

From the Principal



Dear Parents,
Welcome to the 2016 school year. Our Year 7 group of 280 students in ten classes settled well on Wednesday and look ready to take on the challenges and opportunities of being proud Wavell students. I thank our parents for your effort to ensure you and your child or children have engaged in our transition program – they look splendid in their Wavell uniforms. Our teaching staff have been back for a week and have ensured curriculum plans and classroom environments are at their best for the year ahead. I extend a very warm welcome to all of our new families who join us this year - we have an additional 80 students across Year 8 to 12 in addition to our 280 Year 7s. I am sure it will not be long before all of our new students learn the 'Wavell Way'. It was impressive to see the transformation of the students; from the range of different primary school colours (over fifty displayed at Orientation Day in December) to the united group neatly attired in their new Wavell uniforms on day one.

Our key focus at Wavell is learning; evident on the first two days of school with our students busy in class by 9:30am after brief periods of induction. Our uniform is a clear symbol of the very high standards and expectations that our school community has for all. It is a measure of the pride students have for their school and themselves. My talks to all year levels this week should ensure all students know clearly the high expectations that I have for them with their learning and positive engagement in the diverse opportunities Wavell provides.

Prior to school commencement, our teachers were engaged in three days of professional development; part of each teacher's commitment to life-long learning. Our 2016 focus is again on our teaching practice - *Marzano's* "Art and Science of Teaching" Framework and Design Questions. This focus has already ensured a greater degree of consistency in teaching practice and quality across the school. Dr Keith Suter, an internationally acknowledged futurist presented a key note talk to staff from both our school and affiliate primary schools. This will no doubt further support our teachers' ability to understand their role in a changing educational climate.

Our seniors of 2015 achieved some outstanding results and well deserved university placements. The impressive OP results include four (4) OP 1 students – *Giselle Pickering*, *Alison Clarin*, *Sharni Morcom* and *Joshua O'Brien*. These result have led to five of our students achieving scholarships valued at between \$24,000 and \$30,000 over four or five years from a range of universities. Nearly eighty percent of our students achieved a first or second preference through QTAC. There is no doubt that as future rounds of university offers are made the array of placements will be enhanced. The large number of non-OP students who have apprenticeships, traineeships, technical education placements or have successfully entered the work force is also pleasing. *Well done class of 2015.*

Only our current Year 10, 11 and 12 students will be undertaking programs of study which will lead to an OP. Our Year 9 students will be the first to qualify for an ATAR in place of the OP which will be based on both internal and

external assessment developed from new syllabus for subjects which will be implemented for Year 11 from 2018. Rest assured Wavell is well placed to be a leader in the development of this new approach to Senior School curriculum and assessment.

During the first two weeks, our students will be engaged in an Academic Monitoring session during their Wavell Development Program (WDP) lesson. This is a vital task where students are encouraged to personally reflect and set individual goals for the academic year ahead. These goals are to be revisited by each student at key points throughout the year.

Wavell has a busy and exciting start planned for February. Scheduled activities include; our annual Inter-house Swimming Carnival (at the Valley pool – all students are required to attend unless a note is provided outlining special reasons); Prefect and School Captain Investiture; QATSIF Scholarships; Valentine's Day fun; Welcome to Wavell - a fun afterschool event for our Year 7's, Camps for our Sports' Excellence Programs; Senior Pathways Evening and the "Meet and Greet" Mornings for Year 7 parents and caregivers. Please check your school calendar regularly to be aware of critical events and activities.

J.J. Major,
Principal

"The world is becoming a safer place."

Dr Keith Suter

"MEET AND GREET" MORNINGS for Year 7 Students and Parents

THURSDAYS AT 8.15 - 8.45AM IN N BLOCK

- 4 February - Form Teachers and Support Staff
- 11 February - Maths and Science

Dr Keith Suter Visits

On Friday, 22 January, Wavell hosted the internationally renowned speaker Dr Keith Suter. Dr Suter has achieved three doctorates and has been appointed to many prestigious roles; Chair of the International Humanitarian Law Committee of Australian Red Cross, Chair of the International Commission of Jurists, Director of Studies at the International Law Association and Managing Director of the Global Directions Think Tank.

