Welcome to the 2016 school year at Townsville State High School. A particular welcome to families who are new to our school.

I am excited to be back at Town High after spending only Term 4 here last year. It is a fabulous school, and our 2015 Year 12 results reflect that. I would highlight that every Year 12 student, 100% of them, achieved a Queensland Certificate of Education. A large majority of our O.P. students were in the O.P. range 1 to 15 and received offers to University. As well as that, there are a significant number of our students who have transitioned from school into employment or training. Well done to everyone involved.

But that’s in the past now.

We have had an excellent start to the 2016 year with classes well underway. The beginning of any school year is filled with possibilities, and I have encouraged students to look for the opportunities and take them. These are the messages I’ve had for the students this year:

### 2016 Messages for the Students

- Be the best that you can be
- Every Day Counts
- Assessment is not negotiable

I am trying to highlight to our students that if they attend their classes, try the best that they can, and complete all assessment, then their chances of success increase. It’s a simple message that sometimes gets lost in the dramas of everyday life. Hopefully by highlighting it to the students, we can encourage them to focus on their learning.

### 2016 Messages for Teachers

I started the 2016 school year with three focus areas for the teachers also. These are the areas I have asked them to focus on for our students:

- Attendance
- Building Literacy
- Classroom

Analysis of our 2015 student results show a clear and distinct correlation between attendance and success. Essentially, students who received “D” or “E” grades tended to have attended less than 85% of the school year, and students who received “A”, “B” or “C” tended to have attended more than 85% of the school year. I have asked the teachers to track closely the students who are not attending, and to contact home for reasons why attendance is unacceptable.

Building Literacy is a focus because we believe that it is core learning and should be improved for every student – it is a necessary life-skill. We have “re-booted” our school-wide Reading program, and teachers will explicitly consider the Literacy needs of students in their particular subject area. It has been my experience that lifting Literacy rates leads to improvement in “A” to “C” data in subject areas.

Classroom is a generic title that refers to all things happening in the classroom that affect learning.

Part of this refers directly to our teachers. It is the school’s aim to assist our teachers to grow and expand their skills as professionals so that they can best assist students to reach their potential, no matter what their current skills.

Part of “Classroom” refers directly to our students. We want them to be focussing on how they can improve in that subject,
explicitly. We want them to know the purpose of the lesson, and be recording it or being able to refer to it in a “Know and Able to Do” table. We want their learning behaviours to be appropriate in the classroom.

Having listed those priority areas does not mean that we can neglect other areas of the school. All areas are important in a well-rounded education. Our focus areas are simply our highlighted areas for 2016.

I hope that parents and students will work collaboratively with the school throughout 2016 to continue to improve our wonderful school.

Rob Slater
Principal

Townsville State High School Facebook Page

Our Facebook page has been active since late last year and it is terrific to see the amount of content about our students and school programs appearing on the site and being updated on a daily basis. To view the page and post a message, please access via this link and once on the page, hit ‘like’

We are following a clear and strict set of guidelines related to Facebook usage by schools and our ‘gatekeepers’ are currently doing a fantastic job of monitoring content!

Coming Events

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Payment of 2016 Textbook And Resource Hire Fees

Participation in the 2016 Student Resource Scheme requires payments as follows:

Yr 7-9 $170.00 ; Yr 10-12 $195.00

Plus some subject specific costs for Year 10/11/12 students.

Payment may be made in full as a single payment or by instalments.

Please refer to the Participation Agreement Form forwarded with the invoices for 2016. If you do not have a copy of the Participation Agreement Form you can collect a copy from the school office.

Please elect to participate or not participate in the scheme on the Agreement Form and return to the school by 22nd February 2016. Non-payment of the participation fee by the designated payment date(s) may result in debt recovery action being undertaken for the overdue participation fee which may result in extra costs being incurred by the parent/carer.

Non-payment of the participation fee will also result in withdrawal of students from extra-curricular activities such as school camps, afternoon sports, NQ Sports, Vocal and Guitar Lessons, use of the School buses, Yr 12 Formal, Senior Jerseys, School Magazine, posting out of school reports.

