Welcome back to school and the start of a very promising 2017.

We welcome a number of new faces to school including:
- 13 new staff
- 209 new Year 7 students and
- A range of students transitioning from other high schools to Aldridge.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Aldridge State High School and I hope that your experience of Aldridge is as positive as mine has been. In order to ensure that positive experience I would reinforce to one and all that we are focused on the pursuit SUCCESS and HAPPINESS and intend to work hard to ensure that everyone gets the opportunity to experience the success that will bring them happiness.

Key focuses for our school are:

1. Student Improvement – every teacher has a student improvement plan for every class. This document sets out the strategies that will be used to improve behaviours and effort so that achievement improves.
   The keys to this involve:
   a. Quality relationships and
   b. Engaging lessons

2. Collaboration – If we are looking to improve we need to tap into the knowledge that surrounds us. As such, we are focused on collaborating with all those who have a stake in our school.
   Key examples would include:
   a. Students being consulted by teachers about what happens in class;
   b. Teachers talking to parents about what information they would like and how they would like to receive it;
   c. Learning from the other professionals that surround us including our partners at the primary school and Maryborough State High School.

3. Digital Learning – as time marches on, it is essential that our students have the opportunity to engage with learning that utilises digital technology both for the access to information that it provides, but also for the future work environments that it is likely to create.
Our Year 10 students are the first group to be required to attend school with a device that enables connection to the school network and the internet. The preferred option for this is a laptop computer but it is possible that a tablet or even a phone may suffice in the short term.

**School Governance**

Our school is lucky enough to have both a P&C and a School Council. Both organisations make very significant contributions to the smooth running and success of our school and I encourage you to make contact with me if you have an interest in either of these committees.

Our first P&C meeting will be held in the library at 6:30pm on Wednesday 15th February.

Our school council provides strategic advice regarding school direction to the administration team. Currently we have a vacancy for a parent representative. If you are interested in this please contact me at school.

**Look the Part – Act the Part**

While the rules haven’t changed, there is a concerted effort to ensure students present to school in full school uniform and abiding by the appearance policies regarding makeup and jewellery. There are good reasons to do this!

When we go off to work we get dressed in our “work clothes”. This simple act helps to fire up that section of our brain that readies us for the functions we are about to undertake. For this reason appearance and uniform strongly assist students to get ready to “ENGAGE” with school. The same is important when they get home from school – time to get out of the school clothes and get into something that represents relaxation. It is important that we do the same.

Looking forward to sharing the ALDRIDGE SUCCESSES throughout 2017.

**TO CONTACT:**

07 4120 8444

principal@aldridgeshs.eq.edu.au
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We are so excited to start the 2017 school year. Welcome to our new & existing students and families. We trust you had a good break and hope to see lots of new faces around the school but also at the P&C Meetings.

One of our goals this year, is to build positive relationships and strengthen our school by supporting the students; families, school staff, and community. Successful school communities have strong parent involvement and you can help by partnering with us. We are anticipating a marvellous school year, and we look forward to serving your child and you. Remember, when teachers, parents and students work together as a team, then Together Everyone Achieves More.

Canteen
The Canteen is open every day between 7:00am – 2:30pm. Buy your uniforms from the Canteen and help support the school. We are also offering a 3 month lay-by to pay off your uniforms. I would like to acknowledge our ladies and gentleman in the Canteen who are doing a fantastic job. We have new items on the menu so come and check them out. The Canteen is our most valuable fundraiser and all monies raised go back into the school.

P&C Meetings
Our first meeting will be held on Wednesday 15 February 2017 at 6:30pm in the Library. Come along to all or any of the meetings and meet the gang. It is a great way to find out more about what’s happening in your school and there is no pressure to take on a position. We have 6 meetings a year and we will be advertising the dates after our first meeting. All dates will be posted on the Aldridge State High School website. Hope to see you there.

