2015 CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

On Thursday 19th February four Year 12 Social Science students attended the Mackay Constitutional Convention at the Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre. The aim of the convention is to engage senior students in informed discussions about contemporary constitutional issues and highlight how the constitution guides our democracy.

This year students explored the idea of states’ rights in a climate of increasing centralised government. A highlight of the day was the two opposing speakers presenting their perspectives on whether the States or Commonwealth should hold the power to make laws regarding education. Both speakers, Mr George Christensen and Mr Joel Buchholz gave the students much food for thought.

Throughout the day students participated in working groups with other senior students from local schools where they expressed their views and concerns on this contentious topic. There was plenty of time then during the soapbox sessions for individuals, who felt strongly about an aspect of the issue, to voice their opinions in an attempt to sway the larger group. The excellent persuasion and delivery techniques used made for some heated arguments.

Each school also had the opportunity to nominate one delegate to deliver a speech addressing the theme. Lauren Williams was Mackay North’s delegate. Lauren gave a unique and entertaining speech that saw her voted in by her peers as the Mackay – Whitsunday delegate to attend the National Convention in Canberra in March. Lauren will join 120 other students from around the country for a three day experience of a lifetime. She will visit Parliament House, the High Court of Australia, Old Parliament House, the National Archives of Australia and the Museum of Australian Democracy. I am sure Lauren will take much away from this wonderful experience.

Well done to Lauren Williams, Morgan Savage, Emily Nelson and Jacob Gordon for participating in the day and doing Mackay North proud.

Elise Auriac
Social Science Teacher
Last week Cyclone Marcia was tracking towards the coast and had the potential to cause some major damage to our region. However, the impending cyclone didn't deter our students who turned up to school last Friday to enjoy what ended up being a beautiful day for our swimming carnival. Well done to all of our students who participated in swimming carnival! We of course keep in our thoughts our Central Queensland neighbours who bore the brunt of the Cyclone Marcia.

Recently we held our annual Student Leader Investiture to formally recognize our senior leaders. At this ceremony we inducted our newly elected School Captains, Student Council Leaders and House Captains into our school community. Student Leadership is something which is vitally important in every school, and these students have already shown us their commitment to our school community during their time at North and their potential to be great leaders. As they continue their leadership journey, they will not do it alone. They will have the whole school community behind them. Congratulations to all our newly inducted leaders!

It is also important to remember that there are many leaders in our midst, but they don't necessarily all have a badge. This is because you don't need a badge or a title to be a leader. True leaders lead by example and they help out in many different ways. They work with others to achieve their goals. For each of our students this means displaying respect, resilience and confidence and helping others to do the same.

Fundraising is well underway for a number of exciting North High events and excursions. We have the Marching Band Trip to America, the F1 Airstream National Finals and the Japanese Trip, just to name a few. Next week we acknowledge International Women’s Day and this week we supported an important charity through Red Kite Day. I would also like to congratulate Meghan Malone who is a recipient of the ANZAC Premier’s Prize and will head to Turkey, France and Belgium in April. Meghan will attend the ceremony at Anzac Cove on 25th April. Well done Meghan!

I would like to thank all the parents who have attended our year level information sessions, and those who attended the Year 7 and 8 iPad evening. As a school, we enjoy running these sessions as it allows parents to make connections with the school and meet our staff. Can I please encourage parents of Year 7 and 8 students (and families) to come along to the Meet and Greet session on Wednesday evening. See you then!

Jane Grieger
Acting Principal
From the Deputy Principal (Junior Secondary)

Junior Secondary News

It has been very pleasing to see our Junior Secondary students all settled in and learning taking place. The iPad program for our Year 7 & 8 students is having a few teething issues but I believe they will all be solved by the end of next week. By then all Year 7 and 8 students will have functioning copies of their text books on their iPads.

