

BRAY PARK STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

Newsletter 15 at 13 September 2007

Principal's Column

Dear Parents and Carers,

BRAY PARK STATE HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE

We care about our students, their safety and their image in the community. We believe that students' appearance is a very visible communicator about our school. In accordance with community feedback and health and safety issues, **the following modifications will be put in place for the Bray Park State High School Dress Code from Term 4 2007 and for the Bray Park State High School Uniform Policy in 2008.**

All year 8s and students commencing in 2008 will be expected to be in the new uniform. Continuing students from 2007 have a 2 year period before they are required to wear the new uniform. In extenuating financial circumstances parents are encouraged to make an appointment with the Principal to discuss alternative arrangements. Students may opt to wear the new uniform before this time, however if they choose to do so, they will be required to wear it in its entirety. For example, students will not be able to wear the new sports shirt with the current sport shorts. Students wearing the new uniform must also meet the new shoe requirement. During the phase in period we ask all families to continue to adhere to either the new or current uniform.

All items except shoes, socks and caps will be available from the school uniform shop.

It is important that students wear protective and appropriate footwear. All shoes must have an impervious upper for health and safety reasons. Students wearing the new formal uniform must wear black polished shoes of plain, conventional design. Boots, open shoes, ballet shoes, platform shoes, loafers, canvas/ material tennis shoes or similar styles are not permitted. Black, grey or white joggers with impervious uppers are to be worn with the sports uniform.

The formal uniform must be worn by the Senior School on Mondays and Fridays and for special events.

JEWELLERY

To improve safety in sport and in subjects where there is an element of danger, combined with the desire to present Bray Park State High School students at their best, the following Jewellery Policy has been devised.

- Watches are permitted, but no bracelets/bangles/arm ornaments (unless required for medical purposes).
- One plain flat ring may be worn.
- Maximum of two pierced earrings in each ear. (Only studs or sleepers are permitted.) Other facial piercing is not to be worn to school.
- No chains are to be worn (unless required for medical purposes).

A small religious or cultural item may be worn beneath the shirt with the Principal's written permission. Any jewellery may be required to be removed or covered at any time to meet the requirements of Workplace, Health & Safety Regulations.

Students should present themselves in their uniform as neat, tidy and clean. Hair colour must not be extreme. Hairstyles such as mohawks and dreadlocks are inappropriate. Obvious makeup is not to be worn at school and coloured /black nail polish is not permitted. Additional items of apparel such as T-shirts under uniform shirts, bandanas, beanies and sweatbands etc, are not part of the school uniform and therefore are not permitted. Images/Logos displaying drugs, alcohol or suggestive logos or pictures on apparel are not permitted. We

encourage the correct and neat wearing of our school uniform as it is a form of school spirit, identity and identification. Students must be in uniform at all times unless indicated otherwise. The wearing of cargo pants, ruggers or pants made of corduroy or denim is not permitted. Undergarments must not be visible.

SUN SAFETY

Every student should have a hat/cap. Hats that provide adequate shade are to be worn for outside activities eg. Sport or excursions, and students are advised to use appropriate sunscreen lotion. Beanies, bandannas, caps worn backwards or sideways are not appropriate.

CONSEQUENCES FOR NON COMPLIANCE

Student dress code infringements [without valid explanation/reason] will result in students being placed on lunchtime detentions. Valid reasons do not include "in the wash" or "I couldn't find it." Further infringements will result in after school detentions. If a student presents at the office before school with a valid explanation or reason, that student will be provided items of uniform for the day. Students who accept this offer and have a valid reason will not incur detentions.

Students in incorrect uniform without a valid reason must report to the office on arrival and will either have to ring home for uniform items or accept items from the office. A lunch time detention will be imposed by administration. All teachers will check uniforms during the day and direct non compliant students to the office. The students will return with signed slips. A register will be kept at the office. [Naturally parents are always welcome to ring the Principal/Deputies on the day if extenuating circumstances occur].

If infringements continue, students will not be permitted to attend or participate in any activity where the student is representing the school. The student will also be prevented from attending or participating in any school activity that is not an essential school education program. This would include socials, external sport, camps and the formal.

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

The school is currently creating a policy on mobile phones and other electronic devices. This will be published in Term 4 2007 in the school newsletter.

I sincerely thank all parents and caregivers for their ongoing support in helping make Bray Park SHS the excellent school it is.

