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### From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ignatius Park College is currently gearing up for the introduction of the ATAR Senior Assessment and Tertiary Entrance system. This affects our current Year 7, 8 and 9 students, as the Year 9 cohort will be the first group potentially to receive an ATAR in the new structure. We feel it is important that all members of the community who are affected have some knowledge of how the system works before "ATAR" begins.

If your son is currently in Years 10, 11 or 12, we continue to refine and improve our QCS, VET and QCE pathways to ensure our students get the best opportunity to succeed in the current system before ATAR begins. OPs will be available to these students, and our QCS practice, Work Placement program and advice in terms of current pathways will continue (and improve where possible!). The College Leadership Team supports the new system and these messages to you are a part of getting the community familiar with the requirements of ATAR.

The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority is developing a suite of resources to use with parents about the new system. Below is a set of frequently asked questions (and responses) about the system. Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss these further.

Yours Sincerely

Brendan Stewart | **Deputy Principal** (Michael Conn is on leave this week)

# Frequently Asked Questions...

#### 1. Why are new senior assessment and tertiary entrance systems being introduced?

The senior assessment system in its current form began in the early 1980s. The tertiary entrance system — commonly known as the OP system — was introduced in 1992.

In a report released in 2014, the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) found that while existing arrangements had served Queensland students well and remained fair and reliable, they would not be sustainable over the longer term. ACER recommended changes to achieve greater rigour and simplicity.

There is also strong support among Queensland universities for eligible Year 12 students to be provided with an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) rather than an Overall Position (OP).



### From the Principal continued

#### 2. What will be different about senior assessment?

A system of 100% school-based assessment has operated in Queensland for more than 40 years.

In the new system, subject results will be based on a student's achievement in three school-based assessments and one external assessment that is set and marked by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA).

This is fewer assessments than students currently complete — emphasising quality over quantity.

In the new system, the external assessment results will generally contribute 25% towards a student's result in most subjects. In mathematics and science subjects, it will generally contribute 50%. The school-based assessments will not be scaled by the results of the external assessment when calculating a student's subject result.

The new system will keep all the qualities inherent in school-based assessment while introducing greater consistency and the transparency of common assessments that are sat by students at all schools.

# 3. Why will external assessment generally contribute 50% to a student's final subject result in mathematics and science subjects but 25% in most others?

Variation between subjects reflects the kinds of learning particular to those subjects and how achievement is most appropriately assessed. It would be inappropriate to assess all subjects in the same way.

What will be different about tertiary entrance?

Variation exists in other states, although few share exactly the same approach.

A student's OP is calculated by comparing their results in Authority subjects studied at school with those of other OP-eligible students. Subject results are scaled using Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test results. The final QCS Test will be held in 2019.

ATARs will also be calculated by comparing student results. But instead of the QCS Test there will be a process of inter-subject scaling. Scaling is necessary so that student results in different types of subjects can be compared. The method of inter-subject scaling to be used by QTAC is still to be finalised.

#### 5. What's the difference between the OP and ATAR?

The ATAR is a finer grained rank order of students than the OP and is commonly used in other states and territories. It's a number between 0.00 and 99.95 with increments of 0.05, whereas the OP consists of 25 bands. The Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre will be responsible for calculating students' ATARs.

#### 6. How will ATARs be calculated?

The Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) will be responsible for calculating students' ATARs.

QTAC will calculate ATARs based on either:

a student's best five General (currently Authority) subject results, as is currently the case for the OP system

or

4.

a student's best results in a combination of four General subject results, plus an applied learning subject\* result.

\*Eligible applied learning subjects are: a QCAA Applied subject (currently Authority-registered subject or Subject Area Syllabus subject), or Certificate III, or Certificate IV, or Diploma, or Advanced diploma.

If a student is eligible for an ATAR in both categories, QTAC will use their highest ATAR.

In the new system of tertiary entrance, eligibility for an ATAR will require satisfactory completion of a QCAA English subject.

Satisfactory completion will require students to attain a result that is equivalent to a Sound Level of Achievement in one of five subjects — English, Essential English, Literature (new subject), English and Literature Extension (renamed), or English as an Additional Language.

