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We endeavour to keep any variations to the Calendar to a minimum.

Please review the Calendar each Newsletter to stay abreast of any possible variations.

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Term 2 Focus

Moranbah SHS is focussing on a few key areas in our improvement agenda this term. The key area which will have a big impact on our students revolves around the 3 A's – Attendance, Attitude and Appearance.

Attendance is something we have set at 95% for all students, with a major focus for our senior students around early classes and arriving at 8.00am on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Parents can be a massive supporter in ensuring their student/s arrive at school on time and attend every day.

Attitude is focused around students’ behaviour and effort. The report at the end of this article shows the raw figures around the overall performance of our students. It is worth checking your student's report card to see how they have achieved.

Appearance is something which we can all take on quite easily. The condition of the school grounds is being targeted, with regular litter parades occurring due to the state of the grounds. This is something that is in the control of our students and will remain a focus for the remainder of the year.

Coupled with the look of our grounds, we will also concentrate on the individual appearance of our students. The school uniform policy is an agreement made in consultation between our P&C and the school. We are a uniform school and the full implementation of the policy will be in place in 2015. The expectations around uniform are that students need to wear the correct uniform as outlined in their diary. Please assist the school by ensuring your student is following the uniform policy.

2014 Student Resource Scheme

With your students' reports that were posted home last week, you will find information regarding the Student Resource Scheme, which is a element of every Queensland school. It is vital that you carefully read the information supplied, as there are important steps for you to take. Firstly, you must sign the Parent Participation Agreement Form and return to the school by Tuesday, 20 May. This form indicates whether or not you wish to be part of the resource scheme. If you choose not to be part of the scheme, you will need to purchase and supply particular books and resources for your child's learning.

The Subject Levy is a requirement for each student studying a particular subject. Failure to pay this levy will mean your student will need to reselect their subjects, as these fees are a critical component to the students’ enrolment in the course. These fees need to be finalised by Friday, 23 May.
If you require further clarification, please contact me at the school on 4949 2111.

Reporting Data

Moranbah SHS has two main targets. They are:

- 90% of students obtaining a C or above in subjects studied; and
- 95% attendance rate for all students.

The following table shows the reporting data from Term 1, 2014. With an enrolment of 563 students (an increase of 40 students from this time last year), the data indicates:

- 84.1% of all students received a C or above for the subjects as at term 1. This compares to 84.7% at the same time last year. Still short of our 90% target.
- 95.3% of students achieved a C or better for behaviour.
- 90.3% of students achieved a C or better for effort.

Overall, the student achievement is very good, but I would urge all parents to continue to encourage their student/s to do their very best.

Scott Whybird, Principal

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

THURSDAY, 08 MAY

By now you should have received your child’s Term 1 Interim Report. We encourage all parents to meet with their child’s teachers, particularly if interviews were requested, at our upcoming Parent Teacher Interviews scheduled for Thursday, 08 May.

Parent Teacher Interviews can be booked via the school office. When contacting the office, please ensure you are aware of which teachers you wish to book with and they will make appointments for you. Interviews begin at 3.30pm and will occur in 10 minute intervals until 7pm.

Please book your interviews with the school office by 3pm, Tuesday, 06 May.
MOBILE PHONE POLICY: SEEKING FEEDBACK

We are interested in seeking feedback from parents and students regarding the current Mobile Phone Policy as per our Responsible Behaviour Plan printed in the 2014 Student Planner.

The policy for 2014 was implemented as a trial in Term 4 of 2013, and continued through Term 1 of this year. As the policy has now been implemented for a period of 1 Semester, we have been able to identify a range of scenarios that arise, both positive and negative, as a result of allowing access to phones during the school day.

Feedback from the surveys will be used to review our current policy. All changes to the policy are required to be approved by the P&C Association and School Administration.

You can access the surveys via the following links:

Parents: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LWY7G29

Students: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LWD8WFW

The survey period will end Friday Week 3 (09 May). If you have any questions regarding the survey, please contact the school and request to speak with Miss Radford, Deputy Principal.

Want more input?

