



Woodridge
Highlights

WOODRIDGE
STATE HIGH SCHOOL
'Connected to Every World'

Enrol now for 2015

**Do you have a child in year 6 or 7 right now?
Enrol them now for 2015 in Junior Secondary at Woodridge State High School.**

The development of our Junior Secondary program for Years 7, 8 & 9, has been an exciting process for our school and we are eager to accept new students for 2015.

Our Junior Secondary students will be located in our brand new purpose built \$7 million building. Our experienced staff are a mix of secondary and primary teachers, working collaboratively to help your student achieve to the best of their abilities in a safe and secure environment.

The flagship of Junior Secondary will be our Academies, allowing students to pursue studies where they have a passion and aptitude for excellence.

These are:

- ⇒ Junior Academic Extension – allowing high performance academic students to extend their academic performance in a challenging environment.
- ⇒ JAM – our Junior Music Academy, at the cutting edge of arts education with opportunities in traditional or contemporary music.
- ⇒ HPS – High Performance Sport, allowing for students to extend their sporting talents with a dedicated elective class.

At Woodridge State High School our positive behaviour program, including rewards and awards for students has been recognised as best practice amongst Logan schools. Our student support structure covers Indigenous, Pacific Islanders, refugee, and mainstream support for all students. Specialist staff working with care teachers and year co-ordinators provide students with a comprehensive well-being program.

For more information, school tours are available at 9.30am every Tuesday, call Ruby on 3290 7222 to book in, or arrange another suitable time. To confirm the enrolment for your student please call the school on 3290 7222 and book an enrolment interview.

Keep up to date with all that is happening on our school website
www.woodridgeshs.eq.edu.au

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Special points of interest

- Enrol Now for 2015
- Awards Night
- Senior vocal Ensemble

Dates to remember

20-24 Oct.....	Arts Awareness week
5 Nov.....	Woodridge State High School Sport Awards
10 Nov.....	Awards Night
21 Nov.....	Last day of school Yr 12
28 Nov.....	Last day of school Yr 10 & 11
12 Dec.....	Last day of school Yr 8 & 9

Uniform Shop Hours

8 am to 10 am Mon - Fri

Payment Window Hours

8 am to 3 pm Mon - Wed - Fri

Principal's Message

Term 4 has started well with staff and students settling in quickly to the task at hand. This is particularly important for senior students with Year 12 students having just on five weeks of school remaining until they complete their formal schooling and embark on the next part of their lives.

Our new Junior Secondary & Community facilities are now open and started to being used due to the removal of the relocatable buildings that were onsite whilst the new building was under construction. During the last week of Term 3 we conducted our "E-Week" for current Year 6 & 7 students. This saw in excess of 400 students attend the school and experience the new facilities. Many thanks and congratulations to Mr Rod Flood and our Junior Secondary team for all their planning and organisation of this program.

We are continuing to enrol Year 7 & 8 students for 2015 and currently have approximately 140 students and their families who have completed enrolment interviews. This term we will be going out to our feeder schools to conduct enrolment interviews there. If you are aware of families looking to enrol students here in 2015 can you please encourage them to do so as soon as possible.

During the last week of term there was number of events that our students competed in including Logan Idol and Metro Grand finals. Congratulations to our students who competed in Logan Idol and whilst we did not win we did receive a number of reports saying how well our students performed. On the sporting fields our Year 8 Rugby League team and Year 8 Netball team won their Metro finals with our Year 10 Rugby League team being narrowly defeated. Congratulations also to our Girls' Touch teams which competed at the All School Touch Competition and to our students who performed at Spark It Up. All students did an amazing job of representing the school and we are particularly proud of them. Thank you also to those staff who supported our students at these events.

During the last week of school we have held our Change Maker's Celebration at the Logan Entertainment and also launched Change Maker's Magazine. This is a magazine which has been developed in partnership with the University of Queensland Media Department and is receiving significant interest from varying organisations at present. All school families will receive a free copy of this during the term and other copies will be placed out and around our community. Congratulations to all staff and students who have been involved in this outstanding program.

