

BRAY PARK STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Principal's Column

Schools are critical places to educate young people against drugs. A National School Drug Education Strategy has been put in place to help parents, and school communities to send a strong anti-drug message.

The schools Drug Education Policy provides a framework to address: alcohol, tobacco and other related problems in a caring and consistent manner within the Bray Park State High School community.

School Administrators, teachers, parents, students and the wider community all have an interest in and share responsibility for the way Bray Park State High School manages prevention and intervention of incidents involving drugs.

The Bray Park State High School Drug Policy applies to all members of the school community while they are on school premises, on the way to or from school, at a school function or at a school excursion/ camp where there are students present. This includes students, parents, staff, volunteer staff, ground staff and other workers.

The policy aims to:

1. Promote and maintain a supportive school environment in which the welfare of all school community members is maximised.
2. Identify the role of the Bray Park State High School community in the prevention and reduction of drug related issues.
3. Document the school's agreed position on, and accepted procedures for dealing with, drug-related incidents and problems.
4. Support the Bray Park State High School community in achieving our schools values.

How is drug education incorporated into the school curriculum?

Bray Park State High School has an integrated approach to Health Education. Health Education is incorporated within: Health and Physical Education, Home Economics, Science and Life Skills.

Authorised Drug use at Bray Park State High School: Prescribed or medical drug use:

Students who use prescribed or medical drugs within school jurisdiction must have written approval from a parent or carer. Medication must be presented at the office in a clearly marked container with instructions for use.

Tobacco, alcohol, inhalants and illegal drugs are prohibited at our school and at all school activities.

Talking with your children about drugs (National Drugs Campaign)

It is important that parents talk to the children about drugs and let them know that drugs are not acceptable.

Here are 10 ways to encourage young people to talk with you about drugs:

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| 1. Be part of their lives | 5. Pick your moment | 8. Keep on talking |
| 2. Be a role model | 6. Be calm | 9. Set clear boundaries |
| 3. Listen to them | 7. Avoid conflict | 10. Focus on the positive |
| 4. Be honest | | |

At Bray Park State High School parents and staff work together to create a safe learning environment.

Kate Abernethy - Acting Principal

P&C Report for March 2007

RELAY FOR LIFE

The school is entering three teams in the Relay for Life cancer fundraising event. This event will be held at the **Lawnton Showgrounds** from **3.00pm Saturday 24th March until 9.00am Sunday 25th March**. Thirty-nine Year 11/12 students have volunteered to participate in this event.

Any parents who would like to make a donation (large or small) to this Relay for Life cancer fundraiser, please see Mrs Sharon Rabbitt at the school office. All donations \$2.00 and over are tax deductible.

The Pine Rivers Relay for Life committee is also seeking additional Cancer Survivors to be part of the official opening ceremony and afternoon tea. If you would like to be a part of this opening ceremony and afternoon tea, please contact Erin Winterscheidt on 3480 6316 or email Erin.Winterscheidt@pinerivers.qld.gov.au

P & C MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to vote on any matters at a P&C meeting, you either have to attend the AGM or two General meetings. This is as per the P&C Constitution.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

I would like to encourage all parents to come along to the AGM on the 19th March at 7pm in the School Common Room. We are looking for new parents to become involved in the Parent Body. It is a sad fact that no new parents have taken up a position on the P&C Executive Committee for the past two years. The existing committee is doing a great job but time is running out for new parents to take over from us. Please consider becoming involved in this great committee.

Nominations are called for the following positions:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- QCPA Representative
- Fund Raising Chairperson
- Committee members

If you would like to be on this very active committee, please fill out the nomination form below and return it to the school by 3pm on the 19th of March, marked President Bray Park State High School P&C Association.

Peter Mullins - P&C President

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NOMINATION FOR THE BRAY PARK STATE HIGH SCHOOL P&C COMMITTEE 2007

I hereby nominate for the position of

Nominated by (Signature).....

Seconded by..... (Signature).....

Accepted by (Signature).....

Bray Park State High School Senior Leaders' Induction

On Friday, 23rd February, Bray Park State High School formally acknowledged their 2007 Senior Leaders in an induction ceremony held at the school's assembly hall. Attended by a large contingent of the student body, staff, parents and visiting dignitaries, the theme most prominently displayed by the leaders was to reach their full potential and improving the school community through their leadership.

Mrs Linda Lavarch, MLA and state member for Kurwongbah attended the proceedings, presenting badges to the school captains and President of the Student Council. "As Bray Park State High School is the only state secondary school in my electorate, I always like to be involved in any occasion," Mrs Lavarch commented.

Pictured from left to right are: Mrs Linda Lavarch, Student Council Vice-President Joshua MacPhail, School Captain Matthew Bot, School Captain Jessica Pascoe, School Captain Amanda Franklin, School Captain Shane Rabbitt and Student Council President Vladimir Pejovic.