While students must meet this standard to be eligible to receive an ATAR, it won't be mandatory for a student's English result to be included in the calculation of their ATAR.

Source: Refer QCAA Website HERE.



# **Faculty Leaders**



Alyssa Deer **Science** 



Bruce Denny **Information Technology** 



Len Farren
Industrial Design and Technologies



Jacinta Foley

Mathematics (Acting)



Zara McGregor **The Arts** 



Adriana Rossi **Humanities** 



Religious Education



Andrea Tarttelin English



Ben Williams

Physical Education



# Curriculum

### **VET & Industry Placement News**

#### **Industry Placement**

Next week, our Year 11 and Year 12 VET students will participate in their first week of industry placement for the year. Students should have contacted their employer by now to have confirmed important information such as the business address, start and finish times and uniform requirements.

We would like to remind parents/guardians that if your son is absent any day during industry placement week, the procedure below is to be followed:

- Students are to phone the employer prior to his start time.
- Parent/Guardian is to phone Shane Dove on 0438 185 403 before 8:30am.
- If you or your son are aware of an absence prior to the week, please let the VET Office know ASAP.

Students are required to complete their logbooks daily and have it signed by their supervisor on the last day. After placement, the logbooks are to be sighted and signed by the VET office.

We hope your son enjoys his week at work and gains valuable experience and contacts.

#### **School Based Apprenticeships**

Congratulations to the following students who recently signed up to School Based Apprenticeships.

Casey McDonald (12T) - Commercial Chef with *Michels* Restaurant

Darcy Stevenson (11N) - Metal Fabrication with Norfab

Both students earned these apprenticeships by working hard and diligently during industry placement. They will now attend work one day a week, whilst undertaking their senior schooling. Both boys can complete up to one third of their apprenticeship whilst at school!

Shane Dove | Program Leader - VET



## **Year 11 Study Skills**

This year, the College has introduced one lesson per fortnight of Study Skills into our Year 11 curriculum. This three term long course of study endeavours to equip our young men with the knowledge, skills and confidence to study more effectively. This is achieved through a focus on active learning strategies, goal setting, time management, planning, learning styles, memory techniques, note taking, stress management, improved writing and exam preparation. The Study Skills Program will provide your son with a solid grounding to approach the senior years of schooling, whilst preparing him for further study, whether at TAFE or University. The program has been designed to complement the existing curriculum and pastoral programs by providing students with an additional insight into how they learn, while preparing them to become self-motivated, life-long learners.

In the first few weeks of this term, we have been focusing on how each student learns best, with the students undertaking some quizzes to determine their preferred mode of learning - Visual, Auditory (Listening) or Kinaesthetic (Movement). We then explored methods where each young man can learn to study more effectively by catering to their preferred learning style. We have encouraged your sons to try some of the suggested methods this week when completing their homework, to see which work best for them. In the coming weeks, we will be covering:

- How to take the stress out of assignments;
- Essay and report writing;
- How to research effectively; and
- Referencing.

If you would like more information about the Study Skills Program or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Allison Elcoate | Assistant Principal - Administration



# **Pastoral**

### The Blue Wall

One of the great traditions started at our College by the Seniors of 2011 was the creation of the *Blue Wall* which was an opportunity to celebrate the good work our students present over a range of endeavours - from academic, sporting, cultural and service learning to community spirit. This physical *Blue Wall* is opposite the Tuckshop and provides a visible avenue to recognise the achievements of our students.

This year we are continuing with this proud tradition and, each College Assembly, we would like to acknowledge the fine efforts members of our community make over the year. The first of our 2017 Blue Wall recipients are:

- 1. **The First XIII** in recognition of their stellar win in the Confraternity Championship, 2016.
- McKenzie Baker who has been very successful in his sporting career so far, representing QLD in Rugby League and being selected in the AIS.





### **Year 7 Tent Practice**

This week, the Year 7 Baillie boys practised setting up their tents for their upcoming camp experience next week.