In staff news we have welcomed Mrs Megan Landbeck who will be taking up the position of Junior Secondary HOD commencing on Thursday this week. Congratulations to Ms Elle Durrance who has been successful in being offered a French Curriculum writing position for C2C for the first six months of 2015.

I would like to wish you all the best for this term and I look forward to meeting with many of you throughout the term, and to seeing what great things we can achieve together.

Geoff Sippel
Principal

SE REGIONAL SAT AWARDS

This year two students were nominated for the SE Regional SAT Awards, Wine Wine Lay and July. July was selected for the Awards evening and was a finalist in two categories, Health & Community Service category and the Success through Courage Award. Although July did not win, she acquitted herself admirably being selected as one of the final four and three respectively. We congratulate both these students on their amazing achievement.

Di Dunkley
Industry Liaison Officer



From the Deputies

Over the past week I have been working with Year 8 and 9 students with respect to their subject selection for 2015. In 2015 Students in Year 9 and 10 will study the core subjects of English, Maths, Science, Studies of Society. Year 9 students also study Health and Physical Education as part of their core. In addition to the study of core, students are able to select two elective subjects. In Year 9 2015 electives include: Art, Information Communication and Technology, Drama, Food Studies, French, HPE Extension, Industrial Technology and Design and Music. Students in year 10 have the same electives as Year 9 students but also have the added choice of studying Business and Media. Should you have any queries about this process please contact one of the Administration Team at the school.

Prior to the holidays, our Year 10 students have been completing the SETP process. This involves each student attending an interview with their family and a school representative to talk about and explore their interests, goals and future pathways. This information also proves beneficial in helping students choose subjects to study in Years 11 and 12. It is vital that each student in Year 10 has completed the SETP process and has chosen their subject preferences. If this has not occurred, please contact the school to arrange an interview at your earliest convenience.

End of Semester exams and assessment are fast approaching. All students need to be focussed on their school work, ensuring that they regularly do homework and extra study to reinforce their learning in class.

This year our Annual Awards Ceremony will be held on Monday 10 November at the Logan Entertainment Centre. Student award winners lists will be published shortly. We would strongly encourage parents/carers of all award winners to attend this important occasion. This will be a fully ticketed event with Award winners and their families being prioritised. Tickets will be issued once Award winners and their families have been notified.

There will be many end of year events and activities that students and families will have the opportunity of attending this term. It is a timely reminder that all school fees need to be paid at the office before the end of the school year. Please contact the administration staff to assist you in making these payments. Also, if you have changed your address or contact details please phone the office.

In the last week of term three, our school hosted over 400 primary school students from surrounding feeder schools who got to experience high school for the day. These experience days coincided with our enrolment week and many families took advantage of this time to secure their enrolment place for next year. The feeling from all students and families who have visited the school and got to enjoy the facilities of our new building has been extremely positive, and we are seeing more enrolments flowing in every day.

If you have a student currently in Year 6 or 7, and you want them to come to Woodridge State High School next year, then please get the enrolment done as soon as possible. Currently we are starting to arrange students into classes, and assign teachers, and the sooner we get enrolments the better we can provide for the 2015 students. Also, if you can pass this information onto neighbours or families you know who are intending to come here next year – ENROL NOW! Simply call the school on 3290 7222 and ask for an enrolment interview.

Rod Flood, Glyn Jones, Stephanie Wade
Deputy Principals

Kitiona is a Year 10 student at our school. Last week on his way going home he was involved in an incident that prevented a young person from getting run over by a car. This story was relayed to us by a member of the public who witnessed the whole incident.

Kitiona was standing near the crossing of Logan City Special School waiting to cross the road. Kitiona was ready to cross the road. A car was speeding towards him and it became obvious to Kitiona that the car was not going to stop. A young person who attends one of the schools nearby approached the crossing and started walking onto the road without acknowledging the fast approaching vehicle. Kitiona's quick reflexes stopped this young person from possible severe consequences. Kitiona grabbed this young person by the scruff of his collar and literally lifted him out of harm's way. He held onto this young person until the car has sped past. In the grabbing and removing this young person from the road Kitiona neglected to put him down so this young person started kicking at Kitiona out of frustration – who wouldn't. Kitiona then put this person down, explained to him what could have happened and let him go.