Senior Leaders 2007

Bray Park State High School would like to congratulate the following school leaders for 2007.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS - Amanda Franklin, Jessica Pascoe, Matthew Bot, Shane Rabbitt

PRESIDENT - STUDENT COUNCIL - Vladimir Pejovic

VICE PRESIDENT - STUDENT COUNCIL - Joshua MacPhail

SECRETARY - STUDENT COUNCIL - Shannon Lucas

TREASURER - STUDENT COUNCIL - Frances Hobbs

SPORTS CAPTAINS - Emma Armitage, Elizabeth Pascoe, Russell Yesberg, Matthew Zgrajewski

SPORTING DEVELOPMENT SQUAD CAPTAINS - Kate Pascoe, Christopher Frost

STUDENT COUNCIL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

ENVIRONMENTAL - Hannah Leckenby
EXPO - Kaitlin Hartley
FUND RAISING - Kate Beasy
MAGAZINE - Alexis Elledge
SOCIAL - Candice Muller
STUDENT ISSUES and WELFARE - Sophie Law

PREFECTS

Emma Armitage, Eloise Barber, Kate Beasy, Matthew Bot, Jessica Coogan, Kristal Coogan, Kirsty Crookes, Holly De Jong, Derryn Eite, Alexis Elledge, Amanda Franklin, Frances Hobbs, Kaitlin Hartley, Sophie Law, Hannah Leckenby, Shannon Lucas, Sarah Mills, Candice Muller, Jacinta Mullins, Elizabeth Pascoe, Jessica Pascoe, Kate Pascoe, Vladimir Pejovic, Shane Rabbitt, Jasmine Rodman, Calum Rowcliffe, Rebecca Sayer, Toni Tomlinson, Lee Treadwell, Reece Temple, Tamara Williams, Irena Woodforth, Matthew Zgrajewski

HOUSE CAPTAINS

EARTH Anita Burke, Jessica Coogan, Holly De Jong, Jamie Bliesner
FIRE Eloise Barber, Candice Muller, Derryn Eite, Fraser Jose
RAIN Sophie Law, Niketa Meunier, Jacinta Mullins, Alexander Tait
WIND Tracey Quinn, Irena Woodforth, Elisaia Taufao, Lee Treadwell

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CAPTAIN - Reece Temple

BAND LEADERS - Rebecca Sayer, Tamara Williams, David Cox, Calum Rowcliffe

STRING ENSEMBLE LEADER - Sarah Mills

BAND / STRING SECTION LEADERS

FLUTE	Tiffany Rabbitt
CLARINET	Amber McBaron
SAXOPHONE	David Cox
TRUMPET	Shane Rabbitt
LOW BRASS	Jason Willis
PERCUSSION	Stephanie Beasy
RHYTHM SECTION	Luke Page
UPPER STRINGS	Zoe Stehn
LOWER STRINGS	Rebecca Sayer

HAIL excursion to Petrie Fire Station “Safehome” Centre

As a part of their Health and Independent Living (HAIL) studies, a group of Year 8 and 9 SEU students visited the Safehome Centre to learn about fire safety, and what to do in an emergency.

The visit proved to be very educational and a lot of fun as well. Mat and Dean dressed up in full fire-fighting gear including gas masks and oxygen tanks, and all of the students then had to escape a simulated house fire. Remember to get down low and GO, GO, GO!

The fire officers conducting the information session and activities were very impressed by the student's knowledge of home safety, their enthusiasm, and commented that their behaviour was the best they had seen at the centre.

Kimberley McDonald - SEU Teacher

An Invitation to come and vote for our School Uniforms

On behalf of the uniform committee currently in operation at this school, it is with great pleasure I make this progress report on the committee's brief to explore the school's uniform options.

- A recent survey was conducted amongst the parents, students and staff of our community. The consensus is that Bray Park SHS is ready for a change of uniform.
- Our aim is to produce a uniform that is environmentally responsible, functional for families (including washing, ironing and cost), practical for students and an attractive statement of our school's educational mission to the community.
- Overwhelmingly, black and white were the two primary colours preferred by the community, followed by the categories of greens and blues (without any distinct or clear-cut preference of particular greens or blues). Other clear preferences include the retention of a formal uniform, the retention of the official school logo, while the sport logo will be replaced by the official school logo on sports uniforms.
- **A Uniform Selection Forum will be held in the Common Room of the Administration Building for you to visit and vote between the hours of 2.30pm to 7.00pm on Wednesday, 14 March 2007.**
- It is expected that viewing time and the selection process will take less than 15 minutes of your time.
- The prototypes will include the current Bray Park SHS uniforms, as well as a series of new options.
- All valuable data from the survey will be used to inform the P & C and the school Administration of community opinion about school uniform policy.
- Your involvement and feedback in this next stage is critical.
- I shall be honest and frank with you when I say that, to date, our parents have been the least involved sub-group in our community. Please participate on the 14th March.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Brad Fox