While it was tricky negotiating where certain poles were meant to be placed, especially for first timers to the camping world, it was the combined efforts of the boys and their parents which ensured a successful experience for all. Let's hope the boys can manage this on their own next week!











# **Pastoral**

## **Blue Brigade and IPC Mascot**

This year's Seniors have once again embraced the proud traditions of our College by reinstating the 'Blue Brigade', which is a physical show of support to College functions across several sporting codes and other activities. The Seniors' presence was kicked off this week at the first trial game of the First XIII against a visiting Mackay team.

Of course, our newly appointed College Mascot, affectionately known as "Phunder", was also front and centre with the Blue Brigade to support the boys. I know that Matty Conroy will relish in his new role and ensure the IPC spirit is in full swing this year.



# Administration

IGNATIUS PARK COLLEGE		CALEN	DAR DATES 2017 TERM 1
WEEK 3	FEBRUARY	10	IPC Swimming Carnival - MEDICAL CERTIFICATE Day
WEEK 4		13	QCS Practice commences
		14	TSSSA Trials for Rugby League (15 & Opens)
		15	Rugby League Trial IPC v SPC
			Year 12 Parent/Teacher Evening - 7.00pm Edmund Rice Hall
		15-17	Year 7 Camp 1 – Carew, Putney & Treacy
		16-19	Kairos Retreat
		17	Year 12 Biology Fieldtrip 1
WEEK 5		20-22	Year 7 Camp 2 – Baillie, Nolan, Reid & Rice
		20-24	Industry Placement Week
		20-24	Year 12 Chemistry Incursion
		21	Yr 11 Biol MTQ Excursion
		23	Year 8 Indigenous Excursion
		25-26	Rugby Union Coaching Clinic
WEEK 6		27	Project Compassion Launch
-			Yr 12 Physics EEI Incursion Class 1
		28	Yr 12 Physics EEI Incursion Class 2
			Year 7 & 12 Indigenous Activity
	MARCH	1	Ash Wednesday
			Interschool Chess
			RL Northern Trials U15/Open
		2	Year 12 Biology Fieldtrip 2
		3-5	Rugby Union Rocky Grammar U15 & First XV
		3	Coloured Clothes Day - Gold Coin
			Year 8 Retreat 1 – Carew, Putney & Treacy
WEEK 7		6	TSSSA Trials
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		7-9	Rugby League Trip - Rockhampton
		7	TSSSA Rugby Union NQ Trials
		8	TSSSA Swimming Carnival
		10	Year 8 Retreat 2 – Baillie, Nolan, Reid & Rice
		10	Year 11 Pastoral Evening
		11-12	Rugby Union Trip - St Augustine's U15 & First XV in Cairns
		11 12	Disco
WEEK 8		13	End Assignments
WEEKO		17	St Patrick's Day
WEEK 9		21	Harmony Day
		22-28	Year 7-12 Exams
WEEK 10		28	Naplan Practice Year 7&9
TILLIA IV		29	IPC Cross Country Carnival - MEDICAL CERTIFICATE DAY
		30	Easter Liturgy. 11.00 am
		- 30	Edmund Rice Day Celebration – Coloured Clothes Day
		30	Term 1 Concludes - CLASSES FINISH 3PM
		31	Student Free Day
	APRIL	9	Palm Sunday
	7.1.11.1	9-13	Year 8 & 10 Football Development Tour
		14	Good Friday
		16	Easter Sunday
		17	Easter Monday
		18	Student Free Day
		19	TERM 2 COMMENCES – Day 3 timetable
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# **Swimming Carnival 2017**