Kitiona is well liked at school and is respected by all who comes across his pathways. He is a member of our student body who we are very proud of and when we congratulated him on his quick thinking his response was "It's okay miss. I just helped him". Kitiona is humble in his daily walk and he is humble when accolades come his way.

Shirley van Zyl
Acting HOSES

Sport & HPE



Metropolitan Finals – Grand Final

I'm happy to report that the following teams have been successful in making it to the Met Finals – Grand Final this season. They are:

- Yr 8 Rugby League
- Yr 10 Rugby League
- Yr 8 Netball

Out of the three teams, the Year 8 Rugby League and Yr 8 Netball Teams went on and won their respective Grand Finals. This achievement is huge and I would like to congratulate both the students and their coaches Tala, Mr Allen and Mr Millar.

Metropolitan East Athletics

Recently our students competed at the Metropolitan East Athletics championships. I'm happy to report that Chekole and Velma were both successful in being selected in the Met East Team that will compete at the Queensland State championships later this month.

Queensland All Schools Touch Competition

Congratulations to our two teams that competed at QLD All School Touch Championships on the weekend. It was also a marathon effort by the teachers involved – Mr Millar, Mr Green and Mr Day. I would also like to acknowledge our teachers and thank Melinda Millar for giving her weekend up to look after the girls.

Upcoming events..

15,22,29 Oct	Sandstorm – Yr 8 & 9 JSA
5 Nov	
4 Nov	HPS trials for current Yr 7 students for 2015
5 Nov	Woodridge State High School Sport Awards
6 Nov	HPS trials for current Yr 6 students for 2015
2 Dec	JSA Presentation Evening

Reporting Results

- To enable me to report on student results and to keep accurate records for sports awards, I need to know how participants went in their competitions. I encourage all students and parents to advise me of their results immediately after they have competed.
- Students can see me in the HPE staffroom or results can be emailed to: swrig69@eq.edu.au

Simon Wright
HOD HPE



Senior Vocal Ensemble

Students from Woodridge State High School were invited to perform at the Queensland P&C Conference at The Mecure Resort on the Gold Coast. Curry, Josiah, Diana and Manu delivered a soulful performance which enthralled the audience of delegates and enjoyed the experience immensely. We have received several cards expressing gratitude and each commented on our students beautiful harmony and their smiles. Well done to you all.

Health News: Mental Health Week

October 7-12 was Mental Health Week in Queensland. It is a reminder to us all to consider our own mental health, what we model to our children and how we care for ourselves. As a parent and/or educator of teenagers, at times their moodiness or lack of family involvement seems to err on the "this-is-not-quite-right" side of the "Is my teenager normal?" scale. How do you know if you should be taking the next step?

Below are some ways to tell if your teen may need mental health treatment.



- **Mood swings.** How can you decipher a moody teen from a true set of mood swings that indicate mental illness? You know your child better than anyone else. Trust that you can recognize a shift in mood that is out of character for your son or daughter.
- **Behavioral changes.** The same thing goes for your child's behavior. Of course behavioral choices change as your teen gets older, but if your son or daughter is presenting as a different person to you, this may indicate a mental illness or substance abuse.
- **Consequences in school and among friends.** A mental illness can distract from concentration, which can affect school performance and the ability to sustain relationships with peers.
- **Physical symptoms.** Decreased energy, changes in eating and sleeping, frequent stomachaches, headaches, and backaches, and neglect of personal appearance and hygiene (such as showering less often and not keeping up on grooming) can be signs that mental health treatment is needed.
- **Self-medicating.** If you find any indicators of drug or alcohol use, self-harm, an eating disorder, or other forms of escape, the link to mental illness may be direct. An effort to make oneself feel better can show a great need for mental health treatment.

If you see any of these signs, seek help for your child. With appropriate assessment, identification, and intervention, all mental illnesses can be treated and managed. Ask your school Guidance Officer for referral options or speak to the School Based Youth Health Nurse. There are free Queensland Health services especially designed for children and young people. There are also some great websites that you can check out yourself or tell your teenager about.

