There is some very sobering data in relation to youth unemployment. A report by the McKinsey Centre for Government (Mourshed et al., 2012, p 40) cites that in 2011, the unemployment rate for young people (15-19) was 15% across 100 countries and three times the unemployment rate of those over 30. This is also reflected in Australia's statistics. In addition, the OECD reports that one in eight of all 15-24 year olds in OECD countries is not engaged in employment, education or training (Mourshed, Farrell, Barton, 2-12, p.11). Often the greatest struggle for a young person is to secure their first job.

If Australia is to continue to flourish in the future, it must restructure and become a knowledge based economy. If this occurs, education will need to change too. Skills such as entrepreneurship, information gathering, analysing, critical thinking, problem solving and collaboration are the skills of the knowledge worker. If we are not proactive in developing these skills in young people, Australia risks becoming a country characterised by "jobs without people" and "people without jobs". We are already seeing this in the labour market. For example,
while there is unemployment among university graduates, there is a teacher shortage in Physics, Chemistry, Senior Mathematics, Senior English and Manual Arts.

How is Sandgate tackling this challenge? Our three values of: “Be Respectful”, “Be Work Ready” and “Be Your Best” consistently reinforce attitudes which will assist young people to obtain and retain employment. The school offers a lot of different opportunities to meet the learning needs of our diverse student body. Many students demonstrate entrepreneurship to take advantage of these opportunities. For example, Rosie McCrossin’s most recent accolade is being the State Award winner in the Somerset National Novella Writing Competition. Rachael Patterson has won the district and regional Lions Youth of the Year competition. Mokiana Langford was successful in obtaining a Future Sporting Greats scholarship to enable her to pursue her goal of representing Australia in softball one day. Georgina McCallum and Katie Davies have become members of the Greenheart Schools - Student Environmental Leadership Network and Jocelyn Glencross is a Rotary Science Forum ambassador. You will have noticed that all the names above are of female students. We have a particular challenge to encourage boys to take advantage of opportunities outside of sport and to develop the skill set of a knowledge worker.

Sandgate also offers a compass program which runs from Year 7 to Year 12. This program aims to take students on a journey throughout their secondary schooling of self-reflection, working out what their individual strengths and interests are, experiencing different work settings, hearing stories from successful people from different backgrounds and charting a course towards a post school option which helps them to become the sort of person they want to be.

P&C Annual General Meeting

I encourage you to become a parent involved in the life of the school. Everyone is welcome to attend P&C meetings. The next is on Wednesday 18 March 2015 6:30 pm Library.

Jeanette Gentle | PRINCIPAL

P&C MEETINGS | THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
6.30PM | SCHOOL RESOURCE CENTRE (LIBRARY) | ALL WELCOME
NEXT MEETING: 18 MARCH 2015

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2015 NAPLAN Test

The National Assessment Program Numeracy and Literacy Test, better known as NAPLAN, is to be held on Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th May 2015 for all Year 7 and 9 students. For those students absent due to illness a catch up on Friday 15th May will be arranged.

Information brochures for parents and carers can be found by going to [http://www.nap.edu.au/](http://www.nap.edu.au/) and following the parent/carer support links.
If you have any questions or concerns regarding NAPLAN please feel free to contact the Junior Secondary Deputy Principal Mr Kiss.

Shane Kiss | Acting Deputy Principal - Junior Secondary

P&C News

P&C Annual General Meeting

The Sandgate District State High School P&C’s 2015 AGM will be on Wednesday March 18 at 6.30pm in the School Resource Centre (Library), followed by a general meeting. All are Welcome!

The following positions will become vacant and nominations will be sought for new office bearers including:

**Executive Committee:**
- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

**Additional Roles Include:**
- Music Supporters Group: President, Secretary and Treasurer
- Grants Officer
- Newsletter/Advertising Officer
- Tuckshop Liaison Officer
- Fundraising Co-ordinator (mainly for Einbunpin Festival)

Please RSVP your attendance by emailing pandexecutive@sanddistshs@eq.edu.au


P & C Contribution

The annual P&C contribution is now due. It is $50 per family and goes towards P&C running costs (including the P&C Qld membership and insurance, tuckshop equipment and repairs).

We understand the financial burden on families at the start of the school year; please be assured your contribution is highly valued and needed to continue the important work your hardworking P&C are currently doing on behalf of parents and community members.

Any queries, please contact us on pandexecutive@sanddistshs@eq.edu.au
Tuckshop – Harmony Day

Harmony Day is fast approaching! On Friday 20 March, Cafe Ibis will be joining in the fun and selling a range of sweet treats. Enjoy some “Red Day” goodies that are not usually available from the Tuckshop. We shall also see a return of an old favourite for the day – with chicken wings being sold and there will also be limited regular menu items available.

