappie’s days are Tuesday & Thursday. Chappie’s office is in A Block Ext 109 and email is; rfraz9@eq.edu.au Part of the Staff & Student Support Service at Mirani High.

Be of Good Cheer,
Rex the Chappie
STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Each parent of a child who is of compulsory school age must—
(a) ensure the child is enrolled at a State school or non-State school; and
(b) ensure the child attends the State school or non-State school, on every school day, for the educational program in which the child is enrolled; unless the parent has a reasonable excuse.

Communication with the school is vital when your child is absent. Ring 07 49 667 111 to advise who your child is and why they are absent. If your child is going to be away for more than 10 consecutive school days an Exemption from Compulsory Schooling and Compulsory Participation form is required to be submitted to the Principal. These forms can be obtained at schools office. Mr Cage, the Principal is responsible for determining if an exemption is the best option in meeting a student’s educational and other needs, and approving exemptions for students enrolled in their school.

High attendance at school is valuable and important for your child as this generates consistent developmental and learning skills towards their future. Where a high absence rate has negative outcomes for your child. Then there are legal obligations for parents that are enforced by Education Queensland.

Penalties are—

(a) first offence—$683; or

(b) second or subsequent offence, whether or not relating to the same child of the parent—up to $1366 for each further offence.

Year 10 and 11 Students

Unique Student Identifier number
There are outstanding USI (Unique Student Identifier) numbers within our data system. If your student has applied but has not notified our school office please do so. If your student has not applied, assistance is available via Deb in A Block with correct documentation, eg Birth certificate, Medicare Card (see list below).

Students undertaking study at school, TAFE, Distance Education, private training organisations, completing an apprenticeship or skill set, certificate or diploma course must have a USI. The USI allows linked systems to print certificates upon completion. A USI also gives you access to your online USI account and consists of numbers and letters, ten in total.
How to apply for a USI number via usi.gov.au website:

Step 1  Have an ID ready from the list below:
- Driver’s Licence
- Medicare Card
- Australian Passport
- Visa (with Non-Australian Passport) for international students
- Birth Certificate (Australian)
- Certificate Of Registration By Descent
- Citizenship Certificate
- Immunisation Card

Step 2  Have your (student/s) personal contact details ready (e.g. email address, or mobile number, or address).

Step 3  Visit the USI website at: usi.gov.au.

Step 4  Select the ‘Create a USI’ link and follow the steps.

Step 5  Agree to the Terms and Conditions.

Step 6  Follow the instructions to create a USI – it should only take a few minutes. Upon completion, the USI number will be displayed on the screen. A confirmation email will come to email address stated on application.

Step 7  You should then email school (dfran38@eq.edu.au) with your USI number.

KEEP A RECORD OF YOUR USI NUMBER for future educational purposes.

PARENTS OF INDIGENOUS STUDENTS - CHECK IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO CLAIM ABSTUDY.

What is ABSTUDY?  ABSTUDY helps Indigenous Australians with the costs of studying or doing an Australian Apprenticeship. ABSTUDY may help with the costs of school fees. If your child has moved away from home to study, they can claim as soon as they know the date they will start school. Or they can claim now if they’re already in school and attending.

You can nominate a portion of ABSTUDY be paid directly to your child/s school fees.

Customers can claim by calling us on Free customer call number 1800 132 317 to claim or get assistance.

Please be aware that conditions do apply when receiving ABSTUDY.

For more information about eligibility and how to claim, go to web address: http://humanservices.gov.au/ABSTUDY

Deb Francis
A02/Youth Support & ATSI Support Officer
Why have Breakfast Club?

Research has found that people learn better if they have eaten a good breakfast. Many of the Mirani Students spend a lot of time on the school buses. Even having eaten a good breakfast at home students often arrive hungry (teenagers are still growing). Sometimes households, because of difficult circumstances, may not have a lot in the house for breakfast. Mirani High would like to start addressing this issue by offering a Breakfast Club 1 or 2 days a week depending on funds raised and donations.

Breakfast Club at Mirani

Breakfast club started up in 2016 under the very capable management and enthusiasm of Stephanie Fatnowna. A big thank you must go to Stephanie and her team for providing many students with the very popular pancakes.

In 2017, depending on the generosity of sponsorship, Mirani State High may be running Breakfast Club on 2 days a week. Pancakes will be one day and Toast, Fruit and Muesli on the other days.

Breakfast Club is open to all students.

If you would like to donate money or goods please contact Jodie Battese (Business Service Manager)

Julie Van Der Veen (Guidance Officer)
An email regarding Q Parents has been sent home. Any other enquiries please phone the school on 49667111.
C Q University offers a range of Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses to Year 11 and 12 high school students as part of the VET in Schools (VETiS) program.

VETiS qualifications that are funded by the Queensland Government’s VET investment budget are listed on the Queensland Government Department of Education and Training (DET) Training Subsidies List. C Q University is an approved Registered Training Organisation (RTO) for the delivery of VETiS qualifications on the Queensland Training Subsidies List at certificate levels I and II.

If you would like to access the VET investment subsidy to undertake a Certificate III Qualification, as a high school student you can do so as a School-based Apprentice or Trainee (SAT) with C Q University.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

To participate in the VETiS program, you must:
- Remain enrolled in, and attend, a Queensland school throughout the duration of the program
- Be in year 11 or 12 to participate in most programs
- Identify the VETiS program in your Senior Education and Training (SET) plan
- Have attained a Sound achievement result in Year 10 numeracy and literacy subject or equivalent prior to enrolling in the program.

**FULLY SUBSIDISED VETIS COURSES**

C Q University offers the following fully subsidised certificates as part of the VETiS program; this means that a student contribution fee is not applied.

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Please visit our Student Handbook [https://handbook.cqu.edu.au](https://handbook.cqu.edu.au) for course information.

Information is correct at the time of printing (December 2016), please visit [www.cqu.edu.au](http://www.cqu.edu.au) for the latest information.
2017 NATIONAL SIGN ON DAY

YOUR LOCAL CLUB IS AT:
Walkerston BMX Club
Creek Street Walkerston

DATE TO COME AND TRY:
Sunday 5th March
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