### **Age Champions**

12 Y	ears	Points
1.	Cody Knight (Reid)	80
2.	Zac Bennett (Baillie)	72
3.	Luke Kinsey (Carew)	62
13 Y	ears	
1.	Aiden Hawkins (Rice)	80
2.	Codi Arena (Nolan)	64
3.	Jacob Fowler (Carew)	58
14 Y	ears	
1.	Kyle Robinson (Putney)	74
2.	Brandon Pearce (Nolan)	46
3.	Lachlan Roberts (Treacy) and William Bennett (Treacy)	38
15 Y	ears	
1.	Bayden Hardy (Rice)	94
2.	Caleb Cheeseman (Treacy)	76
3.	Anthony Grech (Reid) and Kian Dalton (Nolan)	72
16 Y	ears	
1.	Thomas Lyons (Reid)	70
2.	Thomas Rawstron (Nolan)	60
3.	Thomas Bennett (Treacy)	54
Oper	ns .	
1.	Lincoln Hardy (Rice)	96
2.	Nicholas Cussen (Treacy)	86
3.	Matthew Beauchamp (Nolan)	84





# Please see our Swimming Carnival 2017 Album on Facebook!





# **Swimming Carnival 2017 Overall Results**

# **House Champions - RICE**





2nd - NOLAN

3rd - BAILLIE

4th - TREACY







5th - CAREW

6th - REID

7th - PUTNEY







**Middle School Champions BAILLIE** 





# **Swimming Carnival 2017**



















## **Junior Basketball Teams 2017**

Year 7 White	Year 7 Blue
Jett Bates	Cody Brown
Joshua Corcoran	Finn Cook
Harrison Geeves	Matthew Evans
Max Gough	Diesel Jacobson-Rhodes
Marcus Illin	Finn Kearns
Henry Judge Benjamin Male	
Merrick Kiongoli	James Sheppard
Zachary McKergow	Samuel Turner
Jackson Waldon	Lleyton Ward
Matthew Wheeler	Sean Young
Coach: Mr McMahon	Coach: Ms Loechel Manager: Ms Baxter

Year 8 White	Year 8 Blue	
Jordan Batley	Joe Brosnan	
Alex Bombardieri	Cameron Carter	
Orlando Clark	Harrison Delgado	
Haydn Conrad	Harrison Fuller	
Cody Fraser	Lleyton Jackson	
Rory Hawke	Lachlan Parker	
Kobe Owens	Quinn Parsons	
Trinidy Parker	Lawson Proctor	
Luke Whalan	Alex Roubicek	
Marshall Wilson		
Coach: Mr Lloyd Manager: Ms Stayte	Coach: Mr Hughes	

Training for both Year 7 and Year 8 players will on a Monday - 3:15pm to 4:15pm. A reminder Townsville representative players are not required to attend training.



### **Year 7 Basketball Draw**

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Week	Date	Home Team		Away Team
4	14 Feb	IPC Blue	vs	Grammar
		St Ants	VS	IPC White
5	21 Feb	St Ants	VS	IPC Blue
		Cathedral	VS	Grammar
			Bye	IPC White
6	28 Feb	Cathedral	VS	St Ants
		IPC Blue	VS	IPC White
7	7 March	IPC White	VS	Cathedral
		St Ants	VS	Grammar
			Bye	IPC Blue
8	14 March	IPC White	VS	Grammar
		Cathedral	vs	IPC Blue
9	21 <sup>l</sup> March	IPC 1	VS	Grammar
		St Ants	vs	IPC White

Please note that students will return from the St Anthony's game to IPC around 5.15pm.

If students are unavailable for any games they must inform their coach as soon as practical.

Please feel free to contact gary.hughes@IPC.qld.edu.au if you have any questions.

### **Year 8 Basketball Draw**

Week	Date	Home Team		Away Team
4	15 Feb	Southern Cross	vs	IPC White
		Bye	VS	Annandale Christian
		IPC Blue	VS	Grammar
		Kirwan	vs	William Ross SHS
5	22 Feb	Bye	VS	IPC Blue
		William Ross SHS	vs	Grammar
		Annandale Christian	VS	Southern Cross
		IPC White	vs	Kirwan
6	1 March	Grammar	VS	Annandale Christian
		Southern Cross	vs	Kirwan
		William Ross SHS	VS	IPC Blue
		IPC White	VS	Bye
7	8 March	Grammar	VS	IPC White
		Southern Cross	VS	William Ross SHS
		Kirwan	vs	Bye
		Annandale Christian	vs	IPC Blue
8	15 March	William Ross SHS	vs	Bye
		IPC Blue	VS	Kirwan
		Annandale Christian	vs	IPC White
		Southern Cross	vs	Grammar
9	22 March	Bye	VS	Southern Cross
		IPC Blue	VS	IPC White
		Kirwan	vs	Grammar
		Annandale Christian	VS	William Ross SHS

<sup>\*</sup>Please note that Pimlico has withdrawn since the original draw was sent home.