For more information, please phone our friendly tuckshop convenor Mrs Sheree Tregoning on 3869 9840, or email on sdstshstuckshop@hotmail.com

Justyne Wilson | P&C President

Senior School News

QCS Test Special Provision

Special provision is available to students who are affected by a medical condition, impairment or exceptional circumstances that may act as a barrier to their access to the test or to their demonstration of achievement in the QCS test.

If your Year 12 student is sitting the QCS Test and has a long term medical condition/impairment they will need to start gathering documentation to support their application. Medical documentation must be provided by a suitably qualified person who is not related to the student and not employed by the school.

Applications for special provisions open on 30 March 2015. If you would like further information or to discuss your application, please see Judi Robinson, Head of Senior Schooling in AG10.

Unique Student Identifier (USI)

From 1 January 2015 the Australian Government requires all students undertaking Vocational Education and Training (VET) to have a Unique Student Identifier (USI). The USI will link information about a student’s VET achievements, regardless of where they studied, ensuring that VET records are not lost and make it easier for students to have access to their VET educational information.

As all our Year 10, 11 and 12 students participate in Certificate II Work Place Practices and Certificate II Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways, it is necessary for students to obtain a USI number before any qualification or statement of attainment can be issued.
Senior school students will be applying for their USI number during their Pathways lesson (period 1 Wednesday) on 25 March 2015. They will require one item of personal identification OR the number from the identification written on a separate piece of paper.

**Acceptable Identification** includes Driver’s License, Medicare card, Australian passport, Visa, Australian Birth Certificate, Immicard or Citizenship Certificate.

Students will be guided through the process with their class teacher. Each student will record their personal USI number to keep as a reference and the school will also collect each individual number for our records.

Some students may already have applied for an USI number through TAFE or a school based traineeship. If so, they do not need to apply again however they will need to supply their USI number to Samantha Churchill in AG10 for recording purposes.

If students do not bring their identification to school on Wednesday 25 March, they will need to apply for their USI number at home by visiting [www.usi.gov.au](http://www.usi.gov.au) and supply their USI number to Samantha Churchill in AG10 for recording purposes.

**Gold Training Year 13**

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**Gold Training Year 13 Funded® Cert III and Employability Skills Training**

This program has been designed to assist recently completed High school students who have exited a school either at the end of year 10 or at some point in the senior journey. The program aims to provide a government funded, nationally recognised Certificate III level qualification to young people over a period of 4 weeks. Upon successful completion of the accredited training program, Gold Training will commit to a further 1-2 days to supply non-accredited “Job Ready” skills training. Please see below for a breakdown of what is covered in these sessions.

Gold Training’s connection with WorkPac Labour Hire is supplemented by our reverse marketing team. Gold will assist successfully completed students in gaining employment opportunities with local relevant businesses.

It is proposed that this training would be sponsored by the ex-student’s high school, who would provide access to a training room for the course of the program. As an added bonus, if this program was adopted, Gold Training would also commit to supporting current enrolled students with a non-accredited “Job Ready” motivational session in the school.

**Job Ready Overview**

- Create a relevant CV
- Gain the confidence to get a job
- Motivation
- Self-presentation
Certificate III Course Options

- BSB30112 Certificate III Business
- BSB31112 Certificate III Business Administration (Medical)
- BSB30211 Certificate III Customer Contact

Funding Eligibility Criteria

This is a Queensland Government funded opportunity via the Certificate 3 Guarantee program; eligibility criteria applies. For those who are eligible, the only fees associated are a student contribution fee of $15 (concessional) or $50 (non-concessional).

To be eligible to enrol in the Certificate 3 Guarantee, prospective students must:

- be aged 15 years or above, and no longer at school
- permanently reside in Queensland
- be an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident (includes humanitarian entrant), temporary resident with the necessary visa and work permits on the pathway to permanent residency, or a New Zealand citizen
- not hold, and not be enrolled in, a certificate III or higher level qualification, not including qualifications completed at school and foundation skills training

Concessions: Concessional student status applies when the student holds a Health Care concession card or Pensioner concession card issued under Commonwealth law, or is the partner or a dependant of a person who holds a Health Care or Pensioner concession card and it listed on the card.

For further information please contact:

Clinton Carson
Email: clinton@goldtraining.edu.au
Ph: 07 5444 4998
Mob: 0417 024 233
Lions Youth of the Year

On Saturday the 7th of March Year 12 Sandgate District State High school student Rachael Patterson competed in the zone finals of the Lions Youth of the Year competition. Rachael's fellow competitors were winners from round 1 of the competition and represented a wealth of public and private schools from the Metropolitan North region. The zone final was well attended by friends, family and Lions representatives. Sandgate District teachers Mr Pender and Ms Phillips attended the competition to offer support on behalf of the school community.