Parents wishing to provide further feedback beyond the survey are encouraged to attend the upcoming Parents and Citizens Association Meeting Monday, 12 May @ 4.30pm in the school administration building.

Students wishing to provide further feedback beyond the survey are able to speak with their year level representative who will discuss their feedback at the upcoming student council meeting.

CYBER BULLYING

Cyberbullying is when technology, such as email, mobile phones, chat rooms and social networking sites, are used to verbally or socially bully another person. Bullying is an ongoing abuse of power to threaten or harm another person.

The following are some common examples of cybersafety issues, including cyberbullying:

- sending or posting abusive, threatening, humiliating or harassing messages via text, social networking sites or email
- forwarding others’ personal emails, messages, pictures or videos without their permission
- uploading embarrassing or degrading images or videos involving other children (including fight videos)
• taking and sending sexually explicit images of other children using mobile phone or web applications
• using social networking sites or blogs to post inappropriate photographs or messages about other children or school staff
• excluding children online through emails, chat and social networking sites
• imitating others or assuming a child’s identity, then sending and posting material which damages their social status or relationships with others
• making prank calls to another child’s mobile phone.

Cyberbullying and other cybersafety issues may affect the good order and management of the school where it involves:

• bullying between children who attend the school
• images or videos of children on the school premises
• a student at the school possessing or distributing offensive video, images or texts while at school
• school information and communication technologies (ICT) resources being used.

The above are examples only — there may be other incidences that affect the good order and management of the school. Moranbah State High School takes cyberbullying seriously and our Responsible Behaviour Plan outlines consequences (such as suspension) will result where the good order and management of the school is compromised.

What can parents do to enhance their child’s cyber safety?

• place computers in spaces which are visible and open, like a family room
• monitor or supervise your child on the internet and conduct some “shoulder surfing” or “spontaneous” observing when your child is online. Be aware of what your child is doing on the internet and display an interest in their cyberspace knowledge and experience
• reassure your child they will not lose access to their technology if they report anything to you. Many children see this as punishment
• review the age suitability of any social networking sites your child joins
• review your child’s contacts, followers and page content on social networking sites/apps to help you manage their safety and reduce the risk of them associating with inappropriate contacts and content
• educate yourself on the latest threats facing children online
• try to keep communication with your child open and positive so they trust you viewing their profile
• create an account on the social networking site/app your child is using and request to become friends or follow their account. Even if your child resists your request it can still be positive for
you to have your own account on the social networking site/app. This can increase your familiarity and understanding of the online environments your child is using

- reinforce the need to keep passwords private and updated regularly, but consider having access to your child’s password yourself

**How can you promote your child’s cybersafety?**

- ensure your child understands the implications of posting images and other content on the internet
- educate your child about appropriate online behaviours. Take time to sit with your child and participate together on the internet. Assist in developing the knowledge they need to communicate responsibly and respectfully with friends, family and other internet users
- set clear rules about your child’s mobile phone and online activities. Talk with your child about which websites and internet activities they are allowed to access
- consider installing appropriate software which has the ability to limit internet usage times and monitor/restrict website activity
- consider installing on your computer the ‘cybersafety help button’, available from the Commonwealth
- ensure you are aware of the software and app features installed on your child’s mobile phone, music or tablet device. Many apps have age suitability recommendations and require age confirmation prior to downloading/use. Additionally, many devices support parental controls which prevent access to specific features or content. These controls can be enabled in the settings menu on your child’s device.

For more information, you can consult the following site:


**NEWS AND EVENTS**

**DRAMA UPDATE**

Late last year, Kristen Booth and I were presented with the opportunity to act as Youth Ambassadors of Drama through the Mackay Entertainment Convention Centre. Being the drama lovers we are, you can imagine how we jumped at the opportunity and began the application process straight away! Since being accepted as a Youth Ambassador, we have been presented with numerous opportunities to learn and expand our dramatic horizons, through dramatic workshops, performances and meetings with other ambassadors. The most recent event Kristen and I had the privilege to attend was a workshop and theatrical performance based on George Orwell’s renowned 1984.
The workshop was an interesting and highly engaging experience in which we were able to learn many new skills and meet people with similar interests to our own. The skills that we learned were ones that we could take home to our classes and incorporate into our all dramatic escapades. The highlight of the event, however, was the theatre company Shake & Stir’s adaptation of *1984* by George Orwell. The performance was one to remember, with spectacular use of dramatic elements, it was an entirely compelling multimodal performance that would not have happened without the hard work of MECC staff and volunteers.