Chair - Bray Park SHS Uniform Committee

BRAY PARK HIGH SOUL SINGERS

*Soul Singers had an awesome year last year and we have so much on again this year. Thank you to all who supported Soul Singers last year,
We look forward to your ongoing support again this year.*

A Big Warm Welcome to All our New Soul Singers for 2007

Term 1 Upcoming Events

Harmony Day - Wednesday 21st March

Easter Festival - Saturday 31st March

Primary School Visits (TBA)

Mrs Marie Sharp - Soul Singers Coordinator

UNIFORM FREE DAY

Tuesday 13 March 2007 - COLD COIN DONATION

RULES

- No offensive language or symbols on clothes
 - Enclosed shoes (no thongs)
 - Sun-safe clothing (sleeves)
 - Modest clothes – no mid-riffs to show
 - Make-up and jewellery policies still apply
 - Boys and girls are not to wear singlets
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Our Groundsman George Retires

A DEAREST FAREWELL TO “GEORGE TSOUKALAS”

AN ADMIRER, LOVED, RESPECTED MEMBER AND FRIEND OF THE BRAY PARK STATE HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY

It is with saddened and heavy hearts, yet hearts full of joy for George, that we farewell George as his life at Bray Park State High School draws to an end. Our wonderful grounds man and chef extraordinaire retired last week, and I am sure to thoroughly enjoy the next stage of his life.

The support you have given the student council over time, as recognized last year at the Awards Ceremony with the presentation of a new Barbecue, and very loud and strong words of praise from the students. You should be proud, very proud of this contribution. The endless hours spent by yourself on the grounds of Bray Park State High School, have ensured all of the community places to sit, relax, play sport and socialize in comfort and safety.

George, you have put your heart and soul into all member groups of our community through catering for major events like Sports Awards evenings, Christmas dinners and lunches, International Teacher's Day celebrations, stall luncheons and morning teas, student council fund-raisers, to name a few. This dedication from you was well and truly above the expected. Your country of origin, Greece, has enhanced your person, with times of high and exuberant emotion when you are passionate about making change or expecting our community to rise to your standards.

Community. George, you have been a true and faithful friend to the Bray Park State High School.

From a friend, who arrived at school, anywhere between 6am and 7 am, I thank you for the knowledge and comfort of knowing you were present and watching over me. Giving me and others unsolicited friendship and respect.

Have the most wonderful retirement George, and live life to the fullest, as I know you are able. Keep well and safe, live a long and fruitful life, enjoy your family and your wonderful wife.

On behalf of the Bray Park State High School Community, our profound thanks and love to you and yours, and sincere thanks for allowing us to have the pleasure of part of your life.

Congratulations and thanks to you, George!

Leonie Kearney

WINTER CRICKET

Boys and Girls wanted to play Junior Winter Cricket. Full competition with finals, for ages 12-16yrs. Qualified Umpires. A great opportunity to develop your skills. For information call Barry Horne 3283 6168 or 0404 071017

Year 8 1988 to Year 12 1992

15 Year School Reunion

7pm - Saturday 3rd November 2007 at the Normanby Hotel

Tickets \$20 including finger food and entertainment

Please call 3267 8056

or email thetracefamily@optusnet.com.au for details

NEXT P&C MEETING
Monday 19 March 2007 - at 7.00pm

BASKETBALL QUEENSLAND- After School Basketball Program

21 and 28 March and 4 April 2007. 4pm – 5.30pm - \$4.00 each session.

South Pine Sports Complex – Eatons Crossing and South Pine Roads, Brendale.

Pine Rivers Development Officer – Elise Barton – 0403 244314

www.basketballqld.net.au www.pines.basketball.net.au

Pine Rivers St. Andrews Hockey Club Inc.

For any interested girls aged between 5 and 17 years. Please come to training on Wednesday nights between 6.30 and 7.30pm or contact 3264 2511 or 3325 3370. South Pine Sports Complex, Eatons Crossing and South Pine Road, Brendale.

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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 1 – 2007

12 March	Year 8 Immunisation
13 March	Uniform Free Day
13 March	Instrumental Music Badge Evening
14 March	Uniform Forum
19 March	P & C MEETING
19-21 March	Year 12 RST Camp
21 March	School Social
24-25 March	Relay for Life
26-28 March	Year 8 Camp – Activities at School
26-30 March	EXAM WEEK
2-5 April	Year 11 and 12 Work Placement
4 April	Year 8 Parent Afternoon – Music, Open Block and Afternoon Tea
5 April	LAST DAY OF TERM 1
6-13 April	Easter Holidays
9-18 April	New Zealand Trip – Social Science Group

TERM 2 – 2007

16 April	STUDENT FREE DAY – MONDAY
16 April	P & C MEETING
17 April	School Resumes – TUESDAY
18 April	Year 12 Drama Night Excursion
24 April	Anzac Day Ceremony
25 April	ANZAC DAY
26 April	Year 9 SOSE B,D,F,G Excursions