I would like to encourage all parents and students of Year 7 and 8 to a “Meet and Greet Evening” to be held at the school on the Junior Precinct Deck, Wednesday 4th March 5:30–6:30pm. This will be a great opportunity to meet your child’s teachers, meet their friends and check out some classrooms. We do value very highly our links with home.

One of the greatest forms of support you can give your student is to ensure they are reading a minimum of 20 minutes every night. So much of what we learn and opportunities to expand our interests are all based in the skill of reading. No matter what level of reader your student is, they can improve. Reading is one of the greatest forms of investing in yourself.

Ian Harrison
Deputy Principal

Mackay North Z Club Days For Girls Project

In the last week of school for 2014, students were given the opportunity to work for the benefit of someone less fortunate, by participating in a sewing bee. A group of students from 2014’s Years 8 and 9, constructed colourful cotton draw-string bags for the Days For Girls project. Teachers, Mrs Batterham and Ms Weiss were impressed with the efforts of the students who co-operated with each other to produce a quality product. The sewing bee was a collaborative effort to support girls in need around the world. 2014 Z Club president, Claire Kelly, organised fundraising to pay for the fabric needed for the sewing bee.

The Mackay North Z Club meets in the library every second Thursday. The club is supported by Mackay’s Zonta International Club and aims to encourage personal development and leadership, while serving the global community. Although Zonta and Z Clubs are particularly focused on promoting the status of women, young men are welcome and encouraged to join the Z Club. It would be wonderful to increase our membership this year and to count some young men among our members. Email jweis14@eq.edu.au for more details.
Meet and Greet Evening

Wednesday 4\textsuperscript{th} March (Week 6)
5.30–6.30pm
Junior Secondary Precinct Deck
All parents and students of Year 7 and 8 welcome

Nibblies
Sausage Sizzle
(in aid of various North High projects)


LAPTOP PROGRAM

Our successful laptop program has changed conditions to give students in Year 9-12 even more incentive to invest in a take home laptop.

Pay $200 for your take home laptop and it becomes your property at the end of the year. These conditions apply to ACER 1830T and DELL E5410 laptops.

If you would like to take advantage of this deal, please contact the Technology Centre at the school.

AirStream Racing
F1 in Schools Team
Sausage Sizzle
Sunday 1 March

New Bunnings Store
Holts/Bucasia Road
Final fundraiser for Nationals
From the Business Services Manager

JUNIOR SECONDARY AND SENIOR SECONDARY HUBS

The introduction of Junior and Senior Secondary hubs has been a successful transition. The hubs provide a direct service for Junior and Senior staff, students and parents to connect with. When contacting the school you can dial forward to option 3 for Junior Secondary hub and option 4 for Senior Secondary hub.

The Junior Secondary hub is located on the Eastern side of the Junior Secondary precinct facing the timber deck. The Senior Secondary hub is located on the ground floor of 2500 block.

Department of Education and Training policy states that all visitors to a school must sign in at the office. Please ensure if you are entering the school grounds to go to either of the hubs that you sign in at the office first.

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EQUIPMENT FOR TENDER

We have an industrial size leaf vacuum for sale. (See picture below) This machine has proven unsuitable for our grounds. If you are interested in tendering for this piece of equipment AS IS:

It will be available for inspection on Wednesday 4 March from 8am to 4pm

Your tender is to be submitted to the.principal@macknortshs.eq.edu.au

Please submit your tender by 3.00pm on Friday 6 March

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TENDER DOCUMENT

NAME:

CONTACT DETAILS:

I WISH TO TENDER $

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Below is a list:

MACKAY NORTH SHS PHONE LINES

Please clip it and keep it handy for when you need to phone the school.

Tanya Fatnowna
BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER

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MACKAY NORTH SHS PHONE LINES

Listed below are the options offered when phoning the school on 4963 1666.

1  Student Absence line
2  Student payments
3  Junior Secondary Assistance
4  Senior Secondary Assistance
5  Special Education Program
6  Accounts
0  Operator
9  Leave a Message

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Interested in Hosting an International Student?