The Senior Drama and many Senior English students travelled to Mackay for the jaw-dropping thriller that was *1984*. The performance was a 2 hour phenomena that intrigued all ages, leaving viewers to think about the direction of human life. Kristen and I would like to thank the staff at MECC, and Belinda Rooney, coordinator of the Youth Ambassador programme for enabling us the opportunity to be a part of such rare and amazing experiences. We hope to, in the future, continue to be a part of such things and be able to take what we have learnt and share it with others.

Bonnie-Lee Sim

**MAKE EVERYDAY COUNT IN 2014**

Make 2014 the year when your child doesn’t miss a day of school. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Check out the new *Every Day Counts* videos live on DETE TV.

[http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland](http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland)

**SCHOOL BASED VACANCIES**

**AVAILABLE NOW !!!**

**CERTIFICATE III HOSPITALITY**

(Commercial Cookery)

Please see Mrs Mawson to apply.

**YEAR 8 TEAM BUILDING CAMP**

Details for the Year 8 Team Building Camp are as follows:

When: Monday, 12th May – Friday, 16th May
(Camp occurs Monday – Thursday with activities continuing at school on Friday)

Where: Kroombit Park Lochenbar Station (near Biloela)

Transport: Students will be travelling by bus to and from the venue.

Cost: $260.00 - covers accommodation, transport, food while at the camp venue and activities.

- A Non-Refundable Deposit of $100.00 is due Wednesday 2nd April (Week 10 Term 1)
- The Final Payment of $160.00 is due Friday 2nd May (Week 2 Term 2)

For more details, please refer to the information letter provided to students, or call Miss Majella Wessel, Year 8 Head of Department on 4949 211 or email at mwess9@eq.edu.au

Interested in being a parent volunteer on the camp?
We need at least three parent helpers to volunteer to attend the camp. If you can help out, please contact Majella Wessel as soon as possible. All accommodation, transport, activity and meal costs while at the camp venue will be covered by the school.

TUTOR NEEDED – JUNIOR MATHEMATICS

We have a family seeking a Mathematics Tutor for their Year 9 children. If you are interested in the position, please contact Miss Radford via the school on 4949 2111.

We often have families enquire about tutoring within the town. If you are available for tutoring, please contact the school. We are happy to refer families to you based on the subjects you are able to tutor, or advertise your vacancies via our newsletter.

UNDERSTANDING and SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD in an ONLINE WORLD

The internet has brought the world to our children’s fingertips, providing access to vast resources of information and the opportunity to communicate with people from around the world.

Smart devices and social media have become part of our children’s lives and they have strongly influenced how our children create, share and exchange information with others.

Unfortunately these same devices and applications have been embraced by sex offenders, who have proven to be exceptionally skilled at using them to gain access to children.
As technologies to enable you to guide, assist and supervise your children.

Children might not safeguard their personal details on the internet like they would in the real world. Therefore it is just as important to educate our children about 'chatting' to people online as it is meeting new people in the real world.

Below is a link to an e-brochure which provides you with practical information about internet safety and reducing online risks for children. We encourage you to review this brochure and discuss with your child how they interact in the online world.


HOMEWORK CLUB

MONDAY Afternoons - 3-4pm

Homework Club is an initiative put in place for students who may need a quiet space outside of school hours to complete homework or consult with a teacher regarding assessment.

Homework Club suits a range of students, including those who come from busy homes; students who may need additional help regarding homework completion; those without adequate technology to complete work; and even those students who just enjoy working in a quiet, supportive space.

Homework Club occurs MONDAY afternoons from 3-4pm in K16 & K18 and is monitored by a teacher who is there to ensure your child has access to facilities and advice in order to complete their homework or assessment. For more information, email Mr Jamon Bull at jbull125@eq.edu.au or call the school on 4949 2111.