If students are unavailable for any games they must inform their coach as soon as practical.

Please feel free to contact gary.hughes@IPC.qld.edu.au if you have any questions.



### **Waterpolo Draw**

WEEK	DATE	TIME	HOME		AWAY
4	17 February	3:30pm	IPC Blue	V	IPC White
5	24 February	4:00pm	IPC White	V	Grammar
5	24 February	5:15pm	IPC Blue	V	WRSHS
6	3 March	4:00pm	IPC White	V	WRSHS
6	3 March	5:15pm	Grammar	V	IPC Blue

### **Townsville Secondary School Sport Trials**

DATE	CLUSTER	SPORT	VENUE
16 February	2	Rugby Union 18s	Hugh Street
6 March	3	Touch 15 and 18	Queens Park
6 March	3	AFL U15	Tony Ireland
6 March	3	Football U19	Murray
15 May	4	Rugby 15	Hugh Street
15 May	4	Football 15	Murray
16 May	5	Basketball 15	Murray
28 August	6	14 Cricket	TBA

All trials times are between 12-3pm

# **Training for 2017 Townsville to Cairns Charity Bike Ride**

Welcome to the new riders and ongoing supporters this year.

A reminder that training is on Tuesday and Thursday mornings leaving at 5.30am from Ignatius Park College Pool carpark. Parents are welcome to join the group in the training rides.

Paul Bruce | Teacher - TCBR Coordinator



## **Swimming News**

Congratulations to the following students who are selected to represent North Queensland Region at the Queensland Swimming Championships:

Matthew Beauchamp	Lincoln Hardy	Cody Knight
Caleb Cheeseman	Aiden Hawkins	Thomas Rawstron



### **Rowing News**

Let's get excited!! - Learn to Row is starting this Saturday

#### This is your last chance to register for this great sport.

I've just come back from the NSW State Championships where over a thousand of Australia's top junior and elite rowers, including Olympians - present & future, competed last weekend. There was, as usual, a small contingent from Townsville who battled well and caused more than a few upsets over their more

The weather was hot, racing was fierce and new friendships were made.

Our aim for the Rowing Program this year is to provide an environment for all our young rowers to really feel part of our team, strive to be the best they can be and have a lot of fun in the process.

We are not only looking to provide opportunities for our better rowers to compete at State and National Regattas, we are also looking to provide an inclusive program that ensures that all our young men have a very positive experience that they will not only remember, but they will benefit

from in the future.

This is the last chance this year to be involved.

#### Contact:

Ms Tracy Klaassen Rowing Coordinator tracy.klaassen@ipc.qld.edu.au Mr Tony Smith 0437 448 255 talus12@bigpond.net.au

Regular season trainings for all juniors in Years 7-9 will be in the afternoons.

See you on the water.

Tony Smith | Head of Rowing Program

## **Rugby League News**

On Tuesday afternoon the Ignatius Park College First XIII played their first game of the season - a trial game against St Patrick's College, Mackay. After months of training the boys were very excited to get onto the paddock, albeit in a warm 39 degrees. In a match played in thirds due to the excessive heat, the Ignatius Park boys scored several tries in each period of the game to eventually run out comprehensive winners. Although victorious on the scoreboard, the boys will need to continue working hard on the training paddock and in the gym as they ramp up their preparations to take on Kirwan in Week 6. On behalf of the team, thank you to the supporters for being there to cheer on the boys. It was great to see the Blue Brigade back in action.

Christian Quabba | First XIII Coach



# Community

## **Uniform Shop**

All sports shirts are now in stock.

