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Putting Youth in the Picture

As mentioned in Mr. Wease’s section of the newsletter last week, this week we commenced this program with our Year 12 group. I would encourage all families with students in this year level to take some time over the weekend, if possible, to have a chat to them about their first impressions of the program and their initial response/reaction to the content.

It is envisaged that the program will be delivered over five such sessions occurring intermittently between now and the end of Term 3 this year. As a culminating activity to this program, we will be holding a Community Forum on this topic early in Term 4 and during the year we will remind families of this, as well as passing on particulars of this forum as we get closer to the date.

It is hoped that some of the student group will be able to attend this forum, to act as facilitators, in sharing with the wider community their perceptions and opinions of the range of strategies discussed and how all of us can help our young people safeguard themselves to some extent as they move through the later parts of their adolescent development and on into adulthood in the coming years.

We will also be commencing this program with our Year 11 group in the coming weeks and would encourage these families as well to try and make time to start a conversation around the topics discussed in this program and how best to respond to issues raised. As always I would encourage families who may have queries arising out of these discussions, to contact me at your convenience to talk through these further.

University Showcase

As mentioned previously, the showcase will be coming to our school next Monday from 1.45pm to 3.00pm and interested members of the community families are invited to join the Year 12s and staff at this exhibition to be held in the Matthew Horan Centre.

A range of future learning and vocational providers will be present to chat with those present and answer any questions that we may have related to pathways post Year 12.

As families who have had older children move through the College previously would know, gaining access to such personnel and knowledge in the past normally meant spending quite an amount of time and money travelling to the relevant Campuses. Fortunately last year we were offered the wonderful opportunity to host the showcase and in doing so we have been availed
access to a much wiser number of representatives within the confines of our own school grounds.

With this in mind, I would like to thank all of the service providers for involving themselves in the showcase and specifically thank the University of the Sunshine Coast for coordinating the visit and making such an opportunity available to our community.

A list of the exhibitors on show has been included below and I would encourage any families with queries regarding this visit to contact me at school on Friday or next Monday.

University of the Sunshine Coast
University of Queensland
Queensland University of Technology
Bond University
CQ University
Griffith University
University of Southern Queensland
James Cook University
Australian Catholic University
Sunshine Coast TAFE
Australian Defence Force
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University Showcase

Following the washout of our first attempt to host the showcase, we were successful in doing so on Monday afternoon. A slightly reduced number of exhibitors were kind enough to reschedule us and the students found their input very beneficial as they continue to consider their options post school.

On behalf of our community, I would like to thank those representatives present for rescheduling us into their very busy timetables and especially to the University of the Sunshine Coast for coordinating the Showcase and offering us a chance to host this very special gathering again this year. Hopefully this will be an ongoing opportunity afforded to our school community.

Defence Force Visit

Unfortunately, due to prior scheduling, the Defence Forces representatives were not able to attend the Showcase on Monday but they have notified us that they will make a special visit to the College to meet with interested students and their families. This meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 27 from approximately 2.15pm through to 3.00pm. We have not yet finalized the venue for this meeting but I will notify students and their families of this as soon as it has been decided. As always, if you have queries regarding this visit, please contact me at school.

Community Forum – Wednesday, March 21

A reminder that our first forum for the year is on next Wednesday starting with “drinks and nibblies” in our Sacred Heart Building from 5.15pm. The main topic for discussion is the College’s new P & F Contribution Policy and how families can take advantage of this program to reduce their fees and also be of assistance to the staff in enriching the learning opportunities offered to our children. I really hope we get a great turnout and encourage you to try to bring a friend or family member if you have already decided to attend. We look forward to seeing as many families represented as possible and we promise to be both hospitable and have you on your way home no later than 6.30pm. See you there.
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Defence Forces Visit

As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, we are fortunate enough to have representatives from the Forces visiting the College next week following their inability to be present for the rescheduled University Showcase last week.

This information and discussion session will be held next Tuesday, March 27 from 2.15pm to 3.00pm in SH13. All interested students and their families are invited to attend. If students can notify me of your intention to attend by Tuesday morning that would be very much appreciated. For those family members who are unsure where SH13 is please come via the main office upon arrival and we can give you further directions from there.

As always, if you have any queries relating to this session, please contact the school office.

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Defence Forces GAP Year – 2013

Applications for this program open on 2 April and close on 16 April. For more information or to commence your application, please ring Defence Force Recruiting on 131901.

If you would like to discuss this opportunity further, please leave a message with the office during the holidays and I will return your call as soon as possible.