Mackay North State High School Leadership Investiture Assembly 2016

Mackay North State High School leaders for 2016 were presented with their leadership badges at a special investiture assembly in their school hall on Wednesday, 17 February.

The investiture assembly was chaired by the school’s Senior Schooling Head of Department, Mr Ian Beanland, who congratulated the senior school leaders on attaining the positions of School Captain, Student Council Executive and House Captain.

North High Principal, Mrs Jane Grieger, presented badges to 2016 school captains, Sarah Nixon and Westley Gurnett, each of whom then delivered their first address to the school body.

Student Council Executive badges were presented by Senior Coordinator, Mrs Karen Cridland and House & House Vice Captains were presented badges by Senior Coordinators, Mrs Laura McCubben and Mr Michael Goodwin.

Mackay North State High School leaders for 2016 are:

School Captains:
Sarah Nixon, Westley Gurnett

Student Council Executive:
Michaela Cameron, Dillon Fagan, Brigette Fitzsimon, Gerard Iorio, Kane Rainsford, Tom Rainsford

Photo: Student leaders for 2016:
(from left) Tom Rainsford, Dillon Fagan, Brigette Fitzsimon, Gerard Iorio, Kane Rainsford.
On Wednesday 17th March our captains, school council executive and our house captains and vice-captains were officially recognised in the senior investiture for 2016. We are fortunate to be able to work with such a wonderful group of Year 12 students and I know they will lead by example in everything they do. I must commend all our students from Year 7 to 12 on their exemplary behaviour during the parade despite the very hot and humid conditions.

Last week our 2015 school captains and I had the opportunity to meet the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister. Both students represented our school with confidence, pride and respect. Sarah even managed to put forward a question to Mr Turnbull. It was a great experience for our newly elected school captains. Well done Westley and Sarah.

Over the last two Fridays our junior and senior students had the opportunity to compete in the school swimming carnivals. There was standing room only around the pool as our junior students competed for the junior shield, and again a week later our senior students took to the pool with much enthusiasm. Well done to all our medal winners and also to all students who participated on the day.

Recently, our senior students have spent time in interviews with our senior teaching staff as part of the academic review process. This is such a worthwhile opportunity for our students. Students are able to gain some fantastic feedback and information on how they are tracking towards their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and Overall Position (OP). If you have any questions about this process, please contact Mr Ian Beanland, HOD of Senior Schooling.

We have now started to roll out the BYOx (bring your own device) program across the senior school. Now that the government funded 1-to-1 laptop program has ceased we have limited school laptops available. It is expected that every student in our school brings their own device to school every day. Students who have brought their own device to school need to take it to the resource centre to complete a form before they can connect to the network. Families experiencing financial difficulty are asked to contact the IT department.

Attendance remains a huge focus for us this year. The whole school currently has an attendance rate of 93% which is fantastic, however there are some students who are slipping below 85% attendance which is a concern. It is vital that students and parents monitor attendance patterns and habits. Students who have attendance lower than 80% are missing at least one day of school a week, which is a considerable amount of classwork they miss across the school year. If you have any concerns about your child’s attendance, please contact their Homegroup teacher.

Jane Grieger
Principal
From the Deputy Principal

Student Services

I would like to remind parents and students of our Student Support Services Team. This group of people work across all year levels in our school, offering support, counselling and programs to students in need, as well as supporting our teachers in their goal to improve student outcomes. The Team includes:

- Guidance Officers, Julie Woods and Karen O’Keefe
- Cultural Education Counsellor, Laurel Dodd
- Youth Support Coordinators, Laurel Dodd and Helen Daly
- School Based Nurse, Rachel Archer
- School Based Police Officer, Kerrie Purcell
- School Chaplain, Luke Parter

The Team is involved in many activities around the school including Breaky Central, lunch time sports, Deadly Choices, Real Me programs, the Cutter’s Crew, the Learner’s program, as well as connecting with many external support agencies.

Ms Lisa Veney – Deputy Principal Student Services

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Chaplain
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Mackay School Based Police Officer
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Tel: 4963 1666

OneSchool Website

Students and parents may log on to the OneSchool website and download their timetables and assessment planners.