Dr Suter challenged teachers to use a scenario planning approach to prepare our school community for tomorrow's world. He provided a global political update and stressed that the world is in fact becoming a safe place. He identified how sudden and dramatic change is often instigated by a high impact "Black Swan" event. Slow, incremental change is often more pervasive and occurs in small steps over time. Change is only noticed by looking back. This slow change can creep up and may result in unintended consequences. Dr Suter's challenge was for teachers to consider ways education could evolve into the future. Scenario planning enables unnoticed or invisible trends to be identified and for contingency plans to be made in order to cope and embrace the future with confidence.

P&C Voluntary Building Fund Tax Deductible
Family Contribution - \$60.00.

Prompt payment appreciated through Student Payments Office or via P&C link on our website.

Top Scholars 2015



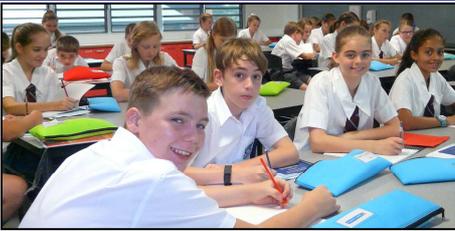
Congratulations to our top scholars for 2015.

Giselle Pickering (School Captain and Dr Helen Nugent All-Rounder 2015), *Alison Clarin* (School Captain and Senior Dux 2015), *Sharni Morcom* (Prefect) and *Joshua O'Brien* our four OP1 students, pictured above, are to study a variety of university degrees.

Alison received a Sir Samuel Griffith Scholarship valued at \$24,000 and has enrolled in the Undergraduate Dental program at Griffith's Gold Coast campus. *Giselle* was awarded a University of Queensland Excellence Scholarship valued at \$24,000 and has enrolled in her first preference course of Environmental Management. *Sharni*, *Josh* and *Selene Wootton* will study at Queensland University of Technology and have each received Vice-Chancellor's scholarships valued at \$30,000. *Sharni* is hoping to study Medical Imaging and *Josh* will study Engineering (Civil). Our OP2 students; *Anna Leahy* will study dual degrees in Science/B Arts at University of Queensland, *Kurt Mahaffey* will study a Bachelor of Information Technology at University of Queensland and *Selene Wootton* will study Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) at Queensland University of Technology.

Most of our OP3 students have chosen to study at Queensland University of Technology however, *Samantha Almodiel* will have a gap year in the Philippines. *Brittany Casey* will complete dual degrees in Nursing and Paramedic Science, *Emma Goding* will study a Bachelor of Education (Secondary), *Adam Morrow* will complete dual degrees in Science and Mathematics, *Savannah Richards* will complete dual degrees in Behavioural Science Psychology) and Laws (Honours) and *Hayley Wood* will study a Bachelor of Biomedical Science. Another notable achievement is that of *Gerick Leota Thomsen*, who successfully auditioned and gained direct entry into the very selective Bachelor of Fine Arts (Acting) at Queensland University of Technology. Wavell congratulates all of our graduating students for their success at securing a place for tertiary study. The most popular fields of study selected by our 2015 graduates have been Health (e.g. Pharmacy, Veterinary Science, Naturopathy, Speech Pathology); Management and Commerce (e.g. Hospitality Management, Banking and Finance); Society and Culture (e.g. Law, Economics, Psychology, Sport & Recreation); Creative Arts; Education; Science and Engineering. Thirty-two students will attend the Queensland University of Technology, eighteen will study at the University of Queensland, twenty-two will go to the Australian Catholic University and eleven students will study at Griffith University. The remainder will study at other universities and colleges. Congratulations also to students who continue their apprenticeships and vocational training or start work. The Wavell community wishes you all the best in your future endeavours.

