



## 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 were 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 shoe requirement. All winter clothes must adhere to the school winter uniform. Jumpers and track pants are already available from the uniform shop. During the two year 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 are 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 applies:

- 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.



**PERSONAL APPEARANCE:** 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.

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.

**Full details can be found in the 2008 Student Diary that all students were given at the start of the year. Replacement Diary may be purchased from the office for \$6. The diaries offer a wealth of information on such things as school policies, tracking of homework and guidelines for assessment and school procedures.**

### **U-TUBE / MY SPACE / BEBO WEBSITE USE**

The internet can be a wonderful educational and recreational tool. Unfortunately it can also be misused and many schools, including Bray Park, have had disturbing comments placed on sites at times. I know I have the school community's support that severe consequences will be imposed if abusive comments or pictures about the school, students or teachers appear. Suspensions will be imposed and Recommendation for Exclusion will apply where deemed appropriate.

I would encourage all parents to be aware of these websites and of the harm and damage to reputations through inappropriate website use.

As a school community, Bray Park has zero tolerance for cowardly attacks on others through websites.

Kate Abernethy  
Principal

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT MARCH 2008**

On Monday night, the 17<sup>th</sup> March, we held our Annual General Meeting, which I must say was well attended. The new executives for 2008 are as follows:

<b>President</b>	Peter Mullins
<b>Vice President</b>	Robert Franklin
<b>Vice President</b>	Gordon Elledge
<b>Secretary</b>	Narelle Rowcliffe
<b>Treasurer</b>	Alison Park

I would like to say thank you to these parents for taking on such an important role in the school for 2008.

At this stage, I would like to say thank you to our outgoing Secretary and Treasurer, Sharon Rabbitt and Alison Hagaman. They have done a great job over the years in these demanding positions.

### **RELAY FOR LIFE**

The annual Relay for Life will be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> April at the Lawnton Showgrounds. If any parents can help on the night, please let me know on 0412 751 308. It means staying overnight to supervise the students taking part.

### **WORKING BEE**

The first working bee will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> April from 8am to 12noon at the school grounds. If any parents can help, please ring Mr Ken Evans on 3881 6666, then bring yourself to the school and jobs will be allocated.

### **UNIFORMS**

All prepaid uniforms are at the school, ready for collection. We now have plenty of stock.

### **PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Interviews will be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April from 3.30pm. Booking sheets will be available soon.

We had a great meeting and a lot of helpful information was passed on to us from the Principal about what the challenges teachers and students face each day. If you want to find out what is happening in the School, the P & C Meeting is the place that you will find out.

Our next meeting will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> April at 7.00pm in the Staff Common Room.

Peter Mullins  
P & C President



## **Senior Schooling news:**

### **Destination Survey for school leavers of 2007:**

Bray Park State High School carries out a Destination survey each year of the Year 12 students from the previous year. I would like to thank our Work Placement Coordinator, Simone Schmierer, for contacting all of our Year 12 students of 2007.

33% of students are now completing University/ TAFE courses, 17% are in Apprenticeships/ Traineeships, 35% of students are in full time or part time work, 8.5% are in the Army, completing a Gap year or no contact was able to be made, and only 7% are currently unemployed. The results are fantastic: it demonstrates that there are many varied career pathways for our students and how they are taking advantage of these.

### **The Next Step survey:**

The Queensland Government will again be conducting its annual state-wide destination survey of all students who completed Year 12, or equivalent, in 2007. The Next Step survey is a brief confidential survey that aims to gain a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school leavers.

Any person who completed Year 12, or equivalent, last year can expect to receive a telephone call or a paper-based survey by mail, between March and May 2008. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate in the survey. Thankyou for your support of the Next Step survey in 2008.

For more information, visit [www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/) or telephone on (07) 3237 0080.

### **Interim reporting of Lifeskills:**

There will be no reporting of Year 8 to 12 Lifeskills for the Interim Report of Term 1, 2008. Students have Lifeskills one lesson per week and as this has been a short and interrupted term with Easter, reporting will occur at the end of Semester 1 and Semester 2 for Yr 8 to 11 Lifeskills. Year 12 students prepare for the QCS Test in Year 12 Lifeskills; therefore there will not be any reporting of Year 12 Lifeskills in 2008.

Karenne Haygarth  
Senior Schooling Head of Department

## **THE ARTS NEWS**

Term 1, 2008 has been an enjoyable term for the Arts. We welcome Mr Robert Adamson, Miss Ema-lea Moore, Ms Kari Richter and Mrs Louise Arthy to our team in Music, Drama and Instrumental Music.

Our year 12 Drama students have entertained audiences already this term with student devised political theatre performances. They explored the issues of "Sex in the Media" and "Religious Persecution".

Our year 11 students have had a great time perfecting the art of improvisation and we look forward to their assessment next week.