Benefits: You will be subsidised over $200 a week (tax free), your children will make lifelong friends, learn about different cultures and languages.

Requirements: Students will need their own room and space to study, need to be provided 3 meals a day, need transport to and from school (can be a bus).

For more information phone 49631716 or email takel0@eq.edu.au
AirStream Racing bid for F1 in Schools Technology Challenge National Final

Year 12 students Blair Holden, Hamish Mc Duff, Matthew Nickalls, Connor Quinn and Jake Saelman are working on the final preparations towards their entry into the National Final of the F1 in Schools Technology Challenge.

This involves using Computer Aided Design to create a CO2 powered F1 inspired race car. The cars are machined on a CNC router and enhanced through 3D printing of air foils and suspension components. Computer Wind tunnel and track testing as well as their Marketing Booth and Portfolio documentation are prepared for the judges.

F1 in Schools is the world’s largest secondary school technology program and for this team of students, it will be their second opportunity to represent North High and Queensland at the National Final of this competition, which is an amazing achievement.

This year the event will be held in conjunction with the Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix and the boys will have access to the circuit and the pit area. They are very excited and looking forward to the whole F1 experience with an opportunity to talk with some of the drivers and race engineers.

The team has received very generous support from many individuals and businesses over the past two years in their campaign to represent Australia at the F1 World finals, which this year will be held in Singapore. A huge thankyou to the teams sponsors, Expert Laser Solutions, Autocorner, SIMON National Transport, Rotary, Bata, Central Signs & Graphics, ATOM Industries.

The students would also like to acknowledge the valuable support of Andrew Nelmes from CAT - North High P@C, the North High Home Ec. Department, Bunnings, Brumby’s Bakery – Northern Beaches and Mt Pleasant, Fresco’s Butchery and Vegies Unlimited.

Unfortunately, due to illness, the team’s mentor, Mr Chris Gonnella will not be able to accompany the boys to Melbourne. No doubt this will make the boys even more determined to succeed. Mr Richard Sambell has kindly stepped in to manage and mentor the team in his absence.

North High would like to congratulate Airstream Racing on their achievement over the past two years and wish them every success at the National Final.

I’m sure the students would also like to thank their parents for all their support over the years. There is an enormous amount of work done by these parents that largely goes unseen, but what they do is invaluable to the team and very much appreciated.

This Sunday 1st March there is a sausage sizzle at the new Bunnings store as a final fundraiser for the team. If you are about, pop in and support the team by buying a sausage.

1. Follow and “Like” the team Facebook https://www.facebook.com/AirstreamRacing
2. Check out their YouTube video

The Foundation is very pleased to announce this year’s recipient of the $1000 Hands On bursary for young emerging artists is past North Mackay High School student Phoebe Short. A talented visual artist and photographer, Phoebe is a very creative and driven young woman who already has a long list of art achievements to her name and has just begun a Bachelor of New Media Arts, majoring in photo media at James Cook University in Townsville.

The judges commended Phoebe’s original creative concepts, skilful photographic ability, comprehensive presentation and strong commitment and dedication to constantly grow her skill base across a broad range of arts practices, by attending many and varied workshops, and working in a broad range of mediums that will widen opportunities in her chosen art field. Phoebe intends to utilize the funds from the bursary to further support her purchase of texts and professional development requirements for her arts degree, and the Foundation was very pleased to present the award to such a worthy recipient and wishes Phoebe every success in her creative future career.

Kerry Ann Smith (Head of Department-Art & LOTE)
Attendance, punctuality & attending all day, every day are vital.

TOURS OF THE GALLERY WITH Ms SMITH

Held every fortnight from March 14 onwards, between 10am and 1pm; students, friends and parents are welcome to be given Free Guided Tours of the current exhibition at that time. Ms Smith has been a Volunteer Worker at ARTSPACE (Gordon St) for many years and will impart general information as well as specific knowledge that pertains to a student’s particular years and of Units or Work being studied. There is also a library of wonderful art books to view and inspire.