For your convenience, the school office has Eftpos facilities and can be processed either in person or over the phone. The school also accepts payment via Direct deposit to the school’s bank account – BSB 064-819; Account 000900292 and stating the student’s name and invoice number.

Thank you to those parents who have already attended to payment of Textbook/Resource Hire Fees. Payment of school fees and return of text books ensures a fair and equitable distribution of resources. Thank you for your assistance.

Narelle Searston
Business Services Manager

QPARENTS Registration

Thank you to those parents/caregivers who have registered for ‘QPARENTS’, which is a secure online parent portal. The online portal allows you to electronically notify the school of any student absence, check on the attendance and behaviour of your child, view a student’s current timetable and subjects, update contact details and receive any accounts for payment.
THE SYSTEM IS EXCELLENT AND HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO YOU!

All parents/caregivers should have received a mail package and emails about how to complete registration. Please contact the office if you need any support to register.

From the Rolls Office

Student absences are to be explained by a parent/caregiver to the Rolls Officer stating the reason and dates of absence. This may be done by phoning the school on 4721 8777 or 4721 8756 or by emailing absencesadmin@townsvilleshs.eq.edu.au. Student absences of three or more days due to illness require a medical certificate. Medical Certificates should be emailed to the above email address or hand delivered to the Rolls Office. Your prompt assistance with explanation of absences will be greatly appreciated.

PROCEDURES FOR LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY DEPARTURE

Should a student arrive late to school, a letter of explanation or a note in the Student Diary from the student’s parent/caregiver is required. This letter or note must be presented to the Rolls Office if the student is arriving at school after 8:45am.

If there is a need to collect your student from school early, you must do so via the front office and sign your student out. A note should be written in your student’s Student Diary, the student then presents the note to the Student Counter before school. A Leave Request will be given. The student will show this to their teacher when they need to leave the class.

Lunch passes will NOT be approved. This applies to students of all year levels.

Students who feel unwell at school must first report to the class teacher who will direct them to the General Office with a note to this effect. During morning or lunch time recesses, students should report directly to the Office.

Facilities for housing sick students are limited. Sick bay is used as a holding station only. Your student needs to know a contact number so that we can phone parents and send students home as quickly as possible.

Does Attendance Really Matter?

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How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won’t affect my child?

If you want your child to be successful at school then YES, attendance does matter!

"Every Day Counts!!"

Every Day Counts At Town High

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

The 2016 school year has now begun and Townsville State High School has exciting plans and high expectations for your child’s learning. You are an integral part of this learning and as such, we ask for your commitment to making sure your child attends school every day. Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student’s academic success starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job.
DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other potentially serious difficulty.
- Missing 10 percent, or about 18 days, of the school year can drastically affect a student’s academic success.
- Students can be chronically absent even if they only miss a day or two every few weeks.
- Attendance is an important life skill that will help your child achieve both at school and in life after.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Make school attendance a priority

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day, make that the expectation.
- Help your child maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night’s sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and medical appointments during the school day.
- Don’t let your child stay home unless truly sick. Complaints of headaches or stomach aches may be signs of anxiety.

Help your teen stay engaged

- Find out if your child feels engaged by his classes and feels safe from bullies and other threats. Make sure he/she is not missing class because of behavioural issues and school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, work with your school.
- Stay on top of academic progress and seek help from teachers if necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child’s social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage meaningful afterschool activities, including sports and clubs.

Communicate with the school

- Know the school’s attendance policy
- Talk to teachers if you notice sudden changes in behaviour. These could be tied to something going on at school.
- Check on your child’s attendance to be sure absences are not piling up.
- Ask for help from school staff, other parents or community agencies if you’re having trouble getting your child to school.

If a student is absent, then his/her absence must be explained within two days.

Absences can be explained in a number of ways:
- a phone call to the Absence Line on 4721 8756
- email the Rolls Officer on absencesadmin@townsvilleshs.eq.edu.au
- a letter from you that your student hands to the office.

