

School commencement dates 2015

Years 7, 8, 11
Tuesday 27 January

Years 9, 10, 12
Wednesday 28 January

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**North High wishes all members of our
school community a Merry Christmas and a
Safe & Happy New Year.**

**In 2015 we will welcome Year 7 Students to
North for the first time, along with Year 8
students.**



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

VISION 2015

*We are all improving our performance;
We are all visibly learning;
We are all building a positive culture.*

Junior Secondary

We welcomed our incoming Year 7 and Year 8 students on Tuesday 2nd December at their orientation day. It was a very exciting time for our new students, providing an excellent time for them to get to know one another, meet some of their new teachers and familiarise themselves with their new learning environment...

We are ready for our new students and looking forward to 2015!

2014 Seniors

While our Seniors of 2014 may have left us, we are excited about our provisional data from the students who sat the QCS tests and we are bracing ourselves as we look forward to some of our best OP results on record. The focus and hard work of many of our students and teachers looks set not to have gone unrewarded.

Looking Back

2014 has been a very big and busy year for everyone at North. We have achieved much and we are continuing to work towards our improvement agenda for 2015 and beyond. Whilst lots of folk will talk of change and changes, I tend to think about learning and improving. North provides so many wonderful opportunities for students and sees so many good results gained by so many students and this is great, although I want more. I want good results for all students; no student to go unnoticed.

Looking Forward

Whilst we have been planning for 2015, we have had to consider the plans of many long standing staff, who are either retiring, or taking leave, We also have staff who are transferring to the South East corner or other Coastal locations and some of our staff are also increasing the size of their families. We wish all our staff who are leaving us this year the very best in their future endeavours.

This in turn means we will be welcoming a number of new staff in 2015 and are also very pleased to announce the continuation of the very talented Lisa Veney who is currently working as a Deputy Principal and the equally talented Rebecca Denney who has been doing an amazing job as the Junior Secondary Head of Department. We will welcome Peter Whitby from Yeppoon SHS who joins us as the Head of Mathematics and Kathryn Ritchie from Mackay Special School as the Head of Special Education Services and Karen O'Keefe who joins us as a Guidance Officer. We also welcome a number of new staff from a variety of locations across the State and also interstate.

We will start the year with our new timetable and the introduction of our WAVE (Wellbeing, Academia, Values, Education) program. This program will be mapped to the timetable and will not take any curriculum time, although will enhance and develop skills for all students.

We will also begin the school year with our new Year 7 and Year 8 students in their new school shirts. The detail around the new school shirts has meant some minor changes to the school uniform policy and I have detailed these changes further in this newsletter.

The sale of the new school shirts on site has provided a wonderful opportunity for parents and families, especially those new to the school, to come in and meet some of our delightful office staff, other parents, while also familiarising themselves with the layout and operations of the school.

Best Wishes for the Holiday Season

To all students, families, carers, staff and community partners, on behalf of everyone here at North, we wish you all the very best for a safe and happy holiday season. Take care, relax and enjoy time with loved ones.

Respectful

Resilient

Confident

Our first P & C meeting in 2015 is Monday 16 February. All new families are welcome!

Jennifer Skeahan (Principal)



Increased Resources to Empower Principals and Their School Community

The Queensland Government is committed to empowering principals and their school communities to deliver high quality education and to lift outcomes for every state school student in Queensland.

That's why there has been a significant increase in the amount of resources allocated to schools, as well as a concerted effort to allocate these resources directly to schools.

Now, more than ever, principals have the resources and the autonomy they need to lead school improvement.

The direct allocation of the Great Results Guarantee funding, the Students with Disability Resources and the Whole School Support – Student Learning Resources give schools the means to lift outcomes for all their students.

Dr J Waterson (Director-General Education Queensland)

UNIFORM SHIRTS FOR YEAR 7 & 8

As previously advised the Junior Secondary uniform to be worn by Year 7 and 8 students is available for purchase from the school office. The office will be selling uniforms from 19 January 2015.

In stock at the moment are Sizes 8, 10, 12 and 14. We will be receiving more of these sizes on 19 January 2015. We have had to submit a second order for adult sizes (Sizes SM, M and L). We have been informed that these uniforms may not arrive at the school until 28 January.

Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any concerns.

Care Instructions for New Uniform Shirts (from the manufacturer)

This garment is made from a high performing Coolex fabric, which is wrinkle free, rapid drying, anti-bacterial and has superior air flow function.

Coolex micromesh fabric is 'snag-resistant' but not 'snag-proof'. This is the same for all polyester micromesh fabrics.