Welcome to 2016 at Wavell



Pictured are Year 7H students in science class. These students are among 280 Year 7s enrolled at Wavell. They were greeted at the assembly hall by prefects, house captains and house mascots before being welcomed by our Principal, *Mr Major* and Deputy Principal, *Mrs Smeed*. Our thanks to parents for their efforts in seeing our new students so well prepared to commence their secondary studies. All students were in regular classes by 9:30am on our two commencement days this week, after receiving their timetables, calendars, planners and prospectus. We have commenced the year with a full complement of teachers. Subject changes are to be finalised by Friday, 5 February.

Art and Science of Teaching

At Wavell, our school-wide teaching methods and practices are informed by the research based "Art and Science of Teaching" pedagogical framework developed by Dr R. Marzano www.marzano-research.com/art-science-teaching. The framework includes nine Design Questions for teachers to use when planning and implementing lessons. Each year our curriculum leaders develop an ASOT action plan to focus the teaching and learning of our school. During our recent professional development sessions our teachers revisited Design Question 6; on classroom rules and procedures, and explored Design Question 7; the need to recognize and acknowledge adherence or lack of adherence to rules and procedures and Design Question 8; to establish and maintain effective relationships with students. The purpose of this united approach is to improve clarity and consistency of our school wide pedagogical practices. Teachers will also be actively engaged in reflective teaching practices with many involved in our new peer coaching model.

Resource Hire Scheme 2016

All students who

- had their application to join the Hire Scheme signed and returned;
 - have made full payment of \$290; or entered into a payment plan through the Business Services Manager, *Mrs Deb Deaves*;
 - have returned books and resources from 2015;
 - have a 2016 ID Card,
- will collect resources and textbooks next week.**

Parents of students who are refused entry into the scheme may contact *Mrs Deb Deaves* at bsm@wavellshs.eq.edu.au to find out what is required in order to re-join the scheme in 2016. **Parents were expected to complete payment or arrange a payment plan by Friday, 29 January.** Students of parents who have yet to make full payment or payment arrangements will not receive relevant resources and texts until this has occurred. Parents not wishing to participate in the scheme are to request a Resource List from the office so they may purchase their own books and pay for relevant materials and resources.

Thank You

Thank you to volunteers, current and past students and parents for assistance in the set-up and sales during our 2016 Book Week, and to those working in our shops. Thank you to our patient customers during this very busy period. These services would not be possible without volunteers. Please consider joining us! Contact *Noela* and *Tracey* (Canteen) or *Virginia* (Combined Shops) on 3359 5126.

Interschool Sport

Junior Secondary: Tuesday afternoons (lunchtime and Period 4) is Junior Sport afternoon for Central District. All students will be catered for in a variety of sports. Selected Year 7, 8 and 9 students will compete against other schools on a weekly basis. Sports on offer are: Interschool options: AFL, Touch, Volleyball, Basketball, Softball and Rugby League. The Interschool Sports Levy (excluding Rugby League) is \$30 for the summer season which includes eight games weather permitting plus Metropolitan finals if successful. Students not in Interschool teams will participate in a Wavell sport program with details available after interschool team selection is completed. Some local venue sports may be offered with a maximum payment of \$55 for the summer season. Sports played at school will not incur any costs. Please advise your student NOT to trial or nominate for a local venue sport if you cannot commit to sport levy payment. Details available soon. For further information please contact Junior Sports Coordinator *Mrs Pass* on 3350 0342.

Senior Secondary: Wednesday afternoons. Interschool Sport is offered to students in Years 10, 11 and 12. The sports available are: Basketball, Team Handball, Touch Football and Volleyball. A Wavell Sports Program is held for non-competitive Year 10 students only. Tutorials are held for Year 11 and 12 students not involved in sport. Students will begin to trial for teams next week. Selected students must:

- have signed up with the relevant teacher
- be in correct sports uniform including hat
- be prepared to pay an interschool sports levy of \$30 per season if selected

Please advise your student NOT to trial if you cannot commit to sport levy payment. If selected, permission form and levy payment must be returned by **Friday 19 February**. All students selected in Interschool teams pay the same levy regardless of sport. This levy includes transport for the season if required, first aid, equipment, uniform variations if required and sunscreen. Personal sunscreen is highly recommended. For further information please contact Senior Sport Co-ordinator *Miss Short* on 3350 0372.