Talking Careers with Year 9 Parents

Woodridge State High School in partnership with Griffith University has a program which helps the parents to discuss future pathways with their students to make informed decisions regarding careers and the ways the students can achieve these. We are doing it at the end of year 9 so that you will be able to spend the time between now and when the students complete their Senior Education and Training Plan. This term we will be presenting a number of workshops that will be culturally or language based.

We would like you all to attend and find out about school for your students in 2014 forward and the areas that will impact on them as they move into the Senior School and later into the first phase of their careers.

Groups

Tuesday, 28 October 2014 8.45-11.45am	Thursday, 30 October 2014, 6-9 pm
Polynesian English Indigenous English for ESL people African	Polynesian English Burmese/Hmong/Karen Afghan English for ESL people

Veronica Jukic - HOD of Futures

Is your son or daughter about to complete their schooling and attend the annual Gold Coast Schoolies Community Safety Response?

You can help them celebrate their end of schooling safely.

Volunteers are currently being recruited to assist with the Schoolies Support Team.

Volunteering is a great way to keep you in touch with the Safety Response, without cramping the style of your teenager!

With over 30,000 school leavers estimated to visit the Gold Coast each year – it is possible you may not even run into them during your shift.

Visit the website for more information:
www.schooliesvolunteer.com.au



Do you have an hour or two to spare on Wednesdays for the next 10 weeks?

The school needs 2 kinds of volunteers for a limited time, once per week, on Wednesdays.



We need drivers to pick up parents attending English Language Classes at the school and a couple of volunteers to help our child care worker to look after under 5yr old whilst their mothers are in English classes

If you can help, please contact
Barbara Martin at the school on
3290 7222.



Amazing Students

It was brought to Gotta Love Logan's attention that several Woodridge State High School students were sighted acting in a wonderful and caring manner and should be recognised for doing so.

Gotta Love Logan received the following message on their facebook site.

Woodridge High School kids helped the elderly gentleman when his motorised chair broke down, They pushed him into the shade of a tree and stayed with him until help arrived. Wonderful kids, Wonderful support, Well done.

Gotta Love Logan would like to sincerely thank these awesome young adults for taking the time to care for someone in their community. Their actions will inspire others to also love their community which can only be beneficial for Logan City.

Kolbe Raiders Soccer Club
Field location Oates Park Oates
Avenue Woodridge



We are looking for players for 2015
We are having a fun day, it is FREE this is a trial to see if you would like to play soccer, Saturday 29th Nov 2014 from 9 am to 12 midday.

Players wishing to attend must be accompanied by an adult all day from 9am to 12midday. Canteen will be open for food and drinks.

Due to the availability of coaches and helpers there will be a limit of how many children we can accept. Bookings are essential please ring or text by Sat 8th Nov 2014 (no players will be accepted on the day) Di Lense 0411859858 or Leonie Skeet 0412878571 or Ystyn Francis 0413666320

Schoolwide Positive
Behaviour Program
*Positive Culture, Improved
Behaviour
Greater Performance*



Southern Stars Baseball Club

Regency Drive Regents Park
Recruitment for the 2014/15 Season has begun

All age groups required from U8 to U20

Contact Karen 0421 773 768 or
Kevin 0439 796 386

Tues and Wed nights from 5.30pm to 7.00pm



This is a reminder to all families, that ALL PAYMENTS can only be accepted on: MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAYS.



Tuckshop News

We are still looking for volunteers.
If you can help please contact John on 32907208 during school hours.



MATHEMATICS HOMEWORK CLUB

Students for years 8 to 12 are invited to attend the "Maths Homework Club" on Tuesday afternoons from 2.45pm to 4.00pm.

Come along, on your own or with friends to work on extension or remedial mathematics, assignments and exam preparation. Maths teachers will be there to work individually with students or with small groups.

Don't wait until the end of term, come along now and be prepared for your next assessment piece.

Ms Fiona Dodd
(Head of Department – Mathematics)



Wednesday and Thursday Afternoon Homework Club

All students are invited to attend Homework Club on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons in the Woodridge State High School Library. Teachers will be there to assist students.

Where: Woodridge State High School Library

When: Wednesday and Thursday afternoons

Time: 2.50 to 3.50 pm

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