To prevent snagging we recommend that you prevent friction against coarse surfaces. If the fabric snags due to contact with abrasive materials, please do not pull the fibre because it will destroy the fabric.. It is recommended that the fibre is cut off with sharp scissors. Washing: Do not bleach. Cold or warm machine wash. May be tumble dried. Do not iron. Dry cleanable.

ANZAC Tour 2016

Mr Goodwin will be away from North next year, however he will return in 2016 to lead another North High Anzac Tour. Mr Shaw, Mrs Savage and Mrs Cameron will undertake some of the pre tour preparations that will occur next year. Look out for information regarding a parent Anzac Tour Information Evening which will be held during Term 1 next year. The tour will once again visit Gallipoli, France, Belgium and Singapore. Of course, in 2016, there will be special 100 year commemorations that will tie in with the tour in September.



NORTHS NETBALL CLUB

PLAYERS WANTED!!

Registrations are now being taken for
Winter season commencing March 2015
Junior Teams - U9, U10, U11, U13, U15

Senior Teams - 16 & over

Training held at our Wallace Street, Bucasia courts
(Dolphins Soccer Ground)

To enquire email us at northsnetball@hotmail.com
or phone Sharon 0400 246 900 or Vanessa 0439 794 283



Invitation to



Sunday 25 January 2015

please come to

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE HALL ON THE RIVER

10.30am – 12.30pm

**SKYPE with our friends
in Matsuura, Japan**

&

**FUN FAMILY
ACTIVITIES**



Please reply to:

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or visit Sister Cities Mackay on facebook



Uniform at Mackay North State High School

With Year 7 students joining High School in 2015 and the introduction of our new Junior Secondary School shirt there has been a need to make a few small modifications in some of the wording to our Uniform Policy. In doing this all wording was reviewed and whilst there are no significant changes there is one statement that I would like to highlight that is new and it requests 'Hats/caps must be worn for all outdoor activities'. This is the first step in working towards a SunSafety Policy.

Protecting against the sun

Queensland state school students are protected from our harsh sun by the Department's Developing a Sun Safety Strategy policy.

This policy requires that all schools provide an SPF 30+ broad spectrum waterproof sunscreen to students for outdoor activities and ensure they are wearing protective clothing. It also requires schools to develop educational programs on sun safety.

I have included here in [blue](#) the new wording to replace the wording in the boxes; this information will be presented in a policy format at our first P & C meeting in 2015.

School Uniform Information

The school uniform has been determined by the P & C Association with input from staff and students. Our school community values the wearing of full school uniform at all times, and this expectation is made clear to all students who enrol at Mackay North State High School. **It is expected that all students will wear the uniform with pride and modesty.** The school's administration reserves the right to enforce the school's uniform policy under these guidelines. **The school strongly recommends the wearing of hats/caps for all outdoor activities.** Reversible school/house colour bucket hats and school caps are available for sale from the school office. Beanies and bandanas are not permitted.

[Students must be in uniform at all times unless indicated otherwise.](#)

[Mackay North State High School dress standards reflect the community expectations and standards as determined by the Principal in consultation with school community representatives.](#)

Junior Secondary Girls and Boys (Years 7 and 8)

[School shirt Short sleeved polo with collar and monogram. This shirt may be worn loose. This new school shirt \(for Years 7 and 8 only – can only be purchased at the school.](#)

SHIRTS: Unisex or Fitted: Royal blue polo shirt with white sleeves and gold piping with school emblem embroidered on shirts.

Girls: White button through poly-cotton shirt on hip band with box pleat in back. School emblem embroidered on the front.

Undershirt: Plain white or royal blue (short sleeves) – must **not** be visible below top shirt.

SHORTS/SKIRTS/SKORTS:

Boys: Royal blue shorts (poly. gab./drill fabric – **not** basketball or soccer shorts or cargo pants)

Girls: Royal blue Netball Skirt, royal blue pleated skirt (skirts to be worn at an **appropriate length**), royal blue long shorts, royal blue skorts

Unisex microfibre sports shorts are optional.

SHOES: Black, blue or white sports lace-up shoes. Slip-ons, skate shoes or canvas shoes are not appropriate.

If in doubt, contact the Year Coordinator before purchasing shoes.

Shoes **MUST** be laced up with the bow visible at the top of the shoe.