Reminder to Parents: Please observe parking regulations when dropping off or picking up from school. Safety is key!

Inter-House Swimming Carnival

The Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday, 9 February at the Valley Pool. The program will proceed regardless of the weather as the covered stands comfortably seat students. **It is expected that all students attend the carnival in full sports uniform including correct sports shoes and the school hat.** A letter detailing the carnival will be issued to students next week. Swimming 'opt-out' forms must be returned to the Form Teacher by Friday 5 February. On the day, all students must report to school for roll marking in form at 8:50am. Students will then be transported to and from the venue by bus and will return to school by 2:45pm. The program of swimming will commence at approximately 9:45am. Students may bring lunch or money to buy "carnival food" at the small canteen. Spectators will be undercover for most of the day. Parents are most welcome to attend and admission is free. Seating will be limited. All students are required to travel to the venue on the bus. Parents wishing to take their own child home from the venue **MUST** personally see the student's form teacher. Students, don't forget your togs, towel and be ready to have a swim! Contact HPE on 3350 0342 with any questions. The swimming 'opt-out' form is on the website.

INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL



Fortitude Valley Pool
Tuesday, 9 February 2016

All students are expected to attend.
Swimming 'opt-out' forms should have been returned to the school.

Sun Safety

Our sports uniform includes a bucket hat, which is compulsory for all students. Students are required to wear this hat during outdoor activities. Sunscreen is available for student use from the Sports Centre. Students are to ensure they use the sun protection available at Wavell High. They are also encouraged to drink lots of water on hot days and consider bringing a water bottle to school.

IMPORTANT

Please remember to notify the school of any change of address or contact phone numbers or parent email addresses for your student.

Student Absence Notifications

- Email via **QParents**
- Absentee phone line 3350030
- Email via absent@wavellshs.eq.edu.au

Diary Dates

Monday 1 February	•Dance Troupe Auditions: 3:30pm-6:00pm •SRC Executive Meeting Conference Room: 10:45am
Tuesday 2 February	•Junior Sport Organisation in Hall: L.4
Wednesday 3 February	•Senior Sport Organisation in Hall: L. 4 •Junior Leaders Induction Day
Thursday 4 February	•Year 7 "Meet Form Teachers and Support Staff" Junior Secondary 8:15am - 8:45am •House Meetings - L. 3B •Last day for subject changes
Friday 5 February	•Presentation of Junior Leader badges •Academic Monitoring in WDP - Goal Setting L.1B: Years 7; L.2B Year 12 •Year 7 Rugby League Trials: 3:30 - 5:00pm •Instrumental Music Kick-Start Day: 9:00 - 4:00pm
Saturday 6 February	•Year 12 Study Skills Workshop: L.3
Monday 8 February	•Combined Shops Committee AGM in A Block: 2:30pm
Tuesday 9 February	•Inter-House Swimming Carnival: Valley Pool •Semester 1 Overviews published on website
Wednesday 10 February	•Year 10 Netball Excellence Camp departs to Bulimba Creek •WSC Parent Morning Tea/Staff introduction •Dance Committee AGM: 7:00pm; Music Committee AGM: 7:30pm
Thursday 11 February	•Year 7 "Meet our Maths and Science Teachers" Junior Secondary 8:15am - 8:45am •Year 10 Netball Excellence Camp returns •Year 10 Rugby League Excellence Camp departs to Bulimba Creek
Friday 12 February	•Perfect Investiture Ceremony: 8:50am (L.1 and 2 swapped) •National Apology and QATSIF Scholarships Presentation •Years 12 and 11 Hospitality Practices students assisting with Investiture: L.1 - 2 •Prefects - Valentine Grams / Red Food Day 1 •Year 10 Rugby League Excellence Camp returns •Chaplaincy Committee Meeting: 2:15pm