23 November 2018

From the Principal

Our Year 12 Formal on 14 November was a glamorous and extremely enjoyable celebration with lots of music, presentations and dancing. Huge thanks to parents and year level co-ordinator Ms Rachael Simpkins assisted by Mr James Zimmer, as well as the great number of staff, who helped to prepare for the event!

Two days later we farewelled our 150 senior students and their parents at the Valedictory at a lovely morning ceremony that also acknowledged the special contributions of prefects Natalia Howkins and Darcy Milner. The very worthy recipients of the Alby and Win Forday Award (Jamie-Lee Patterson) and the Gladstone Ports Corporation Award (Darcy Milner) were also announced. Thanks to Ms Melanie Brown for organisation of this well run, respectful and engaging ceremony.

We now look forward to our Year 10 Dinner Dance on Thursday 29 October! This is a final function of the year before Year 11s and 10s leave on Friday 30 November. School will run as usual until the last day for years 7, 8 and 9 until Friday 14 December. There is some hot weather forecast next week so we do hope all stay as cool as possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students well in the lead up to their final assessments of the year.

Kirsten Dwyer
Principal

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Important Dates

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Encouragement Award—Year 10  
Tanika Hocking
Hudson Perry

JENNINGS FAMILY BURSARY  
Year 11 Encouragement Award  
Nicolas Bramham

HUGHES FAMILY TROPHY  
Excellence in Public Speaking  
Natalia Howkins

DR ARTHUR PRYOR  
Highest Achiever for Year 12 Physics  
Darcy Milner

ISAAC TAYLOR AWARD “MORE LASTING THAN BRONZE”  
Year 11 All Rounder Trophy  
Johanna Kampf

ROCKHAMPTON FRUIT & VEGETABLE GROWERS ASSOCIATION  
Outstanding contribution to Agricultural Science  
Natalia Howkins

THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
Year 12 student who has consistently demonstrated academic, school and/or community service leadership  
Beau Abrahall

EXCEL AWARD  
Outstanding contribution to STEM  
Claire Cho

THE MADDY DYER—“PAY IT FORWARD” BURSARY  
Year 12 student demonstrating resilience and achievement  
Natasha Wilson

CREATIVE WRITING AWARD  
Student who has displayed a keen interest and performance in Creative Writing  
Molly Milner

Our Past

1979 Miss Rocky High

2018 CALTEX BEST ALL ROUNDER

Darcy Milner joins a select group of secondary students around Australia who have received a Caltex Best All Rounder Award for excellence in their studies, on the sports field and for their work in the community.

Darcy has achieved excellent academic results and this is an accurate reflection of his intellectual abilities and diligence. He has received numerous academic awards including the Dr Arthur Pryor Award for Physics; and academic awards for English, Mathematics B and Physical Education. Darcy’s academic achievement was further recognised when he was awarded the Peter Delley Bursary for Runner-Up Dux of the school.

Outside the classroom, Darcy has been an impressive and industrious achiever at various school events, representing Rockhampton state High School as School Captain. He has volunteered his time on weekends to support the school, and represented our ethos in the community in events such as the ANZAC Day Dawn Service. Darcy has also demonstrated team skills and sportsmanship as a member of the rugby league team, and representing both Rockhampton and the Capricornia region in Hockey for the U/19 squad. Rockhampton State High School principal Kirsten Dwyer said Darcy was a worthy recipient of the nationally-recognised award due to his significant contribution to the school across several disciplines.

Caltex Australia Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Julian Segal, said the Australian fuel and convenience company was proud to have recognised generations of students like Darcy since the awards began in 1985.

“I congratulate Darcy and wish him well as he moves into the next phase of his life,” Mr Segal said.

“Darcy joins an exclusive list of Caltex Best All Rounders to have been recognised over the past three decades.”

The Caltex Best All Rounder Award has been presented to thousands of final-year students around the country across its 33-year history.

As a proud Australian business that’s been part of local communities for more than a century, Caltex seeks to acknowledge the all-round contribution that each student makes to their schools and communities, their leadership abilities and the good example they set for others.

Past winners include children’s show actor Emma Watkins (the current ‘Yellow Wiggle’) from The Macdonald College in Sydney, and frisbee world-champion Adrian Gepp (PhD) from Faith Lutheran College in Tanunda, South Australia.

Dan Petersen
Deputy Principal

Parent’s guide to online safety

With the aim to help guide children and young people toward safe, enjoyable experiences online, the Office of the eSafety Commissioner (the Office) hopes to encourage behavioural change—where Australian children and young people act responsibly online—just as they would offline.

To achieve this, we hope to both educate and help prevent harmful online behaviour from occurring in the first place. As parents, you know your child better than anyone, and have the best opportunity to help educate them so they can explore safely.

Covering a number of key online safety issues, the Parent’s guide to online safety offers practical issues, focused information and advice for parents of children of all ages.
Shake Fest Finalists and Winners

On October 19 and 20, Dance and Drama students from RSHS travelled to Brisbane to compete in the 2018 Queensland Youth Shakespeare Festival. Now in its sixth year, Shakefest provides a unique opportunity for students throughout QLD to focus their artistic abilities in an all- inclusive, creative competition which celebrates the wonderful works of William Shakespeare.

The Friday saw Rockhampton State High School students participate in a variety of performances and workshops run by industry professionals. In the lead up to the competition, students polished their skills and worked with schools from throughout Queensland.

Saturday saw all 173 students from throughout Queensland converge, showcasing a variety of music, dance and drama performances.

RSHS students Gemma Rout, Jarrod Schlenccker, Adam Morris, Emma Harvey and Nakita Zunker placed third overall in the Scene category. This is a first for not only RSHS but also the Central Queensland region. Well done to all involved on their dedication and commitment.

Lynda Dowley
Performing Arts Teacher and Creative Writing Co-ordinator

Students Gain Opportunity to be a Part of Professional Performance

Congratulations to Senior Drama students Jarrod Schlenccker, Megan Enright and Gemma Rout who were among the 35 students selected from the 173 finalists to participate in Stage 4 of Shakefest. These students will have the opportunity to be a part of the 2019 production of Hamlet, by William Shakespeare, which will be performed on 24 & 25 January 2019 at the Judith Wright Centre of Contemporary Arts. Tickets go on sale in late November.

Lynda Dowley
Performing Arts Teacher and Creative Writing Co-ordinator

In conjunction with the exhibition, we will be running free art workshops for members of our school community.

Workshop Program:

- Recycled Plastic Art (for children) 10 am - 12; 1 - 3 pm
- Still Life Drawing 11 am - 12; 2 - 3 pm
- Lino Printing 1 - 3 pm
If you would like to participate in one of these workshops, please phone the school office to register 49204333.

We hope to see you at our exhibition.

Cindy Mills
HOD The Arts