SOCKS : White or white with royal blue stripe

Uniform at Mackay North State High School (cont'd)

WINTER: Plain royal blue pullover (zipped or overstyle, not hooded) or windcheater, plain royal blue trackpants. Senior jersey which may be purchased at the beginning of each year through the Senior Coordinators (Years 11 and 12 only)

TIE: Royal blue with silver diagonal stripes

FORMAL DRESS UNIFORM

Students who have leadership positions or represent the school at various public speaking/formal functions will require:

White button-through school shirt with embroidered emblem

Black lace-up shoes

Boys – long black trousers and plain white long sleeved buttoned through shirt

Girls – royal blue pleated skirt (longer style)

School blazers and ties can be borrowed from the Senior Centre.

SAFETY CLOTHES

Students enrolled in Senior Manual Arts subjects will be required to provide safety boots, overalls and safety glasses for the workshops. Information will be provided during subject selection.

JEWELLERY

The only jewellery permitted is a watch (plain band), two pairs of plain sleepers or studs, (four earrings in all, a maximum of two earrings per ear), and one plain ring to meet safety requirements.
No necklaces.

Jewellery other than watches must not be worn. Students with pierced ears are permitted to wear sleepers and small plain studs.

BODY PIERCING

Body piercing, such as eyebrows/nose/lip/tongue piercings is not permitted. Any student who chooses to have piercings done during the school term should ensure the piercing can be removed during school hours, as covering with bandaids, insertion of a clear stud etc is not appropriate.

Facial piercings are not permitted.

NAIL POLISH

Only clear nail polish is to be worn. **Artificial and gel nails are not acceptable.**

Nails must be natural in appearance.

MAKE UP

No make-up is permitted.

HAIRSTYLES

Any student who chooses to get (**in the opinion of the School Administration**) an inappropriate hairstyle (including colour, tracks etc) will be isolated from normal activities until rectified. Hair accessories should be primarily functional and not a fashion item. As such, hairbands, hair ties combs etc should be subdued and predominately in school colours.

Student's hair must be neat and tidy and of natural colouring only. Hair to the shoulders should be tied back. Only conservative hairstyles (as defined by the principal) are acceptable. Male students are to be clean shaven.

TATTOOS

Visible tattoos are **not** part of the school uniform and must be discreetly covered at all times.

Visible tattoos are not permitted.

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Year Level Coordinators

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Queensland State School Term Dates - 2015

Term	Dates	Length
Term 1	Tuesday 27 January - Thursday 2 April	10 weeks
Term 2	Monday 20 April - Friday 26 June	10 weeks
Term 3	Monday 13 July - Friday 18 September	10 weeks
Term 4	Tuesday 6 October - Friday 11 December	10 weeks

Student Free Day — Monday 19 October (Term 4)

Year 10, 11 and 12 finishing dates for 2015

Year 12 - Friday 20 November 2015

Year 10 and 11 - Friday 27 November 2015

North High P & C

Supporting Student Achievement

Our P&C is still in search of a President. If you see yourself or know of someone interested in this role, please make contact with a P&C member or call Sherri Savage at the school on Phone 49631666.

P&C Meetings are held in the school library from 6:30pm every 3rd Monday of the month. All are welcome. **Next meeting: Monday 16 February 2015**

For more information contact:
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Mackay KinKare

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Meetings held—4th Wednesday of the month

10:00am to 12:00 noon

George street neighbourhood centre

- Come along and have a cuppa!
- Share the issues that affect your daily life
- Share your concerns
- Connect with others
- Feel free to call

Deb 0423749552 or Kellie 0434035124

SPORTS AT MACKAY NORTH STATE HIGH 2015

In 2015, our sporting calendar will be bigger than ever with the arrival of our Year 7 students. Please read the attached calendars to find out dates of trials and locations (subject to change due to availability/ weather). Trials will be advertised approximately 2 weeks before the date (where possible) and students will need to collect and return forms and money before the due date (approximately 1 week before the trial). Students who do not return forms and money will not be attending the trials as the convenor of the trial must have numbers in so that they are able to organise a successful trial day.

Also, please be aware of the change in dates for the Interhouse Cross Country and Athletics Carnivals in 2015. The Cross Country will be held on Friday 24th April, and the Athletics Carnival will be held over 2 days on the 24th & 26th June. Please avoid arranging holidays early, otherwise your child will miss out on these great days, and also miss out on selection for school teams for these events. Looking forward to a successful year on the sporting fields in 2015!