For Senior Art students this should be a regular event and will improve all aspects of their own Art.

P & C Meeting Dates for 2015

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SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

If you require a second hand uniform, they are now available from the Music Department on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 7.30 – 8.30am as well as Wednesday afternoons from 3.00 – 3.30pm.

MARCHING BAND TRIP TO THE STATE ANZAC PARADE

The response to this trip has been very pleasing indeed, with most of the available 88 places already taken. This will be the twenty-first year the band has participated in the State Anzac March in Brisbane. This parade, in particular, promises to be extremely memorable as it pays tribute to the 100th Anniversary of the Gallipoli landing. It will be televised statewide on ABC television. Our band has again been requested to march the route three times.

Students are reminded that there are FOUR mandatory rehearsals for this trip: Friday afternoons March 20 and 27 as well as Monday afternoon April 20 and Tuesday afternoon, April 21. Please note that these mandatory rehearsals finish at 4.30pm. In addition, students will need to perform at the school’s Showcase Concert on October 27 and Awards Night on Wednesday, November 4.

YEAR 7/8 MARCHING BAND REHEARSALS

Our Year 7/8 brass, woodwind and percussion instrumentalists plus flagbearers began their rehearsals last Friday afternoon in our hall. They made a wonderful start, focussing mainly on the actual march commands. Their rehearsals continue every Friday. Friday, February 27th they will need their instrument and Friday, March 6 they will need their lyre and medleys laminated.

MARCHING BAND AMERICA TRIP

The students who are going to America are enthusiastically selling chocolates to help raise money for their trip. Students are reminded that they need to return their travel insurance form as soon as possible and check to see whether they need a new passport.

VOCAL ENSEMBLE

Rehearsals resumed last Wednesday for all vocal group members. It was extremely pleasing to see the large number of Year 7 and 8 students who joined the ensemble. All members are already intensively rehearsing for their first performance for the year at the annual KMEIA Choral Festival on Monday evening, March 23 at the Entertainment Centre. The annual $20 levy is due to the office as soon as possible.

BODIE FULLERTON WORKSHOP

On Friday 13th February, the Year 11 and 12 Dance students, along with one of the Year 9 Dance classes, had the amazing opportunity to do a workshop with Bodie Fullerton, an industry professional who works in Europe and America. The Year 11 and 12 Dance students did a Musical Theatre (Fosse style) workshop, as this term the students are studying this style of dance. The students thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity and are now working very hard, improving their skills in this style.

The Year 9 Dance students did a Commercial Jazz workshop with Bodie and strutted their stuff to Jessica Mauboy’s current song, “Can I Get a Moment.” The students worked intensively and were still talking about this workshop for many lessons after Bodie left.

Many thanks to all students who participated in the workshop and worked so diligently. It is hoped that we will be able to organise more valuable opportunities like this one for our dance students.

Kathy GEORGE

HOD – Performing Arts
Congratulations and welcome to our 2015 Mackay North State High School students.

Year 11 students: Julia Bradford, Natalie Byrrell, Lachlan Drew, Dane Graffunder, Tyler Lawn, Jesse McNally, Jackson Powell, Conrad Powell, Bradley Price, Brett Quince, Nicholas Ridolfi, Brent Staines, Reece Stone, Will Webley, Josh Wilson, Luke Wyng

Year 12 students: Jaidyn Bezzina, Jai Borg, Theodore Fatnowna, Annalise Fayers-Holroyd, Samuel Gaiter, Joel Gaiter, Quinn Hiskins, Cooper Jackson, Joshua-James Newsom, Mitchell Rowles, Jayden Ryan, Angus Ryan, Dylan Senini, Alex Vella, Aiden Vella

Year 11 North high students with Mackay Engineering College Trainer Bevan Appleby

What does Mackay Engineering College offer students:

