Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Southport State High School has been successful in its recent bid to become a Flying Start Pilot School. This means we will have will have a group of Year 7 students in our secondary setting from 2013. Labrador State School, Musgrave Hill State School and Southport State School are our Partner Primary Schools in this initiative.

What does this mean to you as a parent/caregiver of a student currently in Year 5?

There is an opportunity for your student to join the first intake of Year 7’s in the secondary setting on the Southport State High School campus in 2013.

Our school has a proud tradition of being a supportive and caring community that delivers outstanding educational training and opportunities for all students. At Southport State High School we strive constantly to create a relational environment in which a commitment to personal excellence flourishes. We develop and foster leadership and personal growth to complement the academic, artistic, technical and sporting opportunities that our school provides.

Our engaging curriculum and dedicated staff have created a teaching and learning environment where each student will not only be supported to achieve the highest levels of success of which they are capable, but will also be encouraged to be responsible, thoughtful, honest, respectful and confident.

As part of the Flying Start Pilot, Southport State High School will further strengthen our partnerships with our local primary schools and this will remain an important focus though out the two year trial. We will work closely with our Partner Primary Schools and other Feeder Primary Schools to develop pastoral care and curriculum programs that will support Year 7 students through their transition to high school.

At Southport State High School we believe positive relationships between parents, students and teachers is the foundation of a supported learning environment that builds respect and allows students to be happy, to care about others, and to expect greatness of themselves and lead to well grounded and balanced lives.

The teachers and school leaders involved in our Flying Start Pilot will be equipped with the skills and knowledge to work with young adolescents. Our school will use the six principles of Junior Secondary and the eight signature guidelines of Middle Schooling to guide our
practice, processes and organisation to provide the optimum learning environment for the Year 7 students of 2013.

In order to answer your many questions and alleviate any concerns you might have about the Pilot we will be having a Flying Start Expo for parents, students, teachers, school leaders and other community members in the early part of next year. Further information and invitations for this event and other Flying Start Information Sessions will be circulated at the beginning of next year.

In order to gauge your initial interest in the Flying Start Pilot, could you please complete the attached Expression of Interest Form. Completing this form does not mean you and your child are committed to participation in the Pilot in 2013, it just gives us some early indications of interest and a place to begin our work in preparation for the Pilot Program.

Please return your completed Expression of Interest Form to the reception counter of your child’s primary school by the commencement of the 2012 school year.

We very much look forward to welcoming you and your student to our school community and a culture in which we believe that every student can thrive and excel in 2013.


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