Mr Jamon Bull
Classroom Teacher (History/FPS)
Homework Club Coordinator
Year Level Coordinator (Year 10)

MRAEL eNEWSLETTER

MRAEL produce a quarterly eNewsletter to provide students, parents and teachers with information regard traineehips and apprenticeships. The link to the eNewsletter is listed below:


Phone: 1300 4 MRAEL (1300 467 235)
Website: www.mrael.com.au
**MSHS is NOW on FACEBOOK**

Like us on Facebook at Moranbah State High School.

The official page features the school logo.

*To protect the safety and integrity of the site, all posts are subject to approval.*

If you have any questions please contact me at jbrow302@eq.edu.au

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**ATTENTION PARENTS / CAREGIVERS**

If you have recently changed your contact details -

i.e. your home address, home phone number, mobile phone number, place of employment, work phone number, etc,

Please contact our office - 4949 2111 - as soon as possible, so that we can ensure our records are up-to-date.

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**COALFIELDS TRAINING EXCELLENCE CENTRE**

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**MSHS P&C ASSOCIATION**

**GENERAL MEETING**

**MONDAY, 12 MAY 2014 - 4:30PM**

**MSHS LIBRARY**

- President - Lee Booth
- Vice President - Craig Miels
- Secretary - Jodie Cliffe
- Treasurer - Terri Barwick

*EVERYBODY WELCOME !!!*
MSHS PARENTS & CITIZENS Assoc

“Research shows that children perform better at school when their parents are involved in their education.”

Why join the P&C?
A lot can and has been achieved through the P&C and school working together towards common goals. To continue the great work, P&C’s need people from all walks of life and with a range of talents who are committed to delivering great outcomes for our children and school. Everybody has a role to play and your ideas will be heard. The more people involved, the more exciting and successful it will be.

What does a P&C do?
The P&C is about people – just like you – parents, care givers and community minded people who want to help their school. You work very closely with your school, building a stronger school community, where all children benefit.

How YOU can help! There are a number of ways to be involved:
+ Just by joining your P&C you add your voice to what's happening in the school;
+ Attend P&C meetings;
+ Tuckshop volunteer;
+ Committee member.

REMEMBER: The things YOU do make a Real difference!
- Join Your P&C -

ATTENTION!!! WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

MSHS Tuckshop is a major fundraising initiative run by the P&C Assoc which provides an invaluable service to the students and staff of MSHS.

The Tuckshop relies heavily on volunteer support to maintain this service, and as you can see on the following Tuckshop Roster, WE NEED YOUR HELP!
Your assistance would be greatly appreciated -
even if you can only help out a couple of hours a day,
a week, a fortnight or a month.

Experience is not required!

You can even assist from home by writing on food bags and containers, tearing alfoil, etc.

If you are interested in lending a hand, or would like further information, please contact our Tuckshop Convenor, Sharon Dempster on 4949 2139.

Every little bit helps!

THE COMMUNITY

UPDATE YOUR OLD

QUEENSLAND DRIVERS LICENCE NOW!

From Monday, 24 April to Friday, 09 May

Please come to the Moranbah Police Station
and update your old out-dated laminated Driver's Licence
to the new Queensland Driver's Licence cards.

This will be done, free of charge, for the same expiry period as your existing laminated licence.

The new licence is more durable, reliable and secure, as the new cards are extremely difficult to duplicate.

Please take advantage of this two week window, and attend the station between 8:00am and 2:30pm.

Michael Bailey
Officer in Charge
Moranbah

LOCAL BUYING COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

CLICK HERE for more information
THE RETUNE IS COMING....

The retune is coming to Moranbah and surrounds on 30 April.

As the final step in Australia’s successful move to digital-only TV, all channels in Moranbah and surrounds will change frequencies on 30 April. After the channels have moved, viewers will need to retune their digital TV, set-top box or digital TV recorder.

These moves will free up broadcasting spectrum so that it can be used for new services such as mobile broadband. Just like the switch to digital-only TV, the retune has been carefully planned to make sure the change is as easy as possible.