If you have been contacted regarding a held order, can you please come and finalise at your earliest convenience?

Thank you to all families who donated unwanted uniform items. There are always families grateful for the opportunity to defray the costs of returning to school. If you have good quality used uniforms that are longer required, we are happy to receive them as a donation. They are used either as items to loan boys or for sale.

If your son is lent a uniform, it would be appreciated if it could we washed and returned as soon as possible. We are only Week 4 and there are many outstanding items.

Sue Brock | Uniform Shop



# Community

### **Careers News**

#### **ACU Course Guide**

Undergraduate, postgraduate and international course guides give prospective students of all ages and backgrounds a taste of what learning at ACU is like. You can download the 2017 Course Guide by copying this link:

http://www.acu.edu.au/about\_acu/our\_university/publications/course\_guides

#### **University of Queensland Study Guide 2017**

This study guide gives students an introduction to studying at UQ as an undergraduate, including information about programs, entry requirements, how to apply, living costs, accommodation and much more:

https://future-students.uq.edu.au/publications-and-forms

#### **Country Education Scholarships Guide**

A scholarship can help your son achieve his further study dreams by covering the costs of textbooks, course fees, equipment, accommodation and living costs. Search and apply for scholarships at:

http://engage.cef.org.au/directory/scholarship

#### STEM.I.AM

The STEM.I.AM initiative aims to positively promote the study of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and youth. QUT is offering a one-year scholarship worth \$10 000 for eligible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolling in a single or double degree in:

- Bachelor of Information Technology
- Bachelor of Engineering (Computer and Software Systems)
- Bachelor of Engineering (Mechatronics)
- Π Bachelor of Games and Interactive Environments.

Students must be graduating Year 12 in 2017 and enrolled in one of these Degrees by the 2018 census date. Applications close March 2018. For more information: https://www.student.qut.edu.au/fees-and-finances/scholarships-and-prizes/scholarships/ advance-queensland-stem-i-am-scholarship

#### A strategy to help finish assignments

Does your son need to finish an assignment but just can't find the energy to get started? Follow this link for strategies which may assist: http://learningfundamentals.com.au/blog/the-everest-philosophy-a-strategy-to-help-you-finish-projects-and-assignmentswhen-youre-sick-and-tired-of-them/

#### School-based opportunity at Cowboys Leagues Club

Certificate II in Kitchen Operations and Certificate III in Hospitality To find out more see Mr Dove (Program Leader VET).

#### **Quote for the week:**

In order to succeed, we must first believe that we can. (Nikos Kazantzakis)

Phill Dembowski | Teacher and Careers Advisor

## **Tuckshop News**

The College Tuckshop is a very busy place, making sure we meet the eating requirements of our students. If you would like to volunteer and meet other like-minded people, please feel free to join us. Some of our volunteers have been coming for many years and enjoy the social aspect of volunteering. Our community is certainly richer for their contribution.

The Toast Room will be opening for business on Shrove Tuesday, 28 February, with pancakes and pikelets. If you would like to make/buy some pancakes or pikelets and deliver to the Toast Room, the boys would be very appreciative.



A significant number of College staff and volunteers assist with this co-curricular program. All students are welcome at the Toast Room. Any donations of spreads (no peanut butter) and margarine, or a gold coin donation, would be welcomed to assist with these costs. These may be sent in with your son.

If you have any questions, please contact me via the College Office on 4796 0222.

Kay O'Connor | Tuckshop Convenor



# Community

### **Brothers Junior Rugby Union**

Brothers Junior Rugby are seeking players for their U14 team (boys born 2003). Please contact the Club President by email president.bjruc@gmail.com for further information.



If you have an

### "Italian attitude"

why not join us and learn how to really speak the most romantic language in the world? It will be fun, come on!

The Dante Alighieri Society Townsville is waiting to hear from you. Our courses are conducted by native Italian teachers so you will master the authentic pronunciation too.

It's much better than a book or learning online, you will be conversing with others with the same skill set as you, whether that is beginners, intermediate or advanced.