Students who are in the compulsory schooling years (Years 7-10) who do not attend school regularly, will work with our Student Support Services to re-engage with schooling. Parents/Guardians of these students will receive formal and legal Education Queensland correspondence that can lead to police prosecution if students do not attend school.

Students who are in the post compulsory schooling years (Years 11 and 12) who do not attend school regularly will also work with our Student Support Services to re-engage with schooling. If attendance fails to improve as a result of this support, these students will have their enrolment cancelled at this school.

Townsville State High School—every day, in every classroom, every student is learning and achieving.

Junior Secondary News

Message from the Junior Secondary Deputy Principal

The 2016 school year is off to a flying start and it was wonderful to meet our new Junior Secondary students at our first parade last week. The students are settling in well and have been very enthusiastic when discussing their first days at Townsville State High.

Starting Secondary School can be a challenging time and I encourage any parent whose student is having difficulties to contact the school and let us know. This will allow us to provided tailored support for you child.

One thing parents can do to assist students with the transition is to help them develop a ‘getting ready for school’ routine. Encourage them to pack their bags at night before bed. They need to review their timetable for the next day and ensure all required materials (including their hat) are packed in their bags. Support them to check that their uniform and lunch is ready and homework complete. This ensures students do not arrive at school and become distressed when they realise they have left important items at home.

The student diary is an essential tool for Townsville State High School Students. They are expected to have them with them (and take it out) in every class and use them to record their homework. At the bottom of each week there is a section for parent/teacher communication. Please sign this once a week to indicate you have seen your student’s planner.

Students in Year 7 should expect to complete up to 3-4 hours of homework per week. Year 8 and 9 students could be
expected to complete up to 5 hours per week and this will include increased independent learning activities.

If your student experiences difficulty with their homework they need to see their teacher before their next lesson to seek assistance.

Tanya Nelson
Junior Secondary Deputy Principal

From the Junior Secondary Team.

Welcome to 2016!

As the Junior Secondary Team, we want to extend a fond welcome to all of our new junior students who are joining the Town High community for the first time this year, and a welcome back to all of our returning students. We trust that you have had a restful break and that you are ready to get back into the classroom and give it your best shot for another fantastic year.

We are a passionate team who are looking forward to working with our junior students to make this a year to remember. We are keen to see our juniors take up the challenge of being leaders who inspire positive change to make the world a better place for everyone. They are the future and we are honoured to work with them. Should you need to get in touch with our team, our email addresses are below. We are all keen to work with you and your students to get the best for them.

Tanya Nelson
Junior Secondary Deputy Principal
Email tnels21@eq.edu.au

Tom Harvey
Junior Secondary Head of Department
Email tharv90@eq.edu.au

Jess Strang
Junior Secondary Year Level Coordinator
Email jstra117@eq.edu.au

There are many great opportunities for our junior students this year and we encourage all students to keep an eye out for them and to see each as a chance to grow. We regularly participate in competitions across a range of subjects, interschool debating, OptiMinds, Rostrum, Newspapers in Education, Readers Cup...the list goes on. Our swimming carnival, cross-country, and athletics carnival are a great way to put our athletic talents on show, and there are a number of interschool sporting teams that students can participate in throughout the year. Our instrumental music program and vocal ensemble showcase our musical talent. We hold a special Science Week, Arts Week, and Maths Week with a whole plethora of exciting activities and games. There is so much on offer!

At Town High we believe that every child has the right to be safe, to learn, and to be respected. These are the cornerstones of our schoolwide positive behaviour support program, and they are the values upon which we build our teaching and learning. You are encouraged, as parents and carers, to feel welcome as an integral part of our school community and to engage your children in discussions about what these values mean.

Tom Harvey
Junior Secondary Head of Department

Immunisation program comes to school

In 2016, Queensland Health is providing free vaccinations for all Year 7 and Year 8 students, on Monday February 22nd, as part of the annual School Immunisation Program. All Year 7 and Year 8 students are being offered free vaccinations as recommended on the National Immunisation Program to protect against human papillomavirus (HPV), varicella (chickenpox) and diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (whooping cough).