In Instrumental Music this week, students entertained parents at the annual Parent Information Evening where the audience enjoyed "The Phantom of the Opera" and "Watermelon Man" by Hervey Hancock.

Senior Art students are off to the Gallery of Modern Art to view the Andy Warhol retrospective and the Ministers Art Award Exhibition on the 28<sup>th</sup> March and all Art students are busily creating masterpieces of their own.

Music students are enjoying the challenges of composing music to silent black and white films and performing in small ensembles. We look forward to the first Music Extension concert of the year on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 5:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Annette Fanning (Ms)  
Acting HOD The Arts

## **SCIENCE NEWS**

In a repeat of previous years, Bray Park SHS Science Department was pleased to host three visiting classes of Year 6 students from Strathpine West SS recently. The students were given hands on opportunities to participate in practical work dealing with "Energy Topics", in a real laboratory setting. We hope this enhanced their learning of science and continues to develop close Primary/ Secondary links in our Cluster. The students appeared to really enjoy their experience.

Thanks go to staff and parents of Strathpine West SS, Mr Heazlewood, Mr Lewis and Mrs Shearer from Bray Park and to those Year 11 science students who aided the demonstrations. We look forward to further contacts in the future.

Tony Parry (Acting HOD-Science).

## ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

The English Department has a busy calendar of events confirmed for 2008. Year 8 students recently watched an Arts Council performance of *The Stones*- a powerful contemporary drama about two teenagers making poor choices and their tragic, life changing consequences. Year 12 Senior English students will soon be attending *Ruby Moon*, a contemporary black comedy at the Billie Brown Studio at Southbank. Students are reminded to return their permission slips and payments to the office as soon as possible. As this performance will be the stimulus for an exam, it is advised that if they have any difficulties with the ticket payment they are to see Mrs Goodrum.

Later in the year, dramatic performances have also been scheduled for the Year 8's, 10's and 10/11 English Communication students.

Last Tuesday evening, the school hosted the Apex High Schools Public Speaking Competition. Eva Bevan, Tiffany Rabbitt, Sky Hopkins, Lonneke Bevan and Kirsty Rowcliffe represented our school and performed wonderfully on the night. The quality of speeches and diverse range of topics provided the judging panel with a challenge when deciding upon an overall winner. Runner-up was Sky Hopkins who presented a rousing speech on her love of sport. Winner on the night, and regional representative at the Brisbane finals was Lonneke Bevan who spoke on the virtues of the common toothbrush. Congratulations to all the girls involved.

The Young Achievers Gifted and Talented Program gets underway this week. This is an exciting new program focusing on developing student skills enabling them to work on a project that will indeed challenge them and make them think 'outside the box'. Our involvement in a range of competitions will continue to challenge our students. The ICAS International English Competition is always positively received by students and for the last two years the Dorothea Mackellar National Poetry Competition has seen some of our students work shortlisted. For further details, students are advised to speak to their English Teacher.

Tracey Goodrum  
HOD English & LOTE



Eva Bevan, Kirsty Rowcliffe, Tiffany Rabbitt, Lonneke Bevan and Sky Hopkins  
Apex High Schools Public Speaking Competition

### **News from the French Quarter**

Things have been going very well with the three classes currently studying French: 8A, 8C and 8E. Last month, we all enjoyed making our French Valentine's Day cards. 8A recently enjoyed a visit from Year 11's Lonneke Bevan, who entertained them with stories and pictures of her trip to Europe. She even wore a beret and a Moulin Rouge t-shirt!

Plans are also afoot for 8A to correspond with some French penpals from the Champagne city of Epernay. Classes 8C and 8E will soon be working to complete a French-themed artwork that can be displayed around the school, and we all look forward to learning boules and watching a French animated film. Keep up the great work, Year Eights! Vous êtes formidables!

Madame Washington  
LOTE Department

## **COME AND JOIN US!**

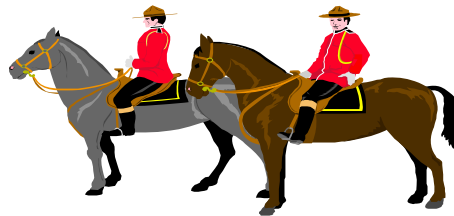
There are some wonderful events parents are invited to so that they can get to know the Bray Park High Community and be with their children.

**On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April we are having an old fashioned School Working Bee.** Starting at 8am and finishing at 12 noon parents, staff and students work together to make our school even better. Morning tea is prepared by the principal. We have a great time and get a lot of satisfaction with our hands-on approach. Parents are very welcome. Year 11 and 12 students are welcome without parents but all students of 10, 9 and 8 must be accompanied by a supervising parent for safety reasons. Please let Mr Ken Evans, Deputy Principal, know on 3881 6666 if you can come for an hour or two or three.

