FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Staff, students, family and friends I would like to welcome you all to Southport State High School for 2013. To our new students and their families I believe you certainly have made the smart choice in choosing Southport State High School.

It is with great pleasure to announce that our enrolments have been steadily increasing and we now have 1235 students enrolled for the 2013 school year. This is the highest student enrolment in over 15 years. The increase in enrolments can certainly be attributed to our improved school performance, our dedication and commitment to the best teaching and learning and the enforcement of our policies and procedures.

We would like to also welcome our new cohort of Year 7 to our school. It has been a wonderful start to the year and we have been very impressed with the uniform and their infectious enthusiasm to learn.

Our new state of the art Synergy building is fully functional and operating and is the centre of Junior Secondary teaching and learning. This $3.5 million dollar building is our new showpiece of innovation.

In 2012 Southport State High School went through a very thorough improvement agenda focussing on the teaching and learning process. This improvement agenda has been very successful in improving student outcomes. I am very proud to announce that we have been rewarded with outstanding results from our Year 9 NAPLAN students and our exiting Year 12 cohort.

These results place us as one of the leading secondary schools for student achievement (both private and public) on the Gold Coast. I would like to thank the amazing staff of Southport State High School who have supported these teaching and learning improvements and have worked tirelessly to ensure the best education for all students.

Adding to our performance in the classroom we have also been extremely busy improving our school in other areas over the holidays. We have added new computers, wireless access to these computers, added data projectors into classrooms, modernised classrooms and extensively refurbished and renovated the school grounds. We will continue to extend this program in 2013.

I would also like to thank all our parents for their support in our new Uniform Policy. To clarify all shoes need to be black with leather or leatherette upper, no facial piercings and the old sports uniform has been phased out. This ensures that all students have access to all classes.

A reminder that our student contribution fees are due by Friday 1st March. All families who have paid their contribution fees or have organised a payment plan by this date are eligible for the $30 discount. Please contact our Finance Department for more information.

Next month the P&C will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 6th March. An elected Executive Committee will be formed to lead us through the 2013 school year. I encourage all to attend to be a part of this very important meeting. It is the P&C who provide the valuable support, voice and direction for our school.

Term 1 is a 9 week term and we have a very busy calendar of events with the swimming carnival, performing arts presentations, photos, and many other events. We will endeavour to keep you informed by email so please make sure that all your details are correct with our front office.

Once again thank you for making our school the best school on the Gold Coast and I look forward to your continued support in 2013.

Mr Steve McLuckie
Principal
Calendar of Events
The following are proposed dates on our school calendar

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| APRIL 01 – APRIL 12 EASTER VACATION |

Uniform Store
The Uniform Store is open the following times:
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 7.30am – 10am

Finance
The 2013 Resource Hire Scheme first instalment is due by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Payments can be made to the Finance section between 8.00am-2.00pm or by internet banking. The school’s bank account details are
BSB: 064-430 (CBA) ACC: 00090200
Reference: Please use student’s name and reference: eg John Citizen/fees.

Homework Centre
Last year our Homework Centre was an enormous success and we look forward to seeing many students take advantage of the opportunity to work with their teachers and peers once again.

The centre runs on a Monday and Thursday afternoon from 3:00pm to 4:30pm and takes place in the Resource Centre (previously called the Library).

All students are welcome to attend provided they comply with some basic procedures.

1. Upon arrival they must sign in.
2. Seniors may leave at any time provided they sign out.
3. Juniors must stay until 4:30pm unless they bring a note from a parent/carer advising otherwise or contact is made regarding early departure. This is a serious duty of care issue for us so we will not release juniors without appropriate permission.
4. Behaviour expectations are the same as if it were a normal classroom situation. Students must follow teacher instructions whilst at the Homework Centre.
5. Students should bring sufficient work to keep them occupied for the time they will be present.
6. Please remember teacher participation is on a voluntary basis.

Mr Callum James & Ms Danielle Teveluwe
Homework Centre Supervisors

Bus Passes and Timetables
Surfside Buslines 2013 School Bus passes are available for collection at Admin (the window down from finance).