In 2016, Year 7 and Year 8 students are being offered free vaccinations as Queensland is transitioning the School Immunisation Program from Year 8 to Year 7. Transitioning the program to Year 7 will ensure adolescents continue to receive their vaccinations within the recommended age range (11-13 years) and align Queensland’s School Immunisation Program with other Australian adolescent programs which are delivered in the first year of secondary school.

The vaccinations will be conducted by a team of specially trained registered nurses and/or a medical practitioner.

A consent form for each vaccination offered will be given to your child to bring home. Please read the information carefully, sign the consent form and return consent form to the school by Monday February 15th.

Parents are encouraged to ensure their children have breakfast on the morning of vaccination.


Senior Secondary News

Student Induction

An invitation is extended to the Leadership Induction Ceremony to be held on Friday 12 February in The Hall beginning at 10.15am. This is the time when 2016 student leaders, both Junior and Senior, are introduced to the school community, and all Year 12 students receive their senior badge.

Year 12 Leadership Camp

Year 12 Leadership Camp occurs Week 9 of this term at Lake Tinaroo. Permission letters and costings will be distributed to students shortly. This is a great opportunity for students to challenge themselves and learn valuable skills in developing
their leadership capabilities. Staff will accompany students in all activities and feedback from past students is that it is one the most fun and rewarding experiences they have had in school. No normal classes for Year 12 students will operate during this week.

**VET in Schools program**

The VET in Schools program has commenced for this year, with participating students attending TAFE every Wednesday. If you are involved in this program you must attend each Wednesday and notify TAFE explaining any absences.

**Queensland Certificate of Education**

All students in Year 11 and 12 follow a study plan to facilitate the achievement of the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and where applicable, also an Overall Position (OP). Students must follow a suitable study plan, achieve at or above a sound level of achievement in all subject areas, complete competencies at an appropriate rate for all Certificate subjects and meet Literacy and Numeracy requirements. Students are supported to achieve each of these criteria by their class teachers, Head of Department Senior Secondary, their Reef Curriculum Advisor and Deputy Principal Senior Secondary. Last year, every Year 12 student achieved their QCE, an outstanding achievement for both the students and the school.

**Queensland Core Skills (QCS) test**

Year 12 students recommenced their QCS practice lessons yesterday with an analysis of their results from the practice test they did at the end of the last year. The QCS teacher team (consisting of all Reef Curriculum Advisors, Ms Sue Anderson A/HOD English and Mrs Mladenovic) will continue to work closely with students to prepare them for this test.

**Important Notice for Senior Students**

Student on their P’s are not permitted to transport other students unless they are siblings. Students who drive to school are also reminded that they must comply with all parking provisions within the school and they must not leave school grounds during the day. Failure to follow this policy could result in school disciplinary action. The safety and wellbeing of all students is a priority for our school. If you have any questions regarding this policy please see Mrs Mladenovic.

**Uniform Changes for Senior Students**

Please note the changes for the senior uniform. It is now compulsory for all students in Years 10, 11 & 12 to wear the Senior shirt no polo shirts are acceptable.

**Kaylene Mladenovic**  
**Deputy Principal Senior School**

**Unique Student Identifier (USI)**

From 1 January 2015, the Australian Government requires all students studying Vocational Education and Training (VET) to have a Unique Student Identifier (USI). This includes students who are studying VET in schools. Townsville State High School must have a valid USI for a student before issuing a qualification or statement of attainment.

**What is a USI?**

From 2015, anyone undertaking a Vocational Education and Training course (eg: through TAFE or other training providers, but not University) will need to have a “Unique Student Identifier” (USI) - this is a bit like an account number made up of letters and numbers and is allocated to you. It is used to identify you when undertaking any vocational training from 2015.

This USI allows you to login to your training account and see all your training records and the results of all your courses. You can also print out all your results to take to an employer when you are applying for a job or to any training provider when you are doing any additional courses.

You should have this Unique Student Identifier before you can commence any courses and must have it to obtain your certification or statement of attainment. If you don’t already have one, you can create one at www.usi.gov.au.