Kate Abernethy - Principal



During the month of September 2007 the Bray Park State High School Tuckshop is undergoing a \$33500 refurbishment. The refurbishment includes a cold room, stainless steel benches, shelving, airconditioning and the installation of a stove. The Queensland Government's Gambling Community Benefit Fund provided \$30000 to Bray Park State High School to refurbish the tuckshop. Bray Park State High School would like to thank the Queensland Government's Gambling Community Benefit Fund for the grant monies.

Peter Mullins - P&C President

Science News

Teachers from the Science Department took the opportunity provided by EXPO to turn SC03 classroom laboratory into an ANTARCTIC experience. Helped by numerous students, walls were painted, Penguins appeared with icicles and snowflakes. A telecast from Mawson Station in the Antarctic supplied sound and visuals and exhibits from the Brisbane Museum Loans Department lent authenticity to the displayed artefacts. Ms Hilly's SNOWCONES completed the wintry scene. Thanks to all, especially Mr Heazlewood, Mrs Hills and Ms Shearer for their efforts and also to all the parents and students who came through.

The Science Department has also become a part of the Federal "Scientists in Schools Project". We have our very own Scientist, Mr Phil Valencia, who works for CSIRO. He specialises in Robotics and Machine Intelligence. He will be visiting the school in the near future, so watch this space for more information.

Our Year 11 Multi-Strand Science students were studying Mangrove Ecosystems at Nudgee Beach EEC and had a rewarding day wading through the mud!

Tony Parry - TIC-Science

Senior Schooling News

Senior Phase of Learning

School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SATs)

The Queensland Government have created an internet gateway site for **School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships**. The site provides a single location for young people, parents and employers to access everything they need to know about SATs.

Provided below is the website and details of the information available on the website.

<http://www.apprenticeshipsinfo.qld.gov.au>

Employing an apprentice

Find out how to employ an apprentice or trainee in your business.

Becoming an apprentice

Find out how to get into an apprenticeship or traineeship.

Employers' rights & responsibilities

Your rights and responsibilities as an employer of an apprentice or trainee.

Adults and apprenticeships

Information for adults looking for an apprenticeship.

Employers' advice and support

Information to assist businesses when employing an apprentice or trainee.

School-based apprenticeships

Information about school-based apprenticeships and traineeships for students, parents and employers.

Karenne Haygarth - Senior Schooling Head of Department

Senior Schooling News

Year 9 to 10 Subject Selection

TO ALL PARENTS OF YEAR 9 STUDENTS

You are invited with your student/son/daughter to attend an information evening regarding courses and subject choices for Year 10 in 2008 on **Thursday 13 September at 7.00pm** in the School Assembly Hall. Please use Old North Road car park and entrance.

The evening will include information about the new Queensland Certificate of Education, which replaces the current Senior Certificate. Heads of Department and teachers will be available for consultation regarding the nature and choice of individual subjects.

Students are to return their subject selection form to the school office by Wednesday 19th September.

Karenne Haygarth - Senior Schooling Head of Department

BPSHS Celebrated 20 Years "Then & Now" EXPO Monday 27th August 2007

**THANKYOU TO ALL STAFF, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY
MEMBERS FOR A WONDERFUL AFTERNOON / EVENING**

What a great day! Everyone had fun, our opening for the Independent Learning Centre and Expo went well. Excellent food and plenty to do!

"A BIG THANKYOU TO OUR WONDERFUL SUPPORTERS"

Deane Real Estate, Beyond Blue, The Coffee Club, Dreamworld, Bunnings, Brisbane Lions, Sizzler, Queensland Teachers Union, Wildlife Currumbin Sanctuary, Pet Superstore, Alma Park Zoo, North Leagues & Services Club, Crushers Leagues Club, RACQ, Woolworths, City Beach, Warner Community Church.

Thank you for your support, you made our day Special!

**A big thank you to Bill Sharp who assisted with the coordinating of the Expo.
And thanks again to all BPSHS Staff and Students who supported this great day!**

Bray Park State High School's

Annual Sports

Presentation Night

Date: Friday 19th October 2007

Time: 6:30pm

Venue: Bray Park High School Hall

**Costing: Adults - \$18.00 / Staff - \$15.00 / Students - \$15.00
Children (under10) - \$ 8.00**

(Bar available at extra cost)

Sumptuous hot and cold platters served throughout the evening

Tickets Available at the Office and on sale from 7 September 2007

RUGBY LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

**CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL, FOR THE HARD WORK AND COMMITMENT YOU
ACHIEVED THIS TERM. WELL DONE!!!
2007 Open Broncos / Mitchelton Champions**

NOTICE TO OUR SUPPORTERS

I would like to thank Ms Newton (bus driver / Asst. Coach), Mr Stoneham, Mr Roche, Mr Sharp, for all their work in this achievement. And all other staff and supporters who encouraged our Team at their games a special thank you.