On or after Moranbah and surrounds’ retune date of 30 April, if people are missing channels, they should retune their digital TVs, set top boxes or digital TV recorder to ensure they continue to receive all available free-to-air digital channels in their area.

The retune will affect most TV viewers in Australia but different areas will need to retune on different dates. The retune is due to be completed nationally by 31 December 2014.

There may be some unavoidable temporary outages to all TV channels in the days leading up to, on the day of, and the day or two after the retune date. These outages are necessary because of engineering work being undertaken at the TV transmission tower. Any outages are unlikely to last longer than a few hours. Viewers should wait until after their expected retune time of 3:30pm on 30 April before attempting to retune their digital television equipment.

To check for expected outages associated with the retune, viewers should enter their address in the mySwitch tool on the Digital Ready website.

Channel changes should not impact on the quality of television transmission or reception across the area. If people continue to experience difficulties with reception on a particular channel, they should contact the relevant broadcaster for more information about reception issues.

How to Retune

Retuning is done using the remote. For most systems, viewers should press the “menu” button on their remote and follow the prompts to retune. If they are having difficulty retuning, they should refer to the manufacturer’s handbook or manual, ask a friend or family member to help, call the Digital Ready Information Line on 1800 20 10 13, 8am to 10pm (AEST), 7 days or visit the retune website.

• Most people would have scanned for channels when they bought a new television – retuning follows the same process. It is often called “auto-tuning”, “auto-scanning” or similar.
• Viewers should start by pressing the “menu” button on the remote then look for their “set-up” options.
• Next, they should try to select words like “channels” or “auto-tuning”.

Viewers in Moranbah and surrounds might want to write down their favourite channel, program recording and parental lock settings before they retune, as retuning may delete these settings.

The best way for viewers find out when they are likely to need to retune is to visit the website and type in their address into the “get retune info” box or call the Digital Ready Information Line on 1800 20 10 13, 8am to 10pm (AEST), 7 days.

Your Support is Invaluable
We would like your help in sharing information about the retune in the local community. There are information leaflets and posters to download here.

You can also forward this email to your friends, family or other people in your community who may find it useful.

What Assistance is Available?
If people are having difficulty retuning their equipment, you can direct them to check their manufacturer’s handbook or manual for instructions on how to retune, ask a friend or family member to help, visit the Digital Ready website, or call the Digital Ready Information Line on 1800 20 10 13, 8am to 10pm (AEST), 7 days.

The retune date may vary depending on where people live and the TV tower they are receiving their TV signal from. To check TV tower details and to confirm their retune date, viewers can enter their address into the “get retune info” box on the website. The website also has the option for viewers to sign up for a reminder SMS or email.

MORANBAH RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTRE
OPENING HOUR CHANGES

Opening hours at Moranbah's Resource Recovery Centre will change from Thursday, 01 May 2014 as council aims to streamline Moranbah's Resource Recovery Centre to deliver a more cost effective service to you as a resident and ratepayer.

The new opening hours will be trialled for six (6) months following a decision passed at Council's Ordinary Meeting in February 2014.

From Thursday, 01 May 2014, Moranbah’s Resource Recovery Centre new opening hours will be:

- Monday to Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm
- Saturday and Sunday 9:00am to 3:00pm
The Moranbah Resource Recovery Centre is accessed via Thorpe Street off Geoonyella Road, Moranbah. Please help reduce landfill by reusing, recycling and separating waste before disposal.

**Moranbah Recycle Shop** opening hours will remain the same:

- **Wednesday to Friday** 8:30am to 2:30pm
- **Saturday** 9:00am to 1:00pm

We encourage you to provide feedback about the change in opening hours during the trial period in writing, by emailing records@isaac.qld.gov.au or posting feedback to The Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 97, Moranbah Qld 4744.