At Townsville SHS we will be assisting students with the application for their USI. Students’ must provide suitable identification through one of the following:

- Driver’s licence
- Medicare card
- Birth Certificate (Australian) — please note a birth certificate extract is not sufficient
- Australian Passport
- Visa (with Non-Australian Passport) for international students
- Certificate Of Registration By Descent
- Citizenship Certificate
- ImmiCard

Each learner at Townsville State High School will either be required to provide their existing USI (if not already on record at the RTO) or apply for a USI. Students can access the USI Fact Sheets from the school’s web page and also the school’s curriculum network.

Each student who enrols in a VET course will need to complete the following:

**Action 1. The student applies for a USI at home**

- The school sends home information about the USI and what the process will be for application and provision through Newsletters and Parent Information letters
- Students obtain a USI at home via the website www.usi.gov.au
- The student provides the USI to the school using the USI Collection and Verification form
- The school verifies the USI via the website www.usi.gov.au
- The school records the USI, inputs this information into the Student Management System or record in the USI Register
Action 2. The student applies for a USI at the school

- The school sends home information about the USI and what the process will be for application and the types of identification that will be required by the learner
- Students apply at the school during a set class time with the assistance of the staff
- Students will record their USI and provide the number to the teacher using the USI Collection and Verification form
- The school verifies the USI via the website www.usi.gov.au
- The school records the USI, inputs this information into the Student Management System or record in the USI Register

Literacy tip from the English Department

Reading is one of the most important aspects of our daily lives. Reading and a love for reading begins at home. You can encourage your child(ren) to read every day, including a variety of text types (e.g. novels, newspapers, magazines, brochures, etc). Visit the school/local library or if he/she has a birthday coming up you could purchase a subscription for a suitable magazine.

Sue Anderson
Acting Head of Department – English

News from the Mathematics Department!

Welcome back to everyone. We are very much looking forward to an excellent year of Mathematics in 2016, and to any new students joining us for the first time, you’ve chosen a great school to come to, so congratulations on your choice.

The Maths department has undergone some personnel changes this year. We welcome in a number of new teachers to the department. Margo Johnson has joined us from Ayr, Shane Radanovic from New South Wales, David Woolfield from Mackay and Nadine Orman who is returning from maternity leave. All have a lot of experience teaching mathematics and we look forward to their new ideas and enthusiasm.

Junior Secondary School:

There is some important information below relating to junior Secondary Mathematics.

Very soon, each student in Year 7 and 8 will receive their own unique access code to an online mathematics learning environment called IXL (www.au.ixl.com). The school has purchased this license for students to use. We encourage all these students to access this site as often as possible, as a support to the teaching and learning. More information about this will be sent home with your child soon.

All students across the Junior school will receive homework in Mathematics. The form this takes will be up to individual class teachers. Please encourage your child to complete this homework to the best of their ability. It is a great way to reinforce content that has been covered in the classroom.

Finally, it is vital that all students come to maths class prepared. Every student has a timetable glued into their diary and a term planner glued into their maths book. We encourage you to read it and become familiar with them both. For maths, the minimum expectation of equipment is a maths book, pen or pencil, scientific calculator and ruler. Can you please assist us by helping ensure your child has all of these things when they come to school every day.

Senior Secondary School (Years 11 – 12):

Graphics Calculators are available for hire for Senior Mathematics students (particularly Maths B and C students) at a cost of $55 per year. If you wish to participate in this program, please ensure you get a hire form from your Mathematics teacher and pay the fee as soon as possible. If parents wish to purchase a calculator rather than hire one, the school uses Casio fx-9860 AU Plus-L or Casio fx-CG@AU calculators.

General Information:

Parent Contact:

Parents should soon receive an email or letter from your child’s teacher. This should give information of expectations and information about what is happening during the course of this term and the semester. If you have not received these by the end of the first few weeks, please feel free to contact me (mhunt73@eq.edu.au) or the school on 47218777. We encourage you to keep in regular contact with us – we will be emailing you throughout the term with updates, information and work being covered.