Daniel Smith
Sports Coordinator

INTERHOUSE CARNIVAL DATES

2015

SWIMMING – 20th FEBRUARY

CROSS COUNTRY – 24th APRIL

ATHLETICS – 24th & 26th JUNE

BAGLEY

NORRIS



FITZGERALD

SPILLER

Draft 1 COPY 2015 - SPORTS CALENDAR - ALL LEVELS (convenors, dates, places to be confirmed)

SPORT	CLOSING DATE	NORTHERN SUB-DISTRICT			MACKAY AND DISTRICT			CAPRICORNIA			QUEENSLAND	
		DATE	VENUE	COACH	DATE	VENUE	CONTACT OFFICIAL	DATE	VENUE	CONVENOR	DATE	VENUE
Aust Rules (B)		N/A	Combined trial	N/A	27 Feb	North Mky AFL Grounds		30 March	Rocky	Mai McArthur	4-7 June	Toowoomba
Netball (11yr)		3 March	Northview	Melody Williamson (NV)	26 March 9-12	Casey Avenue	Nicole Carnal	28 April	Central Highlands			Com
Netball (12yr)		4 March	Northview	Katrina Whittaker (NV)	26 March 12-3	Casey Avenue Crts	Nidoe Witham	28 April	Central Highlands		20-23 June	Caloundra
Rugby (12yr) League (11yr) (Girs)		13 March After School	Mackay Touch Fields	Paul Marittan (NV)	18 March	Junior League Grounds	Laurie Shepherd Victoria Park SS	3-4 May	Port Curtis		25 June-1 Jul	Itracombe
		13 March After School	Mackay Touch Fields	Tim Campbell (Fitz)	18 March			3-4 May			6-10 July	Rocky Scr
		13 March After School	Mackay Touch Fields								19-21 Sept	
Basketball (G/B)		10 March	PCYC	William Doble/ (MCC)	25 March	Candlestick Park	M Hamilton H Goldfinch	27 April	Mackay		11-14 June	Auchenflower
Hockey (B/G) 12 year old		16 March	Northview	Tricia Agnew (NV)	1 April	Hockey Grounds	Sue Howard /Andrea Orr	5 May	Mackay		18-21 June	Ipswich
Aquathon							Paper noms					
Rugby Union		N/A	Combined trial		26 May			26 Nov 14	Yeppoon		21 February	Hervey Bay
								15 June	Central Highlands		28-30 Aug	Shorncliffe
Soccer (B) 12 yr old		24 April	Northview	Bruce Claredon (NV)	1 May	Lions Park	Steve McDowall	24-25 May	Mackay		24-27 July	Brindale
Soccer (G) 12 yr old		24 April	Northview	Glen Cureton (EMM)	1 May	Lions Park	Jessica Garvey	24-25 May	Mackay		24-27 July	Brindale
Touch (G)		27 March	Mackay Touch Fields	Paul Marittan (NV)	23 Apr	Norris Road		18 May	C/Highlands		13-16 Aug	Toowoomba
Touch (B)					23 Apr	Norris Road		18 May	C/Highlands		13-16 Aug	Toowoomba
Cross Country (B/G)		28 April	Glenella State School	Cliff Powys (GLN)	19 May	Sarina Golf Club		1 June	Rocky		19-20 July	Runaway Bay
Tennis (B/G) 12 yr old		10 Feb	Junior Tennis Courts	Angela Beardmore (EMM)	29 April	Junior Tennis Association	Gail Norman	19 May	Port Curtis		6-9 Aug	Caïms
Softball (B)		N/A	Combined trial		7 May	Softball Grounds Btd	Tracey Stanieg	14-15 June	Rocky		28-30 Aug	WBR
Softball (G)		N/A	Combined Trial		7 May	Softball Grounds Btd	Tracey Stanieg	14-15 June	Rocky		10-13 Sept	Toowoomba
Track & Field		20 July (Throws)	Whitsunday Ang	Kerryn McDuff (WAS)	28 July	Pioneer High School	Doug Lutz	18 August	Rocky		16-17 Oct	Townsville
		21 July (Track)	Slade Point	All NS Schools								
Cricket (G)		24 July	Combined Trial	Tricia Agnew (NV)	11 Aug after 3pm	West Mackay SS	Russel Holmes	6-7 Sept	Port Curtis		25-28 Oct	Brisbane
Cricket (B)		21 July	Combined Trial	Tim Campbell (FITZ)	11 Aug	North Mky HS	Tim Campbell	6-7 Sept	Port Curtis		1-5 Nov	Mackay
Swimming 10-12 yr old			Paper Nominations		4 Feb	Paper Nominations		19 February	Rocky		23-25 March	Sleeman Complex
Golf			Paper Nominations			Paper nominations		13 May	By nomination	Pam Drills	19-22 July	Caïms GC