AIR CADETS

Are you interested in making new friends? Do you want to challenge yourself? Have you an interest in aviation or learning bush craft? If you answered yes to any of those questions then the Australian Air Force Cadets could be what you’re looking for. Come down to our facility at 100 Bridge Road, Mackay Friday nights at 6.45pm for an information session (bring a parent/guardian along) to learn what we have to offer. For more information please call 0408 223 728.
From the Business Services Manager

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME
♦ Please returned signed forms immediately
♦ Pay fees promptly upon receipt of the invoice.

From the Technology Centre

BYOx Update
The BYOx Programme has reached its fifth week and all seems to be going well. There were some hiccups along the way, which has made us wiser for next year. Some of those hiccups were printing and accessing large documents from the school Common drive. Therefore, the Technology Department sent out to every student from years seven to twelve “how to” documents on how to print using a Mac, a Windows or an iPad device. A similar e-mail was sent out as well for mapping the drives for Macs and Window devices. Also, students in years seven to nine received a “how to” document on how to access documents from the school network using GoodReader on their iPad devices. Those e-mails have the subject line “Info for Parents”.

Assessment Planners from OneSchool:
Students should be able to access their assessment planners through OneSchool. The best way to access OneSchool is to copy the following URL address and pasting the address into a new tab in your browser and press Enter or Return on the keyboard. That address is …

https://osl.p.eq.edu.au

Some students have experienced problems in opening the PDF assessment planner with their Mac devices. In case like this, please ask your student to download Firefox and try opening the document from there.

The Learning Place:
Keeping with 21st Century practices, the school is endeavouring to have a 24/7 access for students to retrieve documents, assignment task sheets and other resources from home by placing those items in the Learning Place and OneDrive when that comes online for our school. This is an on-going journey and I will keep you informed as we progress.

John Doolan
HOD of Technology and eLearning

$40 laptops still available
The school still has a few of the Dell E5410 available for sale. They are good for storing photos, music etc. However, they are not good for school as these devices cannot pick up the school Wi-Fi signal anymore. Please pay at the Admin Office and bring your receipt to the Library and we will prepare one for you.
House Captains:

Bagley: Libby Phillips / Daniel Kelly (captains), Alyce Volker / Jack Kajewski (vice captains)

Fitzgerald: Caitlyn Simpson / Sam Johnson (captains), Holly Anderson / Kris Milles (vice captains)

Spiller: Mackinley Wilson / Lachlan Farquhar (captains), Tiah Robson / Nathan Goss (vice captains)

Norris: Katie Hughes / Layton Romagnolo (captains), Maddy Miller / Cyrus Ramsamy (vice captains)

Lions Youth of the Year

Last Saturday, five North High students, Sarah Nixon, Westley Gurnett, Ezzy Bisual, Peta Adams and Nadia Reck competed in the annual Lions Youth of the Year Cultural and Public Speaking Club level competition. They were joined by four Pioneer High students and all were vying to take the next step to the Mackay District level of the competition.

All students undertook a half an hour interview with the three judges in the morning - the chairman of the judges being Mackay Mayor candidate, Greg Williamson.

In the afternoon, the students had to deliver two impromptu questions of two minutes each and a prepared five minutes presentation.

The impromptu questions were: “Should children who have come to Australia as refugees be sent back to their home countries?” and “With the recent death of cultural icon David Bowie in mind, who do you think will be your generation’s cultural icon?”

The students all did very well with these difficult tasks and all presented interesting and well delivered prepared speeches.

In the end, Peta Adams was announced as the public speaking winner and Sarah Nixon was declared the overall winner.

Sarah will now go on to the district level against students from other Mackay & district schools. This will be at Souths Leagues Club on 12 March.

Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day came early to staff and students at Mackay North State High with roses, chocolates and sweet thoughts being delivered around the school by volunteers across each year level. Our Student Council and helpers spent the week leading up to "Friendship Friday" taking orders and collecting money at a number of locations around the school. With orders in and the bulk deliveries made, the hard task of correctly labelling and sorting the offerings was undertaken by our leaders and our many 'leaders without a badge'. 160 wrapped roses and nearly 300 packets of chocolates were delivered to the delight of many of our staff and students.

This was our first fund raiser for the year and the Student Council is in the process of organising year level meetings to get the next exciting event happening. A big thanks goes out to all who helped make this one of our most successful Valentine's Day fundraisers to date.
Reminder – Immunisation program dates

All Year 7 and Year 8 students’ free vaccinations to protect against human papillomavirus (HPV), varicella (chickenpox) and diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (whooping cough) will be administered on the following dates by a team of specially-trained registered nurses.