Kind Regards
Leanne McIndoe
P&C Operations Manager
# Upcoming Events

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There has been a huge number of changes in Aldridge SHS teaching staff from last year to this one. The following staff have either transferred, been promoted elsewhere or retired; Debbie Bates, Aaron Carlisle, Carly Glazer, Errol Greiner, Diane Harris, Alota Lima, Kathlene Mahon, Carl O’Brien, Alison Senior and Patti Williams. To all those teachers we say thank you for your service to this school and good luck in your future.

We also have some staff who are ‘acting’ in various positions outside of Aldridge. Ross Higgins (our Principal) is the acting Assistant Regional Director for Darling Downs and Damien Blyth (our Senior Schooling head) is the acting Deputy Principal at Maryborough SHS.

All of the above means that we have a big intake of new staff for 2017. We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following people;

Paul Andrews  English and Economics
Leanne Bennett  English
Dana Eagers  HPE and English
Maree Guymer  Home Economics
Donna Johnston  Master Teacher
David Meyer  Manual Arts
Michael O’Gorman  Maths and IT
Hayley Rossini  Acting Head of Senior Schooling
Alexia Taylor  Year 8 Co-ordinator and Head of Performing Arts

Back at Aldridge after extended leave is Sarah Brischke, Kerryn Ferguson and Stacey Newman and finally some structural changes;

Jackson Dodd  Acting Principal
Brett Martell  Acting Deputy Principal Senior School
Gayle Barbeler  Acting Head Of Special Education Services
Trent De Vere  Year 9 Co-ordinator and Head of LOTE
Petrina Lyons  Year 10 Co-ordinator
Ruth Graham  Year 11 Co-ordinator

Whew!

WELCOME TO 2017!

A BIG welcome to 2017, especially to our new students and families. It has been a busy start, figuring out timetables, finding classes, meeting lots of new students and for our year 7 students finding their feet in the big world of high school. But, I must say, they have done a wonderful job.

This year we have the same familiar faces in the LEC along with a new staff member, Mrs Natalie Sheppard. Natalie works 0.8 and has Thursdays off. We welcome Natalie to the Aldridge LEC family and hope she enjoys her time here.

We look forward to having a great first term with you all.
The BYOx program supports students in developing skills necessary for our future workforce. Benefits include:

● Providing student access to technology at home and school
● Students use a device they are familiar with
● Students can personalise their device to suit their own learning
● Allowing a greater range of parental choice in the purchase of devices
● Enhance awareness and use of emerging technologies.

Starting in 2017 students will have the opportunity to ‘Bring Your Own” internet capable device. While we encourage students to bring a Windows 8 or 10 laptop, however we will support tablets, iOS devices and phones. Please be aware that Android and Apple devices will be limited to filtered internet access and will not be able to access shared network drives, resources or printing.

For details on this please click on the links below. All 2017 Year 10 students will be expected have their own device, however the program is open to all year levels.

Students joining the program are required to read the ASHS Student Charter, and return the Sign Off form and completed Readiness Checklist to IT before onboarding of devices can occur.

This is available from the schools IT area or download from our website: https://aldridgeshs.eq.edu.au/Extracurricular/Computerandinternet/Pages/Computerandinternet.aspx

An information session including the use and management of BYOx devices as well as positive Digital Citizenship practices will be presented to all Year 10 students on the 1st of February. The onboarding of devices will occur progressively from this point on.

Please consult the FAQs on the above link if you have any questions.

Any further enquiries should be directed to: byoxsupport@aldridgeshs.eq.edu.au
A Note From The BSM

Mrs Cynthia Jones
Business Services Manager

What’s New at Aldridge in 2017

The Aldridge Agricultural Department have just taken delivery of a new Twin cab truck, complete with stock crate. This will enable us to transport stock to shows etc. It also enables students to travel with the stock (in the cab of course), rather than taking separate transportation.

Unfortunately our swimming pool is still out of commission as it has a leak. We are awaiting for repairs, which will be quite major, to be completed before we can put it back into use. It is hoped that this will all happen this term.

Our outdoor basketball courts are currently undergoing a refurbishment. This includes a new court, with a sports surface and new fencing. Of course the courts will be purple.

