**Year 12 QTAC Information**

QTAC opens 1st August and closes 27th September. Cost is $34. Students need to complete applications online at www.qtac.edu.au.

All Year 12 students (wanting to go to tertiary) have received a QTAC book and will be interviewed by a Guidance Officer in Week 4. Students have also had the opportunity to visit James Cook University.

**SET Plan Interviews**

On Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th August, all Year 10 students will have a SET Plan interview with a person from Administration. This is an important interview where parents are invited to attend. Students select their subjects for Years 11 and 12. All interviews will be conducted in the Library.

**NEED A WHITE CARD?**

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**FIRST AID CERTIFICATES**

First Aid Certificates are being offered on 5th September 2013 at school in the Trade Training Theory Room. It will run all day. Cost is $100 payable to the school cashier at the student counter. Please collect a form to attend from Ms Jane in the Vet Office.

**ATTENTION YEAR 10 STUDENTS AND PARENTS**

Work Experience for Year 10 students is available from Monday 16th September to Friday 20th September. Work Experience Job Selection Forms can be collected from the Vet Office. Students are encouraged to seek their own placements where ever possible. Requests to arrange a placement must be received by the Vet Office before 4th September 2013. Any questions students should see Ms Jane in the VET OFFICE. Parents can call Ms Jane on 47738137.

**JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY OPEN DAY**

James Cook University’s Open Day dates have been confirmed and are a fantastic opportunity for students and their families to visit the campus, tour the facilities and speak with experts. Sign up to the general mailing list to make sure you receive program details as they are released. The Open Day will be on Saturday 31st August 10.00am -2.00pm.
SAYONARA FROM KOKUGAKUIN HIGH SCHOOL

For eleven days Kirwan has been host to twenty-four Japanese students and their teachers from Kokugakuin High School.

The twelve girls and twelve boys flew from Tokyo, stayed twelve days, and then flew back to Japan on 7th August. Many would say it was a long way to come to visit Kirwan High, but the time that they spent at Kirwan was action packed and very memorable for each and every one of them.

Over the seven school days the Kokugakuin students were involved in a Welcome Ceremony learnt how to throw boomerangs and spears using a woomera. The boys learnt how to play the didgeridoo, and the girls learned the rhythms using clapsticks. The Indigenous Design students showed them how to paint patterns on boomerangs.

There were many teachers involved in the week’s program including Ms Potts, Ms Bayat and Mrs Nunan who taught the Kokugakuin students English and helped to make their stay at Kirwan very special indeed. Ms Austen and her Hospitality students helped them to make lamingtons, pavlovas, cheesymite scrolls and fairy bread. The Kokugakuin and Hospitality students certainly liked eating the results!

The students really enjoyed Mr Davis’ Year 9 Dance class where they learnt bush dancing and “Nut Bush”. During their stay they also enjoyed water sports with Mr Gage and his Recreation Studies Students.

The Japanese students also enjoyed meeting and sharing their culture with our students in Years 8 through to Year 12 who are learning Japanese. The experience for our students was fantastic, and as one student said “what a way to learn Japanese - with a real Japanese student”. These visits have already enthused more of our students to take Japanese as a subject here at Kirwan.

Our Kirwan High students need to be congratulated. The homestay buddies were excellent ambassadors for Kirwan, as were our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who enjoyed sharing their cultures with the Kokugakuin students.

During the lunch breaks the Kokugakuin students enjoyed our North Queensland hospitality and great North Queensland winter. Coming from a school in the centre of Tokyo, it was a real treat to sit on grass, under the trees and with birds singing.

The Farewell BBQ on Tuesday night was a wonderful event with both Australian and Japanese cultures being shared in a truly joyful atmosphere but also bittersweet that this magical time was at an end.

I am sure that Kokugakuin High School will return again next year to once again enjoy our special and unique Kirwan hospitality. The cultural sharing and understanding that resulted from this visit by Kokugakuin school was palpable, and the obvious enjoyment by all will provide a lasting memory not only for the Kokugakuin students but for the staff and students at Kirwan High as well.

Tyra Hosking - Year 12 student and Japanese Homestay buddy
### IMPORTANT DATES

**Term 3**
- 03/09/13 Year 7 into 8 Parent Information Night
- 03-04/09/13 QCS test
- 06/09/13 North Queensland Athletics Carnival
- 11-29/09/13 Townsville Eisteddfod
- 16-20/09/13 Industry Placement Year 11 and 12 Childcare
- 16-20/09/13 Year 10, 11 and 12 Work Experience
- 18-20/09/13 Year 11 Girls/Boys Camps
- 18-21/09/13 National Youth Championships Touch Football (Boys and Girls) Sunshine Coast
- 23/09-04/10/13 School Holidays
- 07/10/13 Labour Day Holidays

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**Location:** RAAF Base Amberley

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- Have a look through Air Force aircraft;
- An opportunity to engage and ask questions of Air Force women pilots and aircrew;
- Experience Air Force life including living quarters, meals, training and some leadership activities;
- A chance to speak with Defence Force recruiting regarding all opportunities for Air Force employment;
- There may be an opportunity to fly in an Air Force aircraft.

What you need:
- Parental permission if you are under 18 years old;
- An interest in Maths and Science related subjects;
- A willingness to extend yourself and experience things some people will never get to do;
- An ability to commit to the full program.

How to apply:
At www.defence.gov.au/workexperience via the ‘Current Work Experience Placements’

Further contacts:
Defence Force Experience Coordinator
Mr Geoff Metcalfe
07 3233 4413 or QLD.WorkExperienceProgram@defence.gov.au

### ATTENTION YEAR 10 STUDENTS AND PARENTS

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