Impressively, Rachael was one of two successful students to move on to the next round of the prestigious competition as well as taking home the public speaking award on the day. To do so, Rachael had to take part in a gruelling process that saw her complete a lengthy interview with Lions adjudicators; test her wits in a nerve-wracking impromptu speaking task and finally, present a prepared speech on a topic of her choice. Rachael’s astute responses, humour and engaging manner saw her perform admirably in the impromptu speech task which posed questions about the Monarchy’s role in contemporary Australia and the validity of ‘reality television’. Rachael’s prepared speech stood out against a very impressive field of speakers who presented well-constructed and finely articulated arguments on a range of topics including Global Warming, the Bali Nine and the relationship between innovation and success. Rachael’s speech, which focused on the emotional impact of cancer, was conveyed superbly and had the entire audience hanging on her words. Throughout the competition Rachael conducted herself in a commendable fashion and should be very proud of her achievement.

Next, Rachael moves onto the regional phase of the competition where she will compete against zone winners from the wider Brisbane region.
Year 7 Camp Report

What an amazing camp!!!! I think I can speak for all of the teachers involved when I say that we saw countless examples of students upholding the school values of ‘Be Respectful’, ‘Be Work Ready’ and ‘Be Your Best’. I was proud to be the co-ordinator of such a dynamic group of students and was delighted to see so many achieve goals they never thought possible. I would like to thank every teacher involved in the camp, as without them the camp would not have run so smoothly!

It is far better to hear directly from those students who were involved, so please read Amy Kubler’s response regarding the Year 7 camp experience.

Ms Jodie Major | Year 7 Coordinator

Camp Report - Ewen Maddock Dam
Last week, between March 4 - 6, Year 7 students from Sandgate District State High School attended a welcome to high school camp at Ewen Maddock Dam. Many activities were achieved by this amazing group of students with the help of their teachers and camp instructors who taught us many skills and gave us a sense of accomplishment.

Over the course of the entire camp we were split into activity groups and participated in the following activities: canoeing or kayaking, ‘Tough Mudda’ course, high ropes or mid ropes (mid ropes also included archery), bush survival, human yoyo, and sky surfer. All of these activities made us push ourselves to achieve great things.

Some of us weren’t aware that we could achieve these. A few of these activities, especially high ropes, human yoyo, sky surfer and rock climbing, were extremely high, some reaching 10m and even above! Students were determined to reach the top and accomplish the challenge that awaited them. I felt privileged as I got to observe my friends and fellow students take on the challenges of camp. I saw achievement and determination, but most of all supportive and encouraging words. It was amazing to see just how supportive this amazing group of year 7s were and just how far we had come in only 6 weeks of high school. Although some people didn’t quite make it to the top of the activity, they still gave it their best and attempted it. These very students made all of our teachers, camp instructors, and other students feel very proud.

On this camp we were able to build friendships, conquer fears, achieve impossible things, experience a supportive and encouraging environment, observe the picturesque views, demonstrate courage, feel determination, create long lasting memories and most of all, have fun! I experienced some of the most amazing teamwork ever and felt privileged to see my grade accomplish so many incredible things. I know that it brought us closer together.

Amy Kubler | Year 7 Student

CLICK ON IMAGE BELOW TO VIEW PHOTOS FROM THE CAMP
SDSHS Library Bookmark Competition

Students were invited to enter their own designs for a school bookmark, which will be printed and distributed by the Library during 2015. Over three dozen students entered an array of stunning artwork, using a variety of media and formats from pencil to digital production.

Two winners were selected – one by staff and the other by popular student vote.

Kerry Singh won the staff selection, and Nathan Felschow won the popular student vote.

The winning designs will appear as Library bookmarks in Term 2.
Sandgate DSHS Cross Country /Adidas School Fun Run

The School Cross Country this year will be held at School on Thursday, April 30, 2015.

The School Fun-Run is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

All students have received a Sponsorship Form to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. The funds raised will be used to purchase: **Table Tennis Equipment** for students to use during lunch time competitions and recreational sport.
We ask all parents to read the Sponsorship Form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to 
fundraise and participate in this event. Students who raise just $10 or more will receive a reward for effort. In the 
Sponsorship Form you will also find many other benefits like the chance to win a family holiday to Disneyland!

Students wanting to track their progress, and use online fundraising, can do so by logging onto 
schoolfunrun.com.au/students and creating a Student Profile Page.

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

Jonathan Hatch | Acting HOD Human Movements

Human Movements News

FUTSAL

On Tuesday 10th March Sandgate Football Academy entered four teams into the South East Queensland Futsal 
Titles. This event attracts teams from all over the South East Corner competing over a two week period. The 
Sandgate teams were drawn from Year 9, Year 10 and two teams from Year 11. All the teams competed 
in pools of five teams over the whole day in demanding temperatures in the 30’s, with the winners progressing to 
a knock out phase. Although the Sandgate teams played with a passion that embodies the values of Sandgate 
and the sporting academies, they failed to qualify for the knock out phase but the players never failed to give 
their all. In the demanding conditions the following players stood out within their teams;

In Year 9, Oliver Flaherty with some great individual skills and some well taken goals. He was supported by Jack 
Sweeney.