Online Mathematics Assistance

This year the school has purchased access to an interactive Mathematics website that is available for all students from Year 7 through to Year 12. The MyMaths website covers topics from Year 7 maths up to Year 12 Mathematics B and C and can be accessed at home at any time. The website is: http://www.mymathsonline.com.au/. The username to sign in is “townsville” and the password is “nets”. Second level log-ins are available and will be supplied if your child’s teacher wishes to set specific work from this site. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me on 47218777.

Homework:

The question that I get asked the most is “Is my child getting any homework as they never seem to?” The answer is always a resounding YES. The school is reinforcing the use of the diary and we encourage all parents to get involved. Diaries will be checked regularly by teachers and we ask that parents do the same. If you have any concerns at all in this area, contact your child’s teacher. We believe that regular, relevant, applicable and engaging homework tasks will enhance the learning experience and better assist in retention and understanding of the work. It also allows us to ascertain where issues are occurring and provide opportunities to address these straight away.
Year 8 Family Maths Night

On Wednesday 2nd March, Town High will be hosting our annual Family Maths Night for Year 7 students and their parents. This is an opportunity for parents to come along, with their child and see what goes on in the classroom. There’ll be information presented, activities to do (with your child) and light refreshments. More information will be sent home soon, so please keep an eye out for it.

If you have any questions or would like further information about the department and its policies, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher or myself. We are only too keen to be of assistance.

Michael Hunter
Head of Department – Mathematics

News from the Science Department

Welcome all to 2016 and an exciting time in Science My name is Ward Nicholas and I will be sitting in Sarah Chapman’s chair for 2016, while Sarah is working on a very important project at another high school. I have been around the region since 1999 in various roles including Science/mathematics Head of Department, Regional Manager Science, and Principal education Advisor Junior Secondary. My main passion is engagement for the teachers and students in teacher and learning about science

We have expert staff in the Science area and of course across the school and we will be doing our best for your children to achieve at their best, through Learning, showing Respect and Being Safe in science.

This newsletter highlight is the patterns of the movement of our planets and star systems in the night sky. If you get up before sunrise you will be able to see the planets aligned and other cool star constellations. Enjoy the day and engage your mind.

Mr Ward Nicholas
Head of Department Science

Townsville State High School Student Dress Code

Below we have set out the rules on the school’s uniform policy as per the Student Diary. We expect all students to have the correct attire. If you have any concerns please contact the relevant Deputy Principal.

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Drama News

We are looking forward to a fantastic year in Drama. There are lots of shows booked in for your viewing pleasure including Spirit of the Mask presented by Homunculus and Arts Link, Macbeth presented by Shake & Stir and Grin & Tonic’s show, Epic. Drama Club will also make a comeback in week four of term one on Tuesday afternoons from 3pm until 4pm. If you’re in year 10 – 12 and are interested in joining, see Miss Marsh in P block for a permission form and audition pack.

All shows are in the planning stages, so come and see Miss Marsh if you want to share any ideas.

Break a leg!
SENIOR SCHOOL (Years 10 to 12)

White sport socks

A hat must be worn at ALL times when outside, including HPE lessons and lunch time activities.

Winter – Boys and Girls Years 7 to 12

(a) Navy blue tailored long pants
(b) The school jersey or navy blue zip-up fleecy lined or plain navy blue jumper without any logos
(c) Navy, black or skin coloured tights may be worn under skirt

Students not in a uniform are to carry a dated explanatory note from home and to have this note signed by the relevant Deputy Principal

Jewellery & Make-up regulations

1. If ears are pierced one small, plain stud or sleeper per ear, may be worn in the lobe of the ear only. No facial piercings are permitted
2. One plain signet ring may be worn
3. One simple chain may be worn
4. A plain wrist watch and/or a simple, metal bangle or bracelet, no wider than 2cm
5. Hair must be of a natural colour and be worn neat and tidy

NB: Earrings (stud or sleepers) are the ONLY acceptable form of body piercing allowed.