Watch the front of the Administration Building over the next couple of terms – we will be getting an extension out front. Access to the front office will remain unchanged whilst work is undertaken.

2017 School Fees

School fees for 2017 will remain unchanged. The fee of $180 covers the following items: Student Diary, Student ID card, use of school textbooks, access to computer based resources, class materials in Home Ec, Manual Arts, Art & Agriculture, photocopied class handouts and the school magazine.

Fees are due to be paid by 3rd February, 2016. As an alternate option you may wish to set up Centrelink deductions for your fees - Please contact the school if you wish to take up this option.

Front Office

In 2017 we have a couple of new faces in the front Office. Please make welcome Lee Aitchison and Lisa Hague and we ask for your patience as they learn their new roles. Amanda Wilcox will continue to be in the office also this year.

Students will continue to go to C3 for fee payments, late arrivals and early departures.
DONNA JOHNSTON, Master Teacher- Digital Pedagogy

My name is Donna Johnston and I have the pleasure of joining the Aldridge SHS staff as Master Teacher for 2017. In this role I will be supporting staff and students in the rollout of BYOx (Bring Your Own digital device).

My previous 10 years have been at Urangan SHS where I taught IPT, ICT and Legal Studies, and held various positions including Year Level Coordinator, Resource Teacher, acting HOD of UTECH and acting HOD of Resources.

I am looking forward to working with the staff and students at Aldridge to develop a dynamic and engaging teaching and learning experience incorporating digital devices.

HAYLEY ROSSINI, Head of Department Senior School and Agriculture (Acting)

After teaching in Brisbane for many years I am excited about my move to Aldridge SHS and the Fraser Coast.

As the Acting Senior School and Agriculture Head of Department it is my role to guide the senior students through what can be a challenging time in their school life.

I look forward to the opportunity to help each student discover their right pathway and having some fun along the way.
DAVID SUE YEK, Instrumental Music Specialist

My name is David Sue Yek and I am the new instrumental music strings teacher at Aldridge. I have moved here from the Gold Coast.

I am excited to be here and have been teaching instrumental music for a number of years in the Gold Coast region. I used to play regularly in The Gold Coast String Quartet and was also co-principal cellist with the Brisbane and Gold Coast Philharmonic Orchestras. I have toured internationally with rock bands and have been a representative on the Australian String Teachers Association.

I am looking forward to working with students on a number of interesting and fun projects over the coming years. I am at the school on Mondays and Tuesdays.

NATALIE SHEPPARD, Special Education Teacher

My name is Natalie Sheppard. I was working as a Special Education Teacher at Albert School in Maryborough. I was transitioning some of my students to high school and saw Maryborough High’s program.

I wanted to stay in special ed, so I visited the LEC here and let them know. My background is Sociology and Administration. I am looking forward to teaching Maths, Japanese and SEL this term in Years 10,9,8 & 7. Lots of variety should keep me challenged and engaged!
Late Arrivals and Early Departures

School starts at 8:40am any students arriving after this time MUST report to student services in C03 to sign in and be marked present on the roll in the school. Students will be marked absent without a reason if a note is not presented at the office.

Any student leaving the school before 2:55pm for whatever reason, MUST sign out at student services in C03. Students should have a note from their parent/guardian explaining the reason.

If your student is unwell during school time, they must present themselves to the sick bay where a parent/guardian will be contacted if required.

For more details about late arrivals and early departures please refer to our student diary or call the school on 07 4120 8444.

Year 12 Senior Jersey & Senior Shirt

If you wish to purchase a Senior Jersey or a Senior Shirt (names of Year 12’s on back) for 2017 they can be ordered with payment until 3.00pm Friday 10 February.

The costs are, Jersey $70, Shirt $45. Sizes are available to try on in C3.

School fees must be up-to-date before ordering.

Please note: back of the senior shirt will be updated to 2017.
This year at Aldridge SHS we will be welcoming students from our sister school, Kasukabe Junior High in Japan. We will be hosting a group of approximately 15 to 20 Japanese students aged between 13 to 15 years old therefore we are seeking expressions of interest from families who would love the chance to host a student.