For queries regarding eligibility and applications for a school bus pass under the School Transport Assistance Scheme, please direct parents/guardians to the Department of Transport and Main Roads on 5630 8857 or www.tmr.qld.gov.au

For queries about the issuing of a bus pass, the payment of top-up fares, timetabling, or route information please refer to Surfside Buslines at www.surfside.com.au then click on Schools Services tab – if you still need further information telephone 5571 6555, staff are endeavouring to respond to your enquiry within 48 hours.
Heron Island

Yet again the Year 11 Geography students of Southport State High are off to the Great Barrier Reef to gain an appreciation for one of the greatest natural wonders on our planet. Whilst there, they will survey the level of human impact on the island, snorkel on Heron’s world famous reef, see baby turtles hatch and become so inspired by what they see that one day they may just come up with a solution to the very serious issues affecting the future of coral reefs all around the world.

To earn this knowledge and inspiration they have to board a bus at midnight and travel all night to Gladstone where they can look forward to a pleasant, calm two hour boat ride out to Heron Island (unless it is rough, which it normally is … and they all get sick). Whilst there, the students will also discover the joys of cooking their own food, cleaning up their own mess and living communally, so when they return they will all be so much the better for their experiences.

So let’s hope the weather is kind, the food tasty and Queensland’s roads not too potholed after the floods.

Film and Media

Just when we thought Film and Media was big business in 2012, along comes a brand new year and business is BOOMING!

This is the first year in the history of Southport High that we have students across all year levels of the school studying Film or Media – further cementing the reputation of the subject within our tight-knit school community.

The Year 7 students are busy with studies in the basics of photography; Year 8 students are enjoying stop-motion animation; Year 9 students are loving everything related to comic books, graphic novels and manga; Year 10 students are hard at work on furthering their knowledge and appreciation of advanced photography, and Year 11 and 12 students are studying everything from film analysis, film genre, mise-en-scène (cinematography) and visual narratives.

Stay tuned for more details in future newsletters regarding our exciting annual Artist in Residence program and the ever-popular SHAFT (Southport High Amateur Film and Television) Awards.

Miss Hinselwood
Film and TV Teacher

Matcam & Mister Plywood Initiative

MATCAM, an industry leader in CNC machinery design, sales and production has partnered with Southport State High School and Mister Plywood to deliver a training program in CAD/CAM production. The program develops student skills in a wide range of 2D&3D CAD software and CNC machinery operations.

MATCAM has moved the production side of its business to a manufacturing facility within the grounds of the school. This has a number of benefits:

- Students have direct access to industry standard personnel and equipment.
- MATCAM client production needs continue to be met but there is the extra dimension of an environment that encourages students to learn via the ‘real world’ of manufacturing.
- Production income is used to cover running costs and wages, with the remainder being reinvested in resources for the students. This is allowing the training course and facility to be self funded, removing financial pressures from the school and the students.

Mister Plywood is providing us with a client base and also donates a vast quantity of manufactured sheets for the students to practice on. The company also provides work experience for a number of our students, as does MATCAM.

We are approaching companies such as yourselves to ask that you give thought to providing us with the opportunity to provide CNC production and CAD work for some of your
cutting requirements. **We are also searching for further local industry participation in offering work experience.**

Please note that:

- We are obliged to provide these services at comparative industry rates as we have the responsibility to ensure we do not undercut other local companies.
- Whilst our students are participating in the production side they are merely learning by assisting our production team, they are not being used to produce work on their own.
- **Quality** of production is not compromised - students work closely with qualified operators. The work that is produced from this facility, which has been operating for the past six months, continues to meet the highest of industry standards.

By choosing to use our facilities you will be assisting us in funding the maintenance of the course and providing further resources thereby helping the school and our students.

If you wish to assist us in our endeavours and receive quality service and CNC production please contact Tony Lawrance – tlawr8@eq.edu.au or 0439 073 583.

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**Mr Tony Lawrance**
**HOD DAT & Enterprise**

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**The Smith Family - Saver Plus**

**Guide for eligible savings goals**

The savings goal must be for:

- a product or service that will assist your child’s education and development, or
- a product or service related to your own education and training.
- text books
- uniforms
- child’s sports uniforms
- stationery
- school shoes, including sports shoes
- school excursions and camps
- equipment for other school activities such as sport, art, music
- school specialist subject costs
- computer accessories (e.g. software, monitor, printer or other hardware)
- internet connection costs
- furniture for studying (e.g. desk, chair, book shelves, desk lamp)
- equipment and fees for your child’s club or community activities such as sport, music, dance, art, photography or other hobbies
- tutoring
- TAFE/VET fees
- equipment needed for vocational training
- computer, including laptop, netbook, tablet

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- Private lessons
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To be eligible you need to have:

- a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
- a child at school or starting next year
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Contact Jasmin Dorrington at The Smith Family on (07) 5536 5613 or jasmin.dorrington@thesmithfamily.com.au

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