We encourage all students to have a substantial breakfast on the morning of vaccination.

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SPORTING REPRESENTATIVES 2016

Congratulations to the following students who have recently been selected to represent Mackay at Capricornia trials in the near future. We all wish you the best of luck!

**AFL**
16yrs Girls
Lily Tarlinton

**RUGBY UNION**
19yrs Boys
Connor Peterson

**BASKETBALL**
19yrs Boys
Layton Romagnolo

**SQUASH**
19yrs Girls
Chloe Thompson

**NETBALL**
19yrs Girls
Katie Hughes
Caitlyn Simpson

15yrs Girls
Chloe Miller

**VOLLEYBALL**
15yrs Girls
Alexia Brownsey
Paige Steindl-Corrie

**CRICKET**
19yrs Boys
Connor Hudson
Lane Kohler

**SOFTBALL**
19yrs Girls
Kiera James
19yrs Boys
Riley James

**SWIMMING**
Darcy Hargreaves
Race Season is about to begin! The North High F1 program will resume again soon and we are chasing students to be a part of the team. The F1 in Schools program introduces students to modern manufacturing technologies where they produce a CO\textsuperscript{2} powered race car and compete against other schools in the Region and potentially the State. Last year Smoke Stream Racing (photo attached) won the Cadet Class at the State Finals held at the Queensland University of Technology and ACC Racing placed 2nd. A very impressive effort for two teams that entered the competition for the first time last year.

Mr Cahill and Mr Jenner will be visiting the Junior Assemblies next week to hand out information sheets and the race track will be setup at the Meet & Greet BBQ on Wednesday night. The program will run every Wednesday afternoon starting 9th March and culminates with the Regional F1 Finals held in early August. Students compete not only for class honours but for the opportunity to progress to the State Finals held in October, this year at the University of Southern Queensland, Toowoomba in October.

**ARTWORK OF THE MONTH**

**YEAR 10 APPLIED ART**

Pencil Drawing
ASSYMETRICAL BALANCE

- Nandus Swart
- Piper Brown

**PAUL GRIMA**

**CHRIS VESPER**
CHESS

The Mackay/Whitsunday High School chess tournament takes place three times a year. The winning team for the year qualifies to represent the region in Brisbane in November. Our chess players are doing well and practice every Friday at second break in the library under the watchful eyes of coach Mr Earl McCann.

The chess B team who was placed 2nd on the day: Daniel, Jacob, Bradly and Katie.

The chess A team who was placed 1st on the day out of 14 teams: Ezekial, Khang, Jesse and Sophia

Chess players: Ezekial, Khang, Daniel, Jesse and Jayden were awarded merit for excellent play on the day.

The chess B team who was placed 2nd on the day: Daniel, Jacob, Bradly and Katie.

Year 7 students at their first Chess tournament; they thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Mackay North State High School chess players were very satisfied with their performance at the Mackay / Whitsunday High School Chess Tournament.

Bradley, Jesse, Khang and Lincoln from St Pats playing for the top positions.
Junior Secondary News

I sincerely hope your child’s transition from Primary school to High school has been enjoyable for students and parents/guardians alike. Our 2016 Year 7 cohort seem to have settled in well to their new environment and on all accounts must be commended for embracing our school values of RESPECT, RESILIENCE and CONFIDENCE. Their attendance to date of 94% is just shy of our goal of 95%, the pride they have taken in their uniform, their interactions with their Teachers and each other and their active involvement in the many extra curricula activities made available to them here at North is testimony to this.

Lisa Veney (Deputy Principal – Student Services and Year 7 )

NORTH STARS

Year 7 – Finn Mohan
Year 8 – Tom Cooper
Year 9 – Lachlan Jung

JUNIOR SECONDARY MEET AND GREET

Students and parents Year 7, 8 & 9 of Mackay North High
When: Wednesday 2nd March
Time: 5 – 6pm
Where: Mackay North SHS, Junior Secondary Deck

WHO IS WHO IN OUR ZOO?

This week in WAVE our Year 7 students have been exploring their unique AUS IDENTITY. Students and Teachers alike, responded to a series of questions which established their PREFERRED way to live, learn and love. Our ZOO has a wonderful mix of KANGAROOS, EAGLES, DOLPHINS and WOMBATS!