- Work ready skills
- Certificate II Engineering (Pathways)
- Resume Writing & Interview workshops
- Industry standard workshop

- Spacious training rooms
- Strong links with industry
- Transport to and from MEC
- Three blocks of work placements

If you want to know more about Mackay Engineering College you can call Frank Duthler (Head of College) or Sylvia Warren (Business Services Manager) of Mackay Engineering College on 49980333 or the manual arts department at school.
Last Friday, 20th February, North had its annual Interhouse Swimming Carnival. This year was different in that it was the first to feature a Year 7 cohort, and also the beginning of the Junior (Years 7-9) and Senior (Years 10-12) Swimming Championships.

The day began with the Junior part of the carnival and this saw our Year 7 and 8 students make a splash in the pool for their first time at North. Swimming and cheering each other on, competition was close and the students enjoyed the morning swim. At the end of the Junior carnival, the inaugural winner of the Junior Swimming Championships was Spiller, followed by Norris, Fitzgerald and Bagley.

Following the success of the junior carnival, the senior students took to the pool to try and claim overall victory, as well as winning the first ever Senior Swimming Championships. The cheers this time were even louder, as students willed each other on to their best and win as many races as they could. Once the thrashing of water of the 50m Freestyle had finished, it was time to find out who the victorious houses were. Success in the Senior Swimming Championships went to Fitzgerald, followed by Bagley, Norris and Spiller.

Overall, Norris emerged victorious for the second year in a row by 9 points over Fitzgerald, followed by Spiller and Bagley.

Congratulations to all students to participated in the Swimming Carnival, you ensured the day was highly enjoyable and successful.

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**JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP**
- 1st – SPILLER (575)
- 2nd – NORRIS (541)
- 3rd – FITZGERALD (496)
- 4th – BAGLEY (221)

**SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP**
- 1st – FITZGERALD (592)
- 2nd – BAGLEY (574)
- 3rd – NORRIS (556)
- 4th – SPILLER (482)

**OVERALL**
- 1st – NORRIS (1097)
- 2nd – BAGLEY (1088)
- 3rd – SPILLER (1057)
- 4th – BAGLEY (795)

CROSS COUNTRY

The Interhouse competition will return early in Term 2 with the Cross Country being held on Monday 4th May. Training for this will commence on Friday 27th February and will continue through until the carnival. Interested students are asked to see Mr Smith in the HPE staffroom for a permission note before participating.

Students who are turning 12 this year are strongly encouraged to participate in these trainings as it will help them to prepare for the event. Also, the training will include a trial to select students to represent the school at the Northern Suburbs Cross Country trials. This will occur as the Northern Suburbs trials will be held 6 days before the Interhouse Cross Country.

Following the Cross Country, preparations will begin for our Interhouse Athletics Carnival, which will be held on the 24th & 26th June.
SPORTING REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to Tiah Robson (16yrs Girls AFL), Lily Tarlinton (16yrs Girls AFL), Darcy Hargreaves (Swimming) & Bradley Russell (19yrs Boys Cricket) who were selected in their Capricornia sporting teams to compete at the state trials in the near future. We wish you all the best of luck.

Also, congratulations to the following students who have gained selection in Mackay sporting sides at recent trials. We all wish you the best of luck for your upcoming Capricornia trials.

AFL
15yrs Boys
Tyler Bobin
Ethan Morris
Rory Tarlinton
Blake Wisewould
Mitchell Wisewould

16yrs Girls
Hannah Webster

FOOTBALL
19yrs Girls
Felicity Morris
Mikaela Randall-Salam
Alyce Volker
Gabby Wheeler

19yrs Boys
Isaac Donnelly
Jake Jones
Lachlan Matsen
Ryan Rasmussen
Ethan Randall-Salam

RUGBY UNION
18yrs Boys
Daniel Austin
Brody Muggleton
Aaron Scott

19yrs Girls
Shania Drew
Kelsey McDermott
Felicity Morris
Holly Ryan
Gabby Wheeler