In Year 10 Lachlan Eden provided the glue that kept the team together.

Finally in the Year 11 teams, Bailey McCoist never stopped running and encouraging his team through some 
very tough games. He was supported by Sohail Kumar with a strong defensive tournament and Corey Stead 
producing a stellar performance in goal for his team.

With Futsal becoming very popular with Sandgate students, this competition gives them a great way to perform 
in a high level tournament.

AFL

Both the junior and senior AFL Lions Cup teams travelled down the coast to take on Benowa SHS. Unfortunately 
both teams were narrowly beaten.

Senior Lions Cup: Best players Nick Power, Brandon McLune & Jack Powell.

Junior Lions Cup: Best players Mitch Tidball, Tyler Elliott & Matthew King.
Tuesday March 31 is the next Lions Cup game away at Victoria Point SHS. Friday 20 and 27 March are the 1st and 2nd round of the Jonathan Brown Cup 9 a-side competition. This competition is open to all our year 7 and 8 AFL students. Notes need to be returned to Mr Forbes in the PE staffroom.

Netball

On March 13, the netball academy girls travelled up to Caloundra to watch the under 21 nationals. As a group, we watched the Queensland girls have a terrific win over Tasmania and take statistics on the fantastic game. After the game, we got an opportunity to interview past Sandgate High student, Dominique Scott. Dom spoke to the girls about how important it is to train hard when you are young and to look after your body by stretching and recovery. The girls were given a little insight into what a Queensland Rep player needs to go through in preparation for each game. We all had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity.

On March 6 the years 8s, 9s and senior academy students travelled to Bradbury Park, Chermside to participate in the Super Sevens competition. The teams played four games each and won a majority of them. All the teams played exceptionally well, as they all made it into the finals. Unfortunately one team came short of the victory and the other team finished on a draw. The senior academy girls did a great job at coaching the teams as they encouraged them to play their hardest throughout the game and made strategic and fair substitutions.
School Based Youth Health Nurse News

Respect

You know it’s okay to not like everyone around you and in fact I wouldn’t believe you if you said you were friends with every single person in your year level. However, like them or not you can respect them:

Respecting someone means having regard for others, in that you should accept that people are different but just as important as you are.

First and foremost you must respect yourself and that you must stand up, be counted and don’t let yourself be talked into doing stuff that you know is wrong or makes you feel uncomfortable.

Having respect also means not interfering with others (or their property).

When you go to school you will have to learn some different ways to respect others and yourself.

- You will meet people from different backgrounds, maybe different countries, cultures and religions. Some people will look very different to you and your family and some people will behave very differently to you and your family.
- You CAN respect their differences and expect that they will respect yours.
- BULLYING AND HARASSEMENT SHOULD NEVER BE TOLERATED BUT USE YOUR VOICE AND NOT YOUR FISTS
Bullying

Can you imagine how awful it feels
To wake up afraid every day?
Can you imagine how lonely it feels
To feel too sad to play?
Can you imagine how you might feel
If this should happen to you?
What if others were standing by
While someone was bullying you?
Maybe it's time for us all to say
Bullying people is not okay.

If you have any concerns or questions please see Mandy, the School Based Youth Health Nurse in F109.

Mandy Trempus | Youth Health Nurse

Chaplaincy News

Absentee Phone Line 3869 9802
Sandgate District State High School has established a phone line to report student absenteeism. Please phone **3869 9802** directly to advise the school that your child will absent.

You will be directed to a message bank, please leave a message ensuring you clearly state the student’s name, year level, reason for absence, dates absent and your relationship to the student.

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This link is also available on our School Website at [www.sanddisths.eq.edu.au](http://www.sanddisths.eq.edu.au)

Paper copies are available for collection (each fortnight) from the student foyer, for families who do not have access to the internet.

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**Sandgate DSHS Online Communities**

In 2012, Sandgate DSHS launched into the 21\textsuperscript{st} Century and set up official Facebook and Twitter accounts. Regular updates from the school calendar and messages about upcoming events are fed into the social network. Direct links to the official Sandgate High Twitter and Facebook pages can be accessed through the school’s website (https://sanddisths.eq.edu.au). Alternatively, please click on the links below to access the portals.

![Facebook Logo](https://sanddisths.eq.edu.au/)

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**Community Notices**

**Uniforms for Sale**

- 1 girls dress with tie (size 12) VGC sell $35
- 4 sports uniforms - VGC shirt & shorts $30 pair
1 large jacket $40 VGC

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