They will arrive on July 29 and depart Maryborough on August 6. The visit offers our students and their family the unique opportunity to interact with the Japanese students and learn more about their culture on a personal level. During their stay, Japanese students will be attending classes at Aldridge SHS as well as experiencing what Maryborough and the Fraser Coast district has to offer.

Please note that your student does not have to be studying Japanese, nor does the visiting student need their own bedroom – sharing a room with your child is fine! Becoming a home stay family is very rewarding – once the initial nervousness is overcome, families have a wonderful time!

If you and your family would like to be involved as a host family during this period please collect an ‘Expression of Interest’ form from O Block staffroom or Miss Buck. Complete the form and return it to your student’s Japanese teacher or Student Services in C3 by February 24th.

If you have any further questions please don’t hesitate to the LOTE department on 07 4120 8444.
Youth Needed

If you are aged between 12 and 25 and are passionate about the Fraser Coast region - the Youth Ambassador Program could be a great fit for you.

Initiated by Council in 2015, the program is designed to allow young people to work closely with Council staff to ensure that local youth are supported, acknowledged and contribute to the current and future development of the Fraser Coast.

As part of the program, Youth Ambassadors represent the young people of the region at a number of different events such as Australia Day awards, youth forums, and Council meetings, as well as organise and participate in other youth events and activities.

Participants can gain valuable experience, opportunities to network and satisfaction from working with peers to implement youth-driven initiatives.

Nominations are now open for the 2017 program. Applications close Tuesday, 28 February 2017.

Further information and an application form is available from www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/fraser-coast-youth-ambassadors

MAGNETIC POCKETS

Don’t you wish that you had a simple system to store your school documents and notes. A place that is convenient and inexpensive. Well now you can with our magnetic fridge pockets. Simply file the papers in the plastic pocket and put it on your fridge. You will be able to retrieve all your vital information in an instant. All proceeds go back to the school.

$5.00
available at the office & C3
Volleyball News!

National Volleyball Champions

Congratulations to all three teams that represented Aldridge at the National Schools Cup in Melbourne during the last week of school, last year. Over 133 schools competed with a total of over 500 teams with equal numbers of boys and girls teams from U13 to open.

The U16 boys were 6th in Australia. The Year 10 girls were again 2nd in Australia and the U14 boys were crowned National champions. There were only 2 teams in Queensland to achieve this feat, Harristown and ourselves.

The U14 boys were undefeated for the week with Nick Bennetts being named Most Valuable Player for the tournament.

Special mention must go to Kyal Moore, Mr Ethell and Mr Thiele for their work with the Year 10 girls and Mr Nickson, Mr Ethell and Mr Thiele for their work with the U16 boys.

It is a true credit to the Volleyball Excellence Program that it can continue to produce incredible results like this, considering we are just a small regional school. The dedication of everyone in the program is a credit to the school.

National Selection

Congratulations to Hannah Karrasch for being selected in the Australian U18 girls teams to tour China in March. This is yet another outstanding achievement from this very talented hard working student.

Thursday Night FCVA Competition

Sign on for this competition will be Thursday 9th and 16th of February 6:00pm - 7:00pm. We are encouraging our Year 8/9 boys and older girls to enter this mixed competition to get valuable match practice. There is also a plan to run a mens game after the mixed comp so there will be an opportunity for our older boys to play.

The season runs from Thursday 23rd February until early Term 4, but not on school holidays. The cost is $100 per player plus $20 for a playing shirt (if needed). For more details please contact Mr Ethell or visit the FCVA Facebook page.

Volleyball Trips & Events

End of Term Challenge Days.

Wide Bay U15 boys and girls 3rd – 7th May (Toowoomba).

Wide Bay open boys and girls 1st - 4th June (Caloundra).

Intermediate Schools Cup U14/15 will be Term 2, 25th - 28th May (Toowoomba).