STATE SCHOOL TERM dates TERM 1 27 Jan-2 April TERM 2 20 April - 26 June Anzac Day 25 April Show Holiday 25 June TERM 3 13 July-18 September TERM 4 6 October -11 December
 EASTER 3-6 April NAPLAN Testing 12-15 May 2015 AGM for Mackay District 3 February SFD T 1 21/22/23 January T 2 Q/Birthday 8 June T 4 Labour Day Holiday 5 October SFD 19 October
 ROCKHAMPTON GAQAP 26 April MACKAY GAQAP 8/9 August Challenge Games 23 April Bishop Date 16 February CQ Regional Shield Netball/Rugby League 16/17 July
 PROPOSED MD GALA CARNIVAL DATES UNDER 10'S RUGBY LEAGUE 26th JUNE STEVE JACKSON UNDER 11'S RUGBY LEAGUE 16th SEPTEMBER
 AFL WEEKLY COMPETITION 5-26 AUGUST ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS NETBALL CARNIVAL 17th SEPTEMBER

2015 MDSS 13-19 Years Trials

	Date & Event	District Trials Venue	Capricornia Trials
1	Wed 28 Jan Meeting	Mackay SHS - 4:00pm	
	Mon 2 Feb Trial Day 1 Tennis 19 B & G Softball 19 B & G Cricket 19 B	Casey Ave Mackay Softball Magpies	Mon 9 Feb Rockhampton Mon 9 Feb Mackay Mon 9 Feb Mackay
	Cap In-Service 2nd Feb	Magpies	4pm
	Tue 3 Feb Swimming	Nomination to MDSS	Mon 16 Feb Rockhampton
	Wed 11 Feb Trial Day 2 Volleyball 15 / 19 B & G AFL 16 G	WAS - 19 (10-2) 15 (2-3) Magpies/Swans	Thu 26 Feb Port Curtis Thu 26 Feb Port Curtis
	Fri 13 Feb Trial Day 3 Basketball 18 B & G Rugby League 15 / 18 B Hockey 19 B & G Net- ball 15 / 19 G	The Crater Magpies Hockey Association Fields Casey Road	Thu 5 Mar Mackay Thu 5 Mar Mackay Thu 5 Mar Rockhampton Thu 5 Mar Central Highlands
	Wed 18 Feb Meeting	Mackay SHS - 4:00pm	
	Mon 23 Feb Trial Day 4 AFL 15 B Rugby Union 18 B Squash 19 B & G Football 19 B & G	Magpies Magpies Mackay Leisure Centre Magpies	Tues 17 Mar Mackay Tues 17 Mar Central Highlands Tues 17 Mar Rockhampton Tues 17 Mar Port Curtis
	Fri 6 Mar Surfing	Nomination to MDSS	Fri 20 Mar Agnes Water
	Tue 24 Mar Trial Day 5 Touch 15 / 18 B & G	Norris Rd Touch Fields	Tues 28 Apr Mackay
	2	Wed 6 May Meeting	Mackay SHS - 4:00pm
Golf		Nomination to Cap	Wed 13 May
Mon 27 Apr Trial Day 6 Basketball 15 B & G Rugby Union 15 B Football 15 B & G		The Crater Magpies Magpies	Tue 26 May Mackay Tue 26 May Central Highlands Tue 26 May Port Curtis
Mon 18 May Trial Day 7 Cross Country		Sarina Golf Course	Tue 2 Jun Rockhampton
3	Wed 15 Jul Meeting	Mackay SHS - 4:00pm	
	Mon/Tue 27/28th Jul Trial Day 8 Track and Field	Pioneer SHS	Tues 25 Aug Rockhampton
	Tue 4 Aug Trial Day 9 Cricket 14 B, 15 G	Magpies	Thu 19 Aug Mackay
	Wed 17 Sept Year 7 & 8 Sports Day	Various Venues	
4	Triathlon	Nomination to Cap	Nov 12 Oct 2014 Rockhampton
	Mon 19 Oct Water polo 17 B & G	Nomination to MDSS	Mon 16 Nov 2014 Rockhampton
	Thu 19 Nov	Magpies Leagues Club	AGM & Final Meeting - 1:00pm



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Enrol Now

Mackay North State High School

In-catchment enrolments for Years 7 & 8 in 2015 are being finalised NOW!

For further information phone 49631666

Mackay North SHS Catchment Area
www.qgso.qld.gov.au/maps.edmap