Thanks Again - Mr Derek Cliff

Stay Tuned for more information on our next game against Pine Rivers SHS in Term 4

SOUL NEWS 🎵 Upcoming Events for Term 4

- RBH - Hospital Christmas Concert.
- ANAM CARA - Christmas Concert.
- STRATHPINE SPECIAL SCHOOL - Christmas Concert.
- KURWONGBAH STATE SCHOOL - Singing on their Parade.

Dates will be confirmed in the first week of Term 4. Thank you Soul Singers, for your commitment this Term. Mrs Sharp ☺

2008 Somerset National Novella Writing Competition

This competition is open to entrants again this year for any student under 19 years of age. This is a highly prestigious competition with large cash prizes. Last year a student at our school received a Highly Commended, so if you would like more information on how to enter this competition, please see either Mrs Goodrum or Mrs Stubbings.

Bray Park State High

School Social

"COME ON ROCKERS"

Wednesday 10 October 2007 / Time: 7-10pm / Cost: \$5.00

All students to bring ID Cards for Entry

Prizes for the best dressed!

Tickets will be on sale at lunch times up until the night of the Social

Any Budding Photographers?

The Pine Rivers Shire Council is running the "Outside and Alive" Photographic Competition. The competition is about capturing the outdoor lifestyle of Pine Rivers by submitting photographs featuring an environmental theme. There are two categories for entries, high school students and adults. Please see Mrs Ballantyne in General Studies for entry details.

BRAY PARK STATE HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM DROUGHT SALE

Uniform clearance on selected brand new current uniform stock. Come and check out the bargains.

Only selected sizes are \$3.00 each /All other items are Half Price

(excluding second-hand)

DATE CLAIMERS – Term 3 and 4 2007

10-14 September	Primary Interviews
10-14 September	Yr 11 In-class Exams
10-14 September	Yr 12 Block Exams
Thur 13 September	Yr 9 into 10 Evening
Mon 17 September	Yr8 Immunisation
Mon 17 September	P&C Meeting
Friday 21 September	Last day of Term 3
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	Monday 24 Sept to Friday 5 October
Monday 8 October	SCHOOL RESUMES
Wednesday 10 October	School Social
Friday 12 October	Immunisation Girls - Years 10,11,12
15-19 October	Year 11 Work Placement
Thursday 18 October	Next Newsletter

Early Detection Is Your Best Protection Against Breast Cancer

Breast Cancer effects one in eleven Queensland women. Until more is known about the causes of breast cancer, we are unable to prevent the disease. Having a mammogram is the most effective method of detecting most breast cancers at a very early stage, before a lump can be seen or felt.

BreastScreen Queensland provides FREE high quality breast cancer screening and assessment services. All women 50-69 years of age are strongly recommended to have a breastscreen every two years as breast cancer has been found to be more prevalent in this age group. Women 40 years of age and over are also welcome to attend.

BreastScreen Queensland is encouraging all eligible women to book now for a free breast screening at the relocatable clinic which is situated in the carpark of the Pine Rivers Community Health Centre. The clinic will commence screening on the 4th September and will remain at Strathpine until the 9th November. An appointment is necessary and this can be made by phoning 13 20 50.

ZONTA CLUB OF PINE RIVERS INC.

PINE RIVERS WOMEN IN BUSINESS EXPO

Invitation to Year 10,11,12 Girls

Women can do anything, so be inspired, come and see what women can achieve in their own businesses

Where: Strathpine Community Hall, Gympie Road, Strathpine (behind Brodie's Electrical)

Date: Sunday 14th October 2007 / **Time:** 10.00 – 4.00 pm

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Contact: **Janet Hayward** - Public Relations & Advertising Committee Zonta Club of Pine Rivers

Phone: 3886 6933 (You can leave a message) Mobile: 0411 056 543 Email: khayward@powerup.com.au

Brisbane Writers Festival this weekend Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 September 2007

Emily Rodda, Morris Gleitzman, Louis Sachar and Michael Morpurgo come to Brisbane Writers Festival 2007