General Items:

Safety Standards As required by Curriculum Activity Risk Management, safety standards involving footwear, hair, jewellery, must also be met.

Hair Hair must be of a natural colour and must be worn in a style which meets school community standards.

Headwear Hijabs / head coverings are to be no longer than shoulder length and must be navy blue in colour.

Tattoos Tattoos are not permitted.

Students representing the school on official excursions/activities are to wear full Representative Dress school uniform, unless notified otherwise.

From the Guidance Officer

Support Services Team at Townsville State High

Here at Town High we have a fantastic Support Services Team to support students; parents/carers; teachers and the wider school community. We are located in room A 10.

Referrals are through the Student Support Services Team (SSSST) meetings (weekly) and identified by the Admin team (Deputy Principals), teachers, students or parents/carers.

Appointments are organised by the specific support person directly. Students can also self-refer by visiting the support services room (A10) and organising an appointment during break times or before school.

Support Services Team:

- GUIDANCE OFFICER (G.O) Theresa Irving - tirvi7@eq.edu.au Mon to Fri.
- SCHOOL BASED NURSE Andrea Short ashor48@eq.edu.au Tues, Wed, & Thurs.
- COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNSELLOR (CEC) Rothana Baira rbair0@eq.edu.au Tues, Thurs, & Fri.
- SCHOOL BASED POLICE OFFICER Constable Yvette Starr Wed & Fri.
What we can help with:

- Dealing with personal issues/hassles.
- Improving relationships – Friends or family.
- Coping with Loss and Grief.
- Information or dealing with health issues.
- Improving study skills – time management.
- Coping with feeling down/depression.
- Seeking help regarding financial difficulties.
- Solving problem/s – weighing up the pros and cons.
- Managing Stress.
- Obtaining careers and subject information + QCE and QTAC (senior students) – G.O.
- Reducing anxiety or worries.

Plus, we’re a resource person for the school community in relation to community support services, upcoming events, etc.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us and if we are unable to help, we’ll find out who or what can.

Theresa Irving
Guidance Officer.

2016 Booklists

TOWNSVILLE STATE HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL STATIONERY AND EQUIPMENT LIST 2016
YEAR 7 & 8

The items listed beside the subjects you have chosen will need to be purchased by all students and are not included in the Resources/Stationery or Resource Purchase Scheme.

NO MULTIPLE SUBJECT EXERCISE BOOKS

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Additional:
- School Excursions, field trips, practical activities, specialist travel and venue costs and out of school activities may attract an additional cost. These costs are advised by the classroom teacher at the time of the activity.

Theresa Irving
Guidance Officer.
Smoking banned 5 metres around school grounds

Smoking any tobacco products or using an electronic cigarette within five metres of any state or private school grounds has been banned. This applies before, during and after school hours as well as over weekends and school holidays.

On the spot fines can be issued by environmental health officers, police or other officers authorised by the local government to anyone found in breach of this legislation. The ban does not extend to businesses or residences that share a property boundary with a school.

Smokers are asked to put out your cigarette and dispose of the litter thoughtfully well before you reach the school boundary.

LOCAL NEWS

United Suburbs Jar Rugby League

President@unitedsuburbs.com.au

Tracey Ford

Registration is now open for boys and girls age 6 to 18 for the 2016 season. Our sign on day is Saturday 30th January at John Barr Oval Victoria Park South Townsville or you can sign on online at www.unitedsuburbs.com.au. Come and be a part of one of the most popular junior sports. Our training grounds are John Barr Oval Morey St South Townsville. Enquiries to Tracey Ford, president@unitedsuburbs.com.au.

Sign on and Fun Day

Saturday 6th February 2016

Estates Club house, Tully street, South Townsville

1pm to 6pm

Face painting, Jumping Castle,
Soccer Skills demonstration,
BBQ, Raffles and meet the player and coaching staff
We currently stock both the Townsville State High School sports polo and shorts, however we have made the decision to no longer carry any school uniforms at our store.

The decision has been made to clear out all remaining stock at $19.00 which is well below the retail price on both items.