HOCKEY
19yrs Boys
Amber Bausch
Montannah Best
Libby Phillips
Holly Ryan
Tyla Wicks

19yrs Girls
Kris Milles

19yrs Girls
Brenton Murray
Bradley Russell

SQUASH
15yrs Girls
Chloe Thompson

15yrs Boys
Wesley Dyer

19yrs Boys
Brenton Murray
Bradley Russell

VOLLEYBALL
15yrs Girls
Abby Cryer
Georgia Sellings

15yrs Boys
Ethan Morris
Tate Obst

19yrs Boys
Shania Drew
Kelsey McDermott
Felicity Morris
Holly Ryan
Gabby Wheeler

19yrs Boys
Brenton Murray
Bradley Russell

BASKETBALL
19yrs Girls
Kelsey McDermott
Sara Storeshaw

19yrs Boys
Layton Romagnolo

NETBALL
15yrs Girls
Caitlyn Doherty
Chloe Miller

19yrs Girls
Bridey Condren
Kelsey McDermott

Proposed Anzac 2016 Commemorative Tour
(amended meeting date)

Organisers of the school’s very successful Anzac Project will be offering current Year 10 and Year 11 students the opportunity to be involved in an overseas commemorative tour to Gallipoli, France, Belgium and Singapore in September, 2016. This tour will coincide with 100 year commemorations for events that occurred in 1916.

An information evening will be held at the school on Wednesday 18 March – 7.00pm in the Auditorium. Specific information on this evening will be available to interested students in the upcoming weeks.

Mike Goodwin
Project Co-ordinator
North High P & C

Supporting Student Achievement

All parents are invited to attend our P & C Annual General Meeting

PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MON, 9 MARCH 2015

AT 6:30PM IN THE LIBRARY

ALL WELCOME

*accepting nominations for all executive positions

All new members will be voted in on the night and will be entitled to speak and vote during this meeting.

Have your say ... support our school.

For further enquiries please contact:
Trina Saunders (Vice President) on 0414 480 737 or kerry.trina@gmail.com
or Sherri Savage via school administration.

Looking forward to seeing you on Monday, 9 March 2015 @ 6:30pm in the school library.

P&C Meetings are held in the school library from 6:30pm every 3rd Monday of the month. All are welcome.
The Mackay Piano and Theory Studio is Mackay's newest music studio. The studio was established to provide quality music lessons for beginners at an affordable price.

It specialises in introductory and beginner piano for

* Children wanting to have a go at piano
* piano will be a second or third instrument
* adults and retirees wanting to learn music
* those who have not played for many years and need encouragement

And Grade 1-3 music theory (group or individual).

The founder and teacher, Ruth Fiedler is a registered teacher with Australian Music Examination Board (AMEB), and the holder of Blue card. Further information, please text 0487061161 and Ruth will phone you, or email ms.ruth.fiedler@gmail.co.

MACKAY WANDERERS FOOTBALL CLUB

Mackay Wanderers are currently seeking new players in all age groups both Junior & Senior ranks.

Sign ON NOW (ONLINE)  www.myfootballclub.com.au
OR come along for our second sign on/information afternoon
Tuesday 9th February, 2015  4pm -6pm
at WANDERERS CLUBHOUSE, BEN NEVIS STREET, BEACONSFIELD
Enquiries: Tania 0418 423 820

FINCH HATTON

HEALTH AND HARMONY DAY
Sunday, 8th March
Ulysses Garden Café on Gorge Road
10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Free Entry - Cash only for purchases

- Crystals & Jewellery
- Palm Reading
- Reiki
- Indian Head massage
- Alchemist
- Kinesiologist
- Demonstrations
- Sat Nam Rasayan
- Natural & Organic Products
- Therapeutic Oils & Herbs
- Probiotics
- Dream Catchers
- And much more

For your mind, body & spirit