



# TSHS News

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*"Education is of no value and talent is worthless – unless you have an unwavering aim. Never find yourself without a compass."*

Friday January 31st 2014

Tully State High has started 2014 on a fantastic note, keen to build on the successes of 2013. Congratulations must go to our 2013 year 12s who attained outstanding successes. Last year 43 students were OP eligible. They achieved exceptional results, which are detailed below. There is no doubt that TSHS achieved more highly than any other school in the Cassowary Coast, state or private. Congratulations to Blake and Mitchell Borgna who both attained the perfect score of OP1, and to former-school captain, Ned Jackson who achieved a 2. These three young men have since been offered places in their first choice university course. All of the OP eligible students achieved an OP of 17 or better.

OP 1                    2 students            Blake Borgna & Mitchell Borgna

OP 1-5                8 students            Ned Jackson (OP 2), Sarel Meiring (OP 3), Jessica Anders, Kate Morris & Joshua Vicente (OP 4) and Charlemagne Bachmann (OP 5)

OP 6-10              11 students

OP 11-17            24 students

OP 18-25            0 students

33 students applied through the QTAC (Qld Tertiary Admission Centre) process for university courses; the great majority of whom were offered their first preference.

113 Year 8s joined us on Tuesday for an exciting start to their secondary education. This year we are continuing our focus on improving literacy and numeracy. To this end, all year 8s as well as year 9 and 10 students completed a literacy pre-test to identify specific needs with grammar, spelling and punctuation. We are confident this will enable us to build on the school's success in NAPLAN 2013.

Feedback from staff, parents and students about the start to our year has been very positive. The images below capture some of the activities students have been engaged in. Check out the year 12s in their school jerseys!



**Tully State High School acknowledges, values and pays respect to the first peoples on whose land we live, work and learn believing through education and reconciliation we walk together as partners toward a better future for all.**

# New Staff at Tully State High



Ian Jackson  
Teaching: Science & Maths



David Taylor  
Teaching Ares: Science and Maths.



Leandra Willis  
Teaching areas: Art, English, Humanities



Kent Gibbins  
Teaching: Music, English, Maths

Welcome.  
Each week we will  
feature a new teacher  
in more detail



Glen Holmkvist  
Teaching: Manual Arts



Polly Reynolds  
Teaching: Home Economics & Hospitality



Dominique Paul  
Teaching: Home Economics & Hospitality



Kathleen Lambert  
Teaching: Inclusive Education & English



Robbie Williams  
Head of Inclusive Education (HOSES)

# Junior Secondary News

## Sports Star Wins Australia Day Award

Australia day always reigns supreme on the calendar for a number of reasons. For Phillip Mususmeci, one of our new year 8 students, it will now be an even more prestigious day after being recognised for his magnificent achievements in the sporting arena for 2013. At the Australia Day celebrations in Cardwell Phillip was awarded the Junior Sports Award for the Cassowary Coast. This award recognises sporting achievements for juniors under the age of 18. Phillip has attained this award at only 13 making his achievement even more impressive.



Not only did Phillip represent Peninsula in both shot-put and Rugby League, he then continued on his representative streak by making the Queensland representative sides in both sports. In shot-put he gained an impressive 3<sup>rd</sup> place at nationals with a throw of 13.62m. He and his Queensland counterparts were equally as impressive at the National Rugby League carnival at Perth where they were undefeated and conceded only two tries for the entire carnival.

Phillip said "it was a very good feeling to receive the award as the other nominees had done some very extraordinary things. It took a lot of training every day to receive these results in my shot-put and rugby league". Phillip continued to impress as he spoke of his aspirations to one day play State of Origin and join his beloved Brisbane Broncos or become an engineer. We are excited to have yet another community sporting success and look forward to supporting Phillip to attain his dreams in the future.

## Flying Start Refurbishment

The refurbishment of A-block commenced over the Christmas break which will see the bottom level transformed to cater for larger student numbers in 2015 when Year 7 becomes a part of our High School. This funding has been provided to State School as part of the Flying Start initiative and will see the addition of a general learning area, a flexible learning area and refurbished offices for our Student Services team.

Junior Secondary students have settled nicely into the Junior Secondary Precinct which was completed late in 2012 and will be the epicentre for our Junior Secondary students in 2014 and in 2015 with the arrival of Year 7 students.

The construction of A-block should be completed by the end of term 1 and will complete the relentless 'construction journey' Tully State High has endured for the past 3 years. However, there aren't any students or staff complaining about our new start of the art facilities.





In an effort to reduce costs and our environmental footprint, the newsletter will be electronic from next week. You can access it from the website and our Facebook page. Soon we will attempt to email directly to families in order to do this we need all families to ensure the school has their current email address.

A big thank you to the student council of 2013 who have kindly provided new colourful bins for our school. These bins reflect the colours of our sporting houses and compliment other improvements in the school grounds and will be an asset in our battle against litter. Jeremy Dickman doing the right thing in the under-covered area.

## TULLY STATE HIGH SCHOOL

If your child is absent you are required to inform the school. Please contact the ***Student Absence Office*** by phone, text message or email.

Phone line: 07 4068 4515

Text line: 0428988801

Email: [studentabsences@tullyshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:studentabsences@tullyshs.eq.edu.au)

***Year 8s were given a fridge magnet with this information.***

If any of your contact details have changed (address, telephone, email etc.) please let the school know.

We go through trials every day, and it doesn't take surviving a cyclone or a personal tragedy to incorporate gratitude into your day to day routine. The characteristic that defines one who can handle adversity are the same characteristics that define who will have a happy, healthy and productive life.

Being thankful for the things you have, rather than being bitter about what you don't have.

Give thanks for the riches within your life. Gratitude is something that can be learned, practiced and developed, yielding a sense of wellbeing, optimism and happiness. What's more, when children see a thankful parent, they are more likely to become thankful children.

## ***Notices & Events***

***Year 8 parents meet and greet-BBQ Wednesday 5th Feb, 5pm in Undercover area.***

***ILC- Interactive Learning Centre formerly known as Special education unit. Parents Afternoon Tea Wednesday 12th Feb 4.30-6.00pm.***

***Maths Tutoring- Every Thursday. 3:00-4:00 PM. Library***

***YR 8 Camp- Feb 24th, 25th and 26th. Notes and Invoices distributed to student Thursday 30/01/2014 to be returned ASAP.***

***Uniform Shop hours of operation Tues and Thurs every week from 8:00-9:00AM***