Aus Identities was originally developed for use in schools to assist teachers build a better school culture, and create a more inclusive approach to learning. Aus Identities is a personality profiling tool based on scientific evidence. This program, coupled with our pedagogical framework of the Art and Science of Teaching, equips us to better differentiate learning for our students here at Mackay North.

Aus Identities provides us with a common language between teachers and students to recognise and identify with behaviours which may, or may not be conducive to specific learning environments.

It is our hope that this common language of Aus Identities; the WOMBAT, EAGLE, DOLPHIN and KANGAROO also becomes a language you can also use as Parents and Guardians in the home. Knowledge of the specific characteristics of each Aus Identity empowers us all to better respond to moments that demand action, conversations that uncover truth, and often better equip us to apply purposeful and meaningful consequence with our kids.
This knowledge empowers our students to recognise and celebrate their talents; our **KANGAROOS** who embrace change, challenge and risk taking, our **EAGLES** who are immersed in a world of mastery and vision, our **DOLPHINS** who inspire and encourage others and fight to make the world a better place and our **WOMBATS** who enforce the rules and calm the chaos.

Our mix of personalities in the Year 7 cohort of 2016 will ensure we have a year filled with excitement, tempered with purposeful reflection and a commitment to be all we can be… **OUR ZOO** in the JSP is definitely the place to be!

If you would like to know more about Aus Identities please visit [http://ausidentities.com.au/](http://ausidentities.com.au/) or better still, have your child download the Aus Identities App for $3.79 to find out ‘**Who each member in your home is in your ZOO**’.

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**EAGLE**
- **CORE NEEDS**
  - Mastery and self control
  - Competence and knowledge
- **VALUES**
  - Concepts and ideas
  - Logical consistency
  - Progress
  - Intelligence
- **TALENTS**
  - Analysis
  - Strategy
  - Visionary
  - Designer
  - Objective
  - Thinking
- **BEHAVIOURS**
  - Inventing
  - Problem solving
  - Perfectionist
  - Critiquing
  - Logical
  - Theoretical

**KANGAROO**
- **CORE NEEDS**
  - Freedom
  - Makes an impact
- **VALUES**
  - Stimulations and Excitement
  - Action
  - Variety
  - Cleverness
- **TALENTS**
  - Tactical
  - Trouble shooting
  - Adaptable
  - Practical
  - Problem solver
- **BEHAVIOURS**
  - Risk taker
  - Sensory awareness
  - Impulsive
  - Entertaining
  - Restless
  - Spontaneous

**WOMBAT**
- **CORE NEEDS**
  - Membership and belonging
  - Responsibility and duty
- **VALUES**
  - Stability and security
  - Rules and regulations
  - Conformity
  - Precise instruction
- **TALENTS**
  - Rule enforcer
  - Logistics
  - Overseer
  - Measurement
  - Reliable
  - Sequential thinking
- **BEHAVIOURS**
  - Responsible
  - Meticulous
  - Dependable
  - Structured
  - Economical
  - Stable

**DOLPHIN**
- **CORE NEEDS**
  - Meaning and significance
  - Unique identity
- **VALUES**
  - Ethics and morality
  - Unity
  - Cooperation
  - Meaningful work
- **TALENTS**
  - Advocate
  - Facilitate
  - Counsel
  - Diplomacy
  - Catalyst
  - Integrated thinking
- **BEHAVIOURS**
  - Relationship focused
  - Inspiring
  - Positive reinforcement
  - Warm hearted
  - Spiritual
  - Harmonious

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**Site:** [Aus Identities](http://ausidentities.com.au/)
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Parents/Guardians of students in Year 7: HOMEWORK

Our Teachers of Year 7 have expressed a collective concern about the vast number of students who are not making the time of an afternoon or a morning to complete homework tasks. Whilst we do acknowledge there are many students who are meeting these expectations and commend them on their efforts we felt it necessary to address this matter in this all-inclusive forum of our newsletter. Last week on Parade, Lisa Veney, our Year 7 Deputy explained to all students the impact failing to complete homework has on their learning, the learning of others and their Teachers ability to meet the goals and objectives of the lesson. For many, this was something they had not considered. I do hope this conversation with the students, coupled with specific homework expectations being emailed to you by classroom Teachers over the course of the week will better support you as their parents/guardians in helping us rectify this complacency toward the completion of homework.