Buy your tickets now to see these fabulous kids' authors this weekend (Sat 15 & Sun 16 September) at Brisbane Writers Festival all at the new State Library Queensland

For full details download the program at www.brisbanewritersfestival.com.au

Jane O'Hara - Program Manager: Word Play

Brisbane Writers Festival

PO BOX 3453 SOUTH BRISBANE QLD 4101

12 Merivale St South Brisbane QLD 4101

P: 61 7 3255 0254 M: 0416 268 629 F: 61 7 3255 0362

E: jane.ohara@brisbanewritersfestival.com.au

ADVENTURE WOMEN

For women aged 16 and over

"Active for Life"

Pine Rivers Shire Council

www.pinerivers.qld.gov.au

Phone 3480 6666

SHAFT

SUPER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR TEENAGERS - PINE RIVERS SHIRE STUDENTS

Years 8 to 12

24 September to 5 October 2007

BOOKINGS HOTLINE 3480 6543

PINE RIVERS SHIRE COUNCIL

CARTOONING CAMP

Brisbane Monday 24 Sept to Friday 28 September 2007

Enquiries: 1800 768 636

Email: bookings@cartoonkingdon.com.au Web: www.illustrating-man.com.au

Venue: Aspley East State School - 31 Helena Street, Aspley

BPSHS - DATES TO REMEMBER

This information is correct at time of printing. Please check future Newsletters for any alterations or additions to these Dates

TERM 3 – 2007

10-14 September	Primary Interviews
10-14 September	Year 11 In-class Exams
10-14 September	Year 12 Block Exams
12 September	Year 10,11,12 and Parents Youthworks Automotive
13 September	Year 9 into 10 Evening for Year 9 Parents
17 September	Year 8 Immunisation Hepatitis B 2
17 September	P&C Meeting
21 September	Last day of Term 3

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - Monday 24 September to 5 October 2007

TERM 4 – 2007

8 October	MONDAY – School Resumes
10 October	School Social
12 October	Year 10, 11 and 12 Girls Immunisation
15-19 October	Year 11 Work Placement
16 October	Parent-Teacher Interviews
17 October	Special Education Unit Transition Program
19 October	SPORTS DINNER
22 October	Student Free Day
22 October	P&C Meeting
24 October	SEU Transition Program
24 October	Year 11 Drama Excursion
26 October	Year 9 into 10 Subject Selection Forms due back
30 October	Non-Uniform Day
31 October	SEU Transition Program
31 October	SPEECH NIGHT
5-9 November	Year 12 Block Exams
7 November	SEU Transition Program
16 November	Year 12 Graduation Ceremony and Formal
19 November	P&C Meeting
20 November	Stationery and Uniform orders close

NEXT P&C MEETING
Monday 17 September
2007 at 7.00pm

Chaplain
Tim Sweetman

Phone 0403 192 847

tim@bridgeman.org.au

At school on

Monday and Friday

9am-11am

Wednesday and Thursday

8am-3pm

BPSHS Student Services

If your student is going to be **ABSENT**,
please phone **3881 6654**

Change of Address Details

Please ensure your mailing address and phone numbers are current with the school's records. Any enquiries please call

BPSHS Student Services on
3881 6654

BPSHS UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Monday – Wednesday – Friday

8.15am to 10.15am

(During School Term)

BPSHS Web Site

www.brayparkshs.eq.edu.au

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NOTICE to STUDENTS and PARENTS/CARERS - PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Students who wish to leave the school grounds throughout the day are required to bring a signed permission note from their parent / carer to the office in the morning. Once this note is verified a slip is to be collected by the student at morning tea.

If a student is sick during the day they must come to the office and an office staff member will contact parent / carer.

BUSINESSES supporting our School

Pine Gardens Florist

Annette & Roger Hall

43 Francis Road BRAY PARK 4500

Ph: 3881 0323 / Fax: 3205 3928 / Mob: 0421 805 994

Email: pinegardens@optusnet.com.au

Leonie's Hair Care

Shop 4, 2 Ebert Road, LAWNTON 4501 / Ph: 3285 5400

Northside Music School

486 Gympie Road, STRATHPINE 4500 / Ph: 3881 1036

Arties Music Max

Shop 1-486 Gympie Road, STRATHPINE 4500

Ph: 3889 7499

Morris Brothers Musical Store

2/17 Billabong Street, STAFFORD 4053 / Ph: 3356 3299

Bank of Queensland

355 Samsonvale Road, WARNER 4500 / Ph: 3882 5100