Senior Schools Cup U16/open will be in Term 3, 3rd - 6th August (Gold Coast and Logan).

Junior Schools Cup Year 7/8 boys and girls will be in Term 4, 12th - 15th October (Gold Coast).

National Schools Cup 2nd – 9th December (Melbourne).

David Ethell - ASHS Volleyball Administrator
### Daily Specials

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### Made Fresh Daily

#### Salad Boxes
- Ham and Salad               $4.00
- Chicken and Salad            $4.00
- Quiche and Salad             $4.00
- Egg and Salad                $4.00
- Fruit Salad                  $2.50

#### Sandwiches
- Egg and Lettuce              $3.20
- Ham, Cheese and Tomato       $3.20
- Corn Meat and Salad          $3.80
- Chicken and Salad            $3.80
- Ham and Salad                $3.80
- Chicken, Mayo and Lettuce    $3.50
- Salad ONLY                   $3.20
- Toasted (add)                $0.30

### Hot Food

- Reduced Fat Pies             $3.50
- Reduced Fat Sausage Rolls    $3.00
- Pizza Rounders               $2.50

### Beverages

#### Water
- 600ml                         $1.50
- 750ml                         $2.00

#### Milk
- Plain 600ml                   $2.50
- Flavoured 300ml               $2.20
- Flavoured 500ml               $3.50
- Ice Break                     $3.80

#### Other
- Quench                        $1.50
- Juice                         $2.50
- Iced Tea                      $2.00

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servicing the students and staff of Aldridge State High School - thanks you for supporting the Aldridge State High School P&C Association.
Dear Principal,

Football (Soccer) Maryborough Referees will be conducting a Referees Introductory Course on Sunday 05th February 2017 at Federation Park, Banana Street Granville. The Course will commence at 8.30 a.m. and finish at approximately 1.00 p.m. The cost will be $50 - this fee covers the purchase of a Law Book and Worksheets for Level 4 Parts 1 & 2 – the $50 fee is to be paid before commencement of the course.

Training for all referees will commence on Wednesday 25th January at 6.00 p.m. at Federation Park, Banana Street Granville.

We would really appreciate if you could include a notice in your next School Newsletter.

Many thanks for your assistance,

Yours in sport,

Joanne Downes
Co-ordinator – Football Referees Maryborough
Ph: 4121 3898 - Mobile: 0400 460 240

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Register Online Now for the 2017 Season

Girls & Boys welcome

Mini Mods 6-12 years
Rego only $60
Pack $100 (includes rego, shirts, shorts, socks, bag)

Internationals 13-16 years
Rego only $90
Pack $135 (includes rego, shirt, shorts, socks, bag)

Training – Tuesdays & Thursdays 4-5pm @ Eskdale Park, Maryborough

Payment details:
Credit Card (when registering online) - Cash,
Get Started Voucher - Direct Deposit - Bank Details: BSB 645646 Acc 1853996 (Reference: First Name, Last Name and Age)

Email: wallaroojrlc@outlook.com
Contact: Dan 0477664687
Facebook: Wallaroo JRLC

“If it’s Blue & White, it’s alright”
WIDE BAY ROWING CLUB  Come & Try Day

Mission Statement

“To provide rowing opportunities and facilities for the enjoyment of the Fraser Coast community in a safe and enjoyable environment”

LOCATION
The Wide Bay Rowing is situated on the bank of the Mary River at the end of Walker Street in front of the Brolga.

Cost  Free

Dates & Times
Sunday 12th February will be our first come & try day for 2017.
Sessions Start from 6:30 am. It is anticipated that there will be several sessions.
Approx. 1+hour

Requirements
You must register your interest with the club in advance for Insurance & planning purposes.
Hat, socks and plastic water bottle.
Clothing should be light & reasonably tight (not loose) and sunscreen is advisable.
Reasonable swimmer and no medical conditions, which might be affected by moderate physical exercise.

Contact  Jim Stafford  0401531814  0741297233  secretary.wbrc@gmail.com
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