



ECHO



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HSC—WELL DONE

A fine effort from all students and staff in the 2007 HSC examination. Our highlights included rapidly growing proportions of students in the Bands 5 and 6. **We have never had more students in these top bands before!** Equally we have dramatically reduced the number of students below Band 3. Our school has a powerful ethic of *Band 3 and Beyond* in all public examinations.

Mathew Hutton was our Dux. Our Standard English results (75 students) were above State Average as they were in Society and Culture, Hospitality and our General Mathematics results were very impressive, also eclipsing State average performance.

We continue to have great challenges ahead and are positioning ourselves for a continuation of the remarkable work from 2007.

STAFF CHANGES FOR 2008

Every year in schools you celebrate the achievements of staff and recognise that in a workforce as large as ours that staff seek promotion, transfer and other challenges. The following changes will occur in 2008:

- Chris Pendergast—appointed new Head Teacher Industrial Arts (from St Clair HS). Chris also teaches senior Computing Studies courses.
- Peter Munsie—appointed new

- Head Teacher Welfare
- Emma Grealy has been appointed as a permanent replacement for Anne Knoke who moves to another school.
- New Mathematics Teacher—Mitchell Prentice
- New PD/H/PE Teacher—Jessica Morris
- New HSIE Teacher—Lavinia Sullivan
- Ms Navdeep Gill replaces Ms Thommeny temporarily in the Support Unit
- New Technology Support Position (Shared Teacher with St Clair HS)—Chris Albertsen
- Ms Tue Moy and Ms Alison Billiards return to us from maternity leave and will share a Science position. Ms Saleh will cover the other Science position
- Natali Radenkovic —will join us as an additional mobile staff member in English in 2008
- Lucy Chen—a new Chinese teacher for a new initiative with our feeder primary schools
- Hanadi Macinante replaces Colin Newell who moves to another school.

In addition, we have established a new position: Quality Teaching and Learning Coordinator (Bellinda Boyd) which will support the quest for improved results in the school. I have established this to further strengthen our results.

CANTEEN

Please be aware that all students who attend every

SCHOOL 'CLUES'

Erskine Park High School values:

Consideration
Learning
Understanding
Environment
Safety

day across the term are eligible for the School Canteen's 100% Attendance Award to the value of \$50 which is drawn on the morning of the last day of term each and every term. If not present—redraw! We thank Lisa and Roslyn for their generosity in rewarding our very best attenders! There are TWO awards EVERY Term.



ALEX SOARE (YEAR 12)

Alex (pictured below) has recently received a prestigious Science award for the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Fellowship. Congratulations!

2008 P&C MEETING DATES TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY

Monday 25/2, 31/3, 28/4, 26/5, 30/6, 28/7, 25/8, 22/9, 27/10, 24/11
7.00pm in School Administration



UNIFORM SHOP

The School Uniform Shop is open during Term times:

Tuesdays 8.30am—1.30pm

AND

Fridays 12.00pm—1.30pm

(Shop is located at the front of the hall near to the canteen)

Phone number: 1300 553 832

Fax number: 1800 739 832

PRESENTATION NIGHT 2007

Late in 2007, our annual School Presentation Night saw Colin McKenzie (pictured on previous page) receive the prestigious Erskine Park High School Medal. Colin was a long term employee at the school and his standard of work and pride in his effort made him a stand out recipient.

LATENESS TO SCHOOL - CRACKDOWN

I am particularly heartened by the immense support of parents concerning our 2008 school target of improving attendance and student lateness to school. This is a strong indicator of likely academic success and something valued highly by the school and the staff.

From this year, if students are late to school, they will be given two chances and on the third and any subsequent time they are late they will complete a half lunch detention for this, supervised by a Head Teacher. If it is a genuine instance of lateness we require a note on the day from parents. Thanks.

FRIDGE MAGNET CALENDARS

Our 2008 version is will be made available again through the Term 1 mail out in 2008. Some extremely positive feedback from our parents and community has been received about his planner. Thank you for your ongoing positive support.

SCHOOL MANAGEMENT PLAN 2008

The P&C have recently ratified this plan for 2008. We are focusing on some key areas of development:

- **An Enriched Culture of Higher Achievement**
- **Stronger Numeracy Outcomes For Students**
- **Enhanced Use and Delivery of Technology**
- **Greater Proactive Student Welfare/ Middle Years Engagement**
- **Strengthened Learning Community**
- **Enhanced School Environment**

PARENT SURVEY

A new parent survey will be sent home by mail with the newsletter in mid

Term One. We are seeking your ideas and evaluation of our current progress. Please fill it in and return it to the front office or directly to the Principal.

ST MARYS RSL SCHOLARSHIPS

Pictured below is Mr Grant Kelly (Head Teacher of HSIE) who in 2007 oversaw the annual RSL Scholarship scheme. Successful students in this process were Michelle Ryan, Taryn Ventura and Mary Gacuma (Year 11 2008). Well done to all of them on their initiative and hard work.

Have a great term.

Tim McCallum
(Principal).