For any further queries please call 1300 ISAACS (472 227) or for more information, visit [www.isaac.qld.gov.au/resource-recovery-facilities](http://www.isaac.qld.gov.au/resource-recovery-facilities)

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**COLOUR OF ISAAC PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION**

**QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION WEEK**

7-13 September 2014

At Community Training Australia we offer Nationally Accredited training programs designed to be dynamic and life changing. Our passion is to see people’s lives change through our training. **Whether its gaining great employment, personal healing & self esteem or being inspired to make a difference to your community at CTA we get excited to be part of your journey**

Now Offering:

- Diploma of Counselling (CHC51712)
- Diploma of Community Services (Alcohol, Other Drugs and Mental Health) (CHC50412)
- Diploma of Community Services (Case Management) (CHC52008)
- Diploma of Youth Work (CHC50413)

It doesn’t matter where you are located in Australia, you are able to study at our Malanda Campus (QLD) (via a mix mode of distance and in class) and we are one of the only training organisations that have VET FEE Help available to our students. This means any costs incurred – both travel, accommodation and tuition fees are covered by the Government.
"STAR" - Students At Risk

Moranbah & District Support Services (MDSS)

The Goal of STAR is to provide all students with an equal opportunity to engage in a well-balanced educational experience.

Any family in financial need may inquire about funding through STAR at the Moranbah & District Support Services located at 92 Mills Avenue, Moranbah.

Funding is provided for families who seek assistance for:

- Books and stationary
- School uniforms
- School fees
- School excursions
- Arts Council events
- Year or Subject camps
- And more....

STAR is not a funded program and relies solely on donations.

If you would like to make a donation, please contact the Community & Individual Support Worker via phone: 4941 5164 or email: ciswmdss@moranbah.net.au

MDSS is a public benevolent institution and all donations are tax deductible.

THE FEED

A new Student discount app, known as the Feed is now available for download on both the app and android store.

The Feed, brings students a range of discounts from the region and is FREE to download. Download today to receive discounts at gyms, restaurants, mechanical, medical and a range of other local businesses. Go to www.studymackay.com.au to download.
The Feed is proudly sponsored by Study Mackay-Isaac-Whitsunday and BMC.

For businesses wanting to find out how they can post their promotions to the app, email info@studymackay.com.au; head to www.studymackay.com.au for more information or call 4953 2655.

NATIONAL ANIMAL RESCUE GROUPS OF AUSTRALIA (NARGA) Inc

Can you temporarily open your home and your heart to a pet in need?

Are you looking for good company and a heart-rewarding experience?

We won’t ask for a loan or to borrow the car! We won’t stay out late and worry you!

We are free, all our costs are covered we will offer you lots of cuddles and kisses. We will only ask for a warm safe home until we find our forever home.

We would be forever thankful for your part in saving our lives. We come in all shapes and sizes and we make great company and really need your help.

If you can help us please email our person narga.nfcc@gmail.com and she will send you some information. Thanks!

Together we will make a difference! www.narga.org.au

SUPPORT MORANBAH STATE HIGH SCHOOL !!!

High Country Enterprises Community Support Program

When you shop at High Country Enterprises don’t forget to write ‘MSHS’ on the back of your Hardware or Garden Centre sales docket and drop into one of the entry boxes located in store.

For every dollar you spend at High Country Enterprises, they will donate a percentage of their sales, to our school – as long as you remember to write ‘MSHS’ on the back of your docket…

What a way to support your local community!!

MSHS would like to take this opportunity to thank High Country Enterprises for their past generosity and continued support of our great school!

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FAMILY LAW NETWORK AUSTRALIA

We have recently launched the website Family Law Network Australia. The website is a free information resource and referral service for family law matters.

We invite you to visit Family Law
Network Australia at www.familylawmattersaustralia.com.au

QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE PARTY SAFE PROGRAM

Everyone enjoys going to or hosting a great party. For young people it is certainly a part of growing up and celebrating special occasions with friends.

The Queensland Police Service Party Safe program allows you to register your party with local police. Registering your party gives police the opportunity to supply you with some great advice and resources to help you organise a safe and lawful party. It also ensures that, if things do go wrong on the night, police have the information necessary to effectively deal with issues.

To find out more about Party Safe, and for some great ideas to help make your party safe, lawful and enjoyable for everyone concerned, including parents, hosts and guests, go to www.police.qld.gov.au/party.