Course semester commences Monday 27th Feb, 7-9pm for beginners, Tuesday 28th 7-9pm intermediate cost is \$320 plus \$20 annual membership

See our website for details and enrolment forms, we can't wait to meet vou!

www.dantetownsville.com.au



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11TH FEB & 18TH MARCH





North Star Athletics Club

WHEN: 11th Feb & 18th Mar, 10am to 12 midday Townsville Sports Reserve 14 Warburton St, North Ward QLD 4810 WHERE: Minimum age is 5 years old as at 31st December, 2017 ie. Must be born in 2012 o earlier. New members are required to show proof of age eg. birth certificate AGES: 10yrs and over - \$225 - No weekly club competition fees, coaching included & Family discounts Up to 2 trials available @ \$10 each We accept Get Started Vouchers **UNIFORMS:** Can be purchased at "Sign On" or on competition nights Competitions are held Friday nights at Townsville Sports Reserve, North Ward COMPETITION:



For more details go to www.townsvillenorthstar.org.au 📑 TOWNSVILLE NORTH STAR ATHLETICS CLUB





# Community



Become a Rotary Youth Exchange Student -The Greatest Experience of your Life!!

As a Rotary Youth Exchange student in 2018, you will spend a year living with host families in another country, learning a new language; a new way of living - and a great deal about yourself.

You will be a young ambassador, helping to bring the world closer together - and making some good friends in the process. While you're busy learning, the people you meet will be learning – about your country, your culture, and your ideas.

#### What does the Program cost?

The Rotary District 9550 package is a Global Fee of \$5,950 paid in instalments plus a refundable completion bond of \$400.

The first payment is a \$250 Application fee, refundable if the applicant is unsuccessful.

A family may spend an additional \$6,000 or more during the exchange, with the major expenses being the host country tour and clothing.

Parents – compared to maintaining your son or daughter at home for the year is that much different?

#### The Program provides the following:-

- Return Airfare from Australia to your host country.
- Visas that can be applied for in Australia.
- Comprehensive Travel and Health insurance.
- 12 months accommodation and monthly allowance.
- Administration and support service for your year
- Selection weekend, Orientation weekend &, briefings,
- Orientation student accommodation, meals & BBQ
- Uniform, badges, business cards.
- Presentation photos & video of your region.
- Debriefing in January on your return

#### These are not included in the cost of the program.

- 1. Passport, Visa's and Residency Permits applied for overseas.
- Travel to the Embassy for biometric test and interview if required.
- Spending money (apart from the monthly allowance).
- Language course online or in host country. 4.
- 5. Student bus tour organised by host country.
- Special clothing. 6.
- 7. Departure Tax on return.
- 8. Gifts, souvenirs, postage.
- Travel cost to Selection, Orientation & Debrief.



#### What are the requirements?

- Age between 15 and 18 years 6 months in January of 2018.
- Satisfactory Academic record.
- Maturity and strength of character.
- Degree of adaptability.
- Participation in community activities.
- Good Family relationships and hosting availability.
- Ability to communicate well with people.
- Friendly Personality.
- Knowledge of foreign Language or desire to learn

Students who are not in the top 30% of their class should not apply, unless their school Principal considers he / she possesses outstanding qualifications in other spheres. Following final selection by District 9550, students will have completed year 10, 11 or 12 and must be between 15 and 18 years and 6 months on the day of departure for overseas in January 2018.



Where can I go? Students will be asked to list the following countries in order of preference - Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Czech Republic / Slovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Peru, South Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, USA. Not all countries are available each year.

### How the selection process works.

The student will complete the Outbound Students Data Information and be introduced to a Sponsor Rotary Club. After your local Rotary Club interviews you and endorses your application, you will be registered and be given access to an application form. Your application forms (up to 4 originals) must be forwarded to the D9550 Rotary Youth Exchange Committee together with a \$250 application fee.

Applications close: - 28th April 2017 Selection interviews in Townsville, - 20th May 2017. Orientation Weekend, - 30th Sept- 1st Oct 2017 Debrief 27/28 January 2018.

#### If you're ready for a challenge, please contact your local Rotary Club or

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