All Teachers of Year 7 instruct students to record all homework in their student diaries. We consider the student diary a valuable communication tool between home and school. Ideally, all students should be showing you their diaries so you are aware of what they must complete over the course of the week. Many of our Year 7 Teachers set a weekly homework task sheet for core subjects which is due the following week. It is intended students spend 10 - 15 minutes each night completing some of these tasks. This will ensure students are not spending excessive amounts of time on homework toward the end of the week or over the weekend to complete all set tasks.

I do hope this information alleviates any concerns you may have around our homework policy and expectations, especially when your child states confidently ‘….but, I don’t have any homework…”

In the very unlikely event your student has no subject specific homework or they have completed all set tasks it is our expectation here at North that all Year 7 students spend ¾ - 1 hour (maximum of 3 - 4 sessions per week) completing some form of homework. This may take the form of reading, revising class notes, completing assessment, or just as simple as a conversation with you about all they have learnt and are learning in their subjects. Please refer to our schools web site to read more about our Homework Policy.

At this point in the term, assessment due dates are fast approaching. All student assessment dates can be accessed via OneSchool with your child’s student login. Please take the time to familiarise yourself and your child with the process involved if your child requires an extension or is away on the day assessment is due.

I trust this information will better equip you as parents/guardians to monitor the progress of your students learning. I also hope this information will better support us in our endeavour to ensure each and every student in Year 7 completes all homework tasks set to ensure they reach their true potential as a student of Mackay North State High School.

Katie Frize
Year 7 Coordinator

A STUDENT’S INSIGHT INTO HOMEWORK

In a Japanese class, students with homework incomplete, were asked to write down 10 reasons why homework is necessary. Below are some very insightful reasons one Year 7 student gave:

1. Improves your chances at doing good work in class
2. Keeps you busy during the afternoons
3. Helps you to create future solutions
4. Gives you the chance to gain control of your studies
5. Learning itself
6. Can make you realise your future career opportunity
7. If it proves to be difficult you can learn to be resourceful
8. When it gets hard it teaches you to keep going
9. When it is too hard you could ask your family, which counts as family time
10. Builds a bond with your friends when working together.
INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM REMINDERS

The annual instrumental levy of $60.00 was due last Friday – if this hasn’t yet been paid, please do so as soon as possible. All students were given a letter about this levy in their first lesson for the year.

It is a concern that some concert band students still do not have their required books. The students in the Junior Secondary Concert Band need Developing Band Books 2 and 3 as well as the Sound Innovations (green) book. Senior Concert Band members need the advanced Sound Innovations (purple) book. Every student has been sent an email with all the details. Please ensure that all band students have their required books for next week’s rehearsals.

MARCHING BAND TRIP TO THE STATE ANZAC PARADE

All the details for this exciting trip have been finalised and the letters will be given out over the next two weeks. The Senior Concert Band students will receive theirs at their rehearsal next Monday and the Junior Secondary Concert Band members will receive theirs on Tuesday, March 8. Students need to secure their place on the coaches by returning all their paperwork with the $100.00 deposit. After the deposit is paid at the office, the signed permission form will be stamped and all the paperwork is to be returned to the music staffroom. Please note that to be eligible to go on the trip, all students must have paid all of their school fees or entered into an arrangement to pay them. Students can opt to pay the whole $480.00 at the outset if they choose.

STRING QUICKSTART PROGRAM SUCCESS

Sincere thanks to all the students and their families who supported our String Quickstart program that was held at the school from 10.00am – 3.00pm on Sunday, February 14. The day was an outstanding success and certainly set the students up for a fantastic year of terrific string achievements in lessons, rehearsals and performances. Sincere thanks to our string specialist, Mrs Susan Mora, for all her wonderful work.

SCHOOL VARIETY CONCERT

This year the school is presenting a special Variety Concert on Friday, May 6th. This will be an extremely entertaining night of high quality, varied entertainment which will feature many of our very talented students as well as the odd (very odd!) teacher item! Auditions are in full swing – more specific details will follow in future newsletters.

SECOND HAND CULTURAL UNIFORMS

The Music Department has a limited number of second hand uniforms for sale. If you would like one, please visit the Music Department as soon as possible.