## **ANZAC DAY MARCH**

Bray Park State High School will be involved with the ANZAC Day Parade on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April at Kallangur. Students wishing to march will need to be at Kallangur KFC car park by 7.45am. The school will take their place in the parade by 8.15am and march off at 8.30am sharp with students in **full School Formal Uniform**.

The parade finishes at North's Leagues and Services Club, Kallangur at approximately 9.30am and students can then be collected, or if they wish they may stay for the service which will finish around 10.30am. Parents are welcome to stay and watch the parade and to attend the service if they wish.



**The ANZAC DAY Ceremony at School is held on Monday 28 April during Morning Assembly & Period 1**

## **AEROSOL CANS AND ASTHMA**

All parents are asked to check that students are not bringing aerosol spray cans to school. We have many students with asthma and several are highly sensitive to such sprays. On more than one occasion ambulances have had to be called for students who have collapsed because someone has used a can near others. Such attacks can be life threatening.

School Assemblies and Daily Notices have informed students that all aerosol cans are banned at Bray Park State High School. They are just too dangerous to have around students.

## Olympic website just for children

The Australian Olympic Committee has launched a website to help all primary school students get involved with the Beijing Olympics.

The site – BK Zone – offers comprehensive resources for students aged 5-12 years and features free activities and competitions.

The BK Zone - the web home of the Boxing Kangaroo - encourages students to feel part of the Australian team by getting healthy and active, and to learn and live the values of the Olympic movement.

Students also have the opportunity to chat online with Australian Olympians, and have their artwork decorate the Australian athletes' apartments in Beijing.

The Olympic Games is far more than a sporting event. It links with many parts of the curriculum and this website provides varied activities for schools looking for ways to capitalise on student interest in the Olympics in the lead-up to the Beijing Games.

Go to:

<http://www.bkzone.com.au/>

The BK Zone is also available by clicking on the link at the official Australian Olympic Committee website:

<http://www.olympics.com.au/>

### WINTER CRICKET

Players needed to fill U14 and U16 teams for Winter Cricket. This is a REAL competition with finals!

Matches are played on Saturday afternoons from 11:45am – 4:30pm with qualified umpires. Full coaching and bowling machines are available for training.

Season starts 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in May and finishes in August 2008.

If anyone is interested in playing Winter Cricket, please contact Barry Horne on (07) 3283 6168 or 0404 071 017.

### GOOD NEIGHBOURS

All students are asked to remember that Bray Park State High School has neighbours. All students coming and going to school must respect the properties they pass on the way to school. Do not litter or break branches off trees. Show the Bray Park Spirit by saying hello and by being a good neighbour.

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

## TERM 1 – 2008

21 March	Good Friday Public Holiday
24 March	Easter Monday Public Holiday
26 March	School Social
31 March-04 April	Year 11 & 12 Work Placement
05 April-13 April	School holidays

## TERM 2 – 2008

14 April	Student Free Day
16 April	Year 12 Drama Excursion
19 April	Working Bee 8am- 12pm
21 April	P & C Meeting
21 April-24 April	Instrumental Music Camp
22 April	Parent – Teacher Interviews
25 April	Anzac Day Public Holiday
	Anzac Day March at Kallangur
26-27 April	Relay for Life
28 April	Anzac Ceremony Assembly & Period 1

### SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

From 8.00am to 4.00pm – Monday to Friday – During School Term  
From 7.30am to 3.30pm – Last day of School Term

**NEXT P&C MEETING**  
Monday 21 April 2008  
at 7.00pm

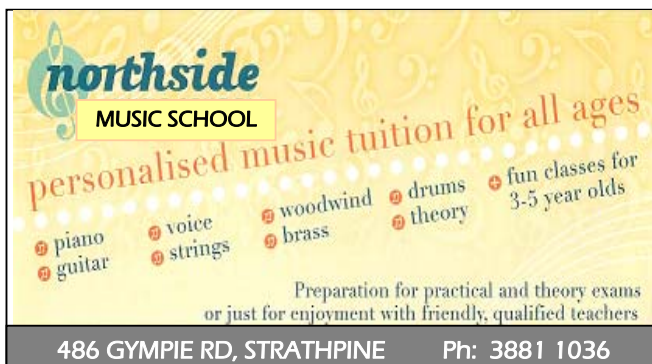
**Chaplain - Tim Sweetman**  
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[tim@bridgeman.org.au](mailto:tim@bridgeman.org.au)  
*At school on*  
Monday and Friday  
9am-11am  
Wednesday and Thursday  
8am-3pm

**BPSHS Student Services**  
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[www.brayparkshs.eq.edu.au](http://www.brayparkshs.eq.edu.au)  
Newsletter produced fortnightly and is on  
the school Website

**UNIFORM SHOP HOURS**  
During School Term from Monday 4 Feb 2008  
Monday and Friday 8.15am - 10.15am  
Thursday 2pm - 4pm

**Change of Address Details**  
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