"PARTY SAFE" FOR PARENTS

Everyone wants to enjoy themselves at a party and have a night out they will remember for all the right reasons. The following information contains strategies to help parents and guardians equip their children with the information they need to enjoy a safe party experience.

Inform yourself, speak with the party host and find out:

- How many people will be attending the party?
- Who and how many people will be supervising the party?
- Will alcohol be available at the party, and if so, how will it be managed?
- Will food be available at the party?
- What time is the party expected to finish?
- Will the party be registered with the police?
- Get the phone number of the house where the party is being held or the mobile phone number of the host.
** Reach an agreement with your child about how they will be getting home and who might accompany them home. Discourage them from walking home alone.

** Discuss what they should do if there are unexpected delays or problems with getting home, including how they might contact you to let you know of the delay or problem.

** Let your child know that you are prepared to go and pick them up. Whilst this may be inconvenient, it can reduce the risk of assault and other problems.

** Talk to your child about how to have a good time at a party without coming to harm and reinforce with them that they can enjoy themselves without alcohol or other drugs.

** Discuss backup plans should the party get out-of-control, and the importance of following any directions given to them by a police officer. It is an offence not to comply with the directions of a police officer, and if charged and convicted, could see your child facing a significant fine or imprisonment. Encourage a strong sense of responsibility in your child to do the right thing and look after themselves and their friends. For example, your child could facilitate an early and safe exit for a friend who is intoxicated.

** Remember, it is an offence to supply alcohol to a person under 18 in a public place. If you are caught supplying alcohol to any minor in a public place, you could be slapped with an on-the-spot-fine or have to attend court, where maximum penalties can apply.

If is an offence to supply alcohol to a person under 18 on private property unless you are a responsible adult for the minor (i.e. a parent, step-parent, guardian or adult who has parental rights and responsibilities for the minor) and are responsibly supervising the minor. If police are called to a party and see the irresponsible supply of alcohol to a minor, police may seize all alcohol, and if you supplied the alcohol, you could face charges in court and a significant fine.

** Talk to your child about the standard of behaviour you expect from them at the party. If your child becomes involved in any out-of-control conduct that causes or contributes to a party becoming out of control, they could be committing an offence and could face a significant fine or imprisonment. They could also be ordered by the court to contribute to the costs incurred by police in responding to the out-of-control party, and if your child is unable to pay the costs, you (as their parent) or guardian, could be called upon to pay.

** Actively monitor your child and what they are doing.

** Discuss what your child should do if they are asked by the party host or organiser to leave the party. If it happens, they should leave immediately without incident.

** It is generally illegal to drink alcohol in a public place (including a park or beach) and if found drinking in public, you could be fined or have to attend court. It is also illegal for a minor - under 18 years of age - to possess or consume alcohol in a public place - it is even illegal for a minor to carry a bottle of wine for you across the road.

WEP STUDENT EXCHANGE

Memories and Skills for Life!

Choose from over 20 countries around the world to attend school, live with a welcoming host family and have the time of your life. Whether you wish to learn another language or choose English-speaking destinations like the USA, Canada or Ireland, students return with memories and skills for life.

"Up until now it really hasn't been real to any of us but now it's all official. Victoria is so excited and can't wait to leave. She has already begun emailing with her host mother and sister in Italy and will call on Skype on the weekend as the time difference makes it very hard during the week.
She is being hosted by a family who have a daughter her age, so she is now saying that she will have another sister. To make it even better still, they live in northern Italy so she will get to experience her first "white" Christmas.

Thank you so much for your assistance in making Victoria's Italy exchange a reality."
~ Michelle - Mother of Victoria, semester program to Italy

Early Bird Special – Save $500

WEP is offering students in years 9 to 12* a $500 discount off the 2014/15 program fee towards a semester or year program to any of the following countries departing in January - March 2015: Brazil, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Norway, Thailand or the USA. Early Bird applications close 30 May '14.

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"Wonderful - joyous - heartfelt. An absolutely wonderful idea and so beneficial for all involved, from Family to school friends. We truly feel Enrico is another member of our family." - Marie - host mother of Enrico (Italy)

Find Out More!

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