Kathy GEORGE
HOD – Performing Arts

CULTURAL CALENDAR – 2016

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North High P&C

Supporting Student Achievement

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P&C Meetings are held in the school library from 6:30pm every 3rd Monday of the month. All are welcome. For more information contact: Trina Saunders 0414 480 737 kerry.trina@gmail.com Sherri Savage Phone 49631666
Mid-Semester One Block Exams 2016

Ensure you are on-time for your exams. Session times indicate when you are expected to be ready to enter the exam room with your equipment.

Students with exam clashes will be expected to complete the missed exam in the next available session as per the exam timetable below.

It is essential that you complete your exam in the allocated time unless circumstances allowed for by QCAA exist. If you are ill, notify the school before the exam commences. Please be sure to get a medical certificate. If you need to make alternative arrangements for a valid reason, please see Mr Beanland ASAP.

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Nominate now for the 2016 Queensland Training Awards

The search is on for Queensland’s best and brightest in vocational education and training as nominations open for the 2016 Queensland Training Awards (www.qta.qld.gov.au). Recently completed and completing school-based apprentices and trainees are encouraged to nominate — in recognition of their outstanding achievements and hard work. Vocational students and VET teachers can also apply, along with schools operating as registered training organisations. For more information and to nominate, visit www.training.qld.gov.au. Nominations close Thursday 31 March 2016.
Schools Constitutional Conventions

The Schools Constitutional Conventions program aims to increase young Australians’ knowledge about the Australian Constitution and the role it plays in our democracy. Four Year 12 Students from North took part in our local Convention on February 2nd: Nadia Reck, Westley Gurnett, Kane Rainsford and Tom Rainsford. Along with fellow students from schools around the region, these four North delegates entered the ‘Republic Debate’: discussing whether or not Australia should remain a Constitutional Monarchy. Tom delivered a prepared speech on this topic and was elected as the Mackay delegate to the National Convention, to be held in Canberra in March.

Well done to the Nadia, Westley, Kane and Tom who represented North with pride and all the best to Tom on his upcoming visit to Canberra!

North Students at the Mackay Engineering College

North High students show their new skills to Mrs Greger (Principal) at the Mackay Engineering College.
WHO IS THE MASTER CHEF AT YOUR SCHOOL?

HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO COMPETE AGAINST THE BEST

If you’re looking for a career in the hospitality field, don’t miss this opportunity

WHO CAN ENTER?
Students interested in cooking:
- Juniors – Years 7, 8 and 9
- Seniors – Years 10, 11 and 12

WHY ENTER?
- To demonstrate your cooking skills
- To fly to Brisbane to learn from the best in the industry
- To experience the demanding situations in the kitchen
- To prove your organisational and planning skills
- To add this Certificate to your Resume

EFFORT REQUIRED?

School Heat
- Prepare a one course main meal suitable for two people
- Ingredients should be around $20.00
- Within a 1½ hour time limit.

Mackay Final
- Prepare a two course main meal and dessert suitable for two people
- Ingredients should be around $30.00
- Within a 2 hour time limit.

PRIZES:

Juniors:
- Overnight at the Ocean International (OI)
- Experience the OI Kitchen
- Dinner at the OI
- A show at the Mackay Entertainment Centre

Seniors:
- A weekend trip to Brisbane
- Attend food related events and places
- Dinner at restaurants in Southbank
- A show at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre

FOR MORE INFORMATION, SEE MRS WALLACE IN ROOM 2508
DREAM JOB WORKSHOP

Past North High students RAVE about how AWESOME this workshop is. Find out:
> how to discover your dream job,
> how to get into the uni course you want
> how to get a trade or traineeship over everyone else

The cost is only $20 but you must book and pay at the school office ASAP.

Please bring your favourite magazines to cut up, scissors, glue and biro. See Mr Beanland for more information.

Charlie - Yr 12
“Everything about the workshop was great! Melissa was so incredibly helpful, motivational and amazingly supportive. I enjoyed all the options for possible careers. The whole thing was really inspiring. I'm glad I made the decision to come. Before I was so undecided on my career and now I'm nearly certain of the career path I want to follow. Thank you”

Sheridan - Yr 11
“This was a wonderful workshop that I loved. It was funny, happy, exciting. You have really made me strive for more! and not less. Our teachers said it was going to be mind blowing and it was”

Letitia - Yr 11
“I enjoyed everything! It was a great day and I didn't become bored once! Melissa kept it rolling, fun, relevant to us, exciting and new. Money well spent. I appreciated Melissa coming. Thank you so much! :}