

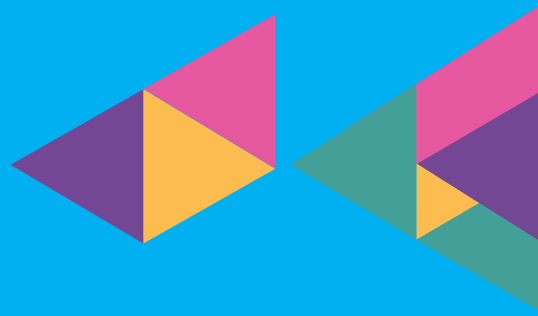
Youth

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"Stories of young people achieving great things in our region"



Welcome to the Youth Chronicles Magazine

Here you can find the latest news direct from our region's young people.

This publication is produced through a partnership between the region's high schools and youth service providers and is proudly supported by Bundaberg Regional Council. The Youth Chronicles will be released three times during 2018 in April, July and October and will contain stories about some of the great things our region's young people are doing and achieving.

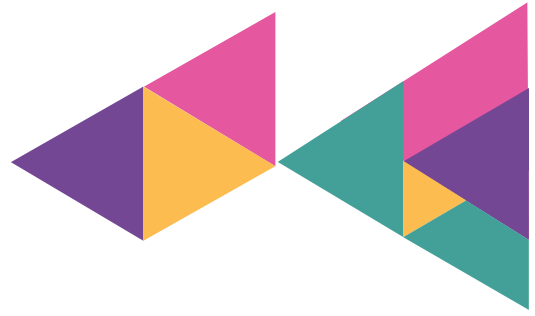
Through region-wide collaboration stories will be shared not only from our regions high school students, but also from those young people who are no longer attending school. Every high school in the region has been given the opportunity to provide two pages for each edition, with many schools getting the students involved in designing the pages, writing the stories and taking the photos. Youth service providers are also providing stories and photos which are compiled on two pages.

The Youth Chronicles magazine will be made available online at www.bundaberg.qld.gov.au/youth. An electronic copy will be sent to each school to share and a limited number will be printed and distributed throughout the community.

As this is our first year of The Youth Chronicles, we would really appreciate your feedback on the content and quality along with your thoughts on the projects youth have been involved in. The feedback is valuable in ensuring continuous improvement as well as allowing the young people in our community to hear a different narrative about their contributions in the community they live.

To provide feedback or if you would like more information, please contact our Youth Development Officer on 1300 883 699 or youth@bundaberg.qld.gov.au





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ISIS DISTRICT

State High School

PREPARING PATHWAYS, HONOURING TRADITIONS

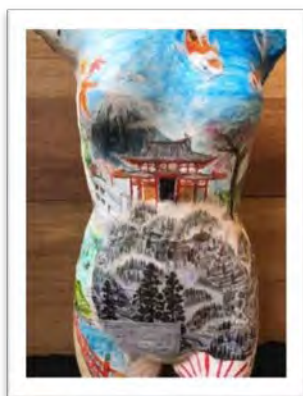
Creativity on show

Creative Generation Excellence Award

By Tianni Hooper

The Creative Generation Excellence Awards in Visual Art recognise and promote excellence in senior visual art education throughout Queensland schools. Teachers submit artworks to a panel who identify artworks of excellence. Isis District State High School submitted two students this year and they are Raim Badri (Year 12) and myself - Tianni Hooper (Year 11). To the great surprise of both of us, both works were selected to be exhibited across Queensland.

As a 16 year old aspiring artist, I think this is an incredible movement to be a part of as it opens up many possibilities for the future. Creative Generation has put an extremely special opportunity forth for young artists like myself and I am incredibly thankful for it. I'm looking forward to the opening and can't wait to see how the exhibition comes together!



Raim Badri's Artwork



Tianni Hooper's Artwork

Songbirds of Childers Experiences

#1 By Tracey Hoffmann

My experience with the Songbirds of Childers began in 2017, the crush festival workshop provided an opportunity for women living in rural and regional communities to develop and perform an original song of their own. With my own passion for singing and the persuasion from my family and friends, I found myself at Vintners Secret Winery, along with many other passionate, strong and empowering women, who also had an interest in song writing and performing. That day

I collaborated with two other members to create the song "Shining Girl," which tells a story of a mother's relationship with her daughter and the circle of life.

After everyone completed their songs, together we performed at Paragon Theatre, Vintner's Secret Winery, the WOW (Women Of the World) festival (where the opportunity arose to sing for the Canadian Government) and the crush festival representatives / producers in Bundaberg. This amazing workshop allowed the Songbirds including myself, to influence others through song, express themselves and most of all empower and support each other throughout the process. It has been such an amazing opportunity, not only to have created and perform my own song, but to have met and listened to such wonderful ladies who each have a unique story of their own.

#2 By Meleaka Baldwin

My Women of the World (WOW) experience started with the Song Birds of Childers. This was a part of a project to get isolated women in the Childers community to create a safe group for ladies of all backgrounds to come and share their stories. While I was there I wrote a song and dedicated it to a dear friend of mine who lost her life to suicide. I wanted to write a song that wasn't about being sad but about acknowledging her absence, accepting it and then learning to move on. The Song Birds of Childers then got the opportunity to sing at the WOW Festival which celebrates women everywhere. This enabled me to stand on stage with these women I had only known for a few short weeks and, not only share my stories, but also help them share theirs. This experience helped me to create strong ties with the women within this group.



Tracey singing at Brisbane Powerhouse; Meleaka is third from left.

Childers to Germany: Science Bridging the Gap

By Michael Bagnall

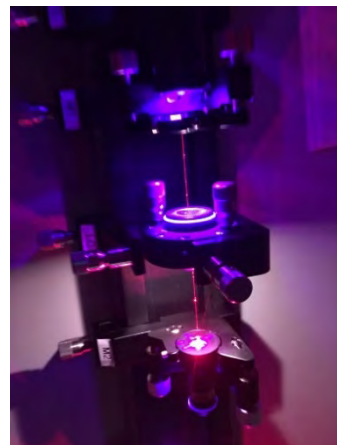
This year started out with a bang when just two days in I attended the **2018 National Youth Science Forum** in Canberra. This was a two-week camp that obviously had a very big emphasis on science which is a passion of mine, especially physics. Not only was it about science though, but also about social and cultural interaction. There were 199 other very like-minded young people there and over the two weeks, although we were a big group, we formed a bond and mateship that I can't quite describe.



In Canberra we were told of international science programs, which at the time I brushed off as something that was; out of my price range, out of my league, and all round just too much effort for a very low likelihood of any positive outcome, but once I landed back in Hervey Bay I realised that as hard as it may be I really wanted it and so I applied for the international programs. A month or two after applying, I received my acceptance email to attend the **Xlab International Science Camp in Göttingen Germany** along with just two other young people from around Australia and around 30 people worldwide.



This camp had much more of a university feel to it. During the day we would go to the Xlab where we took part in lectures and experiments about whichever topic we had chosen for that week. For me it was fossil fuels and alternative energy sources, followed by laser physics and finally astrophysics. Not only were we taught about these subjects, but we had a hands-on experience with equipment that schools just don't have access to. In the first week for the energy sources, a stand out activity was synthesizing working biodiesel and then analysing its components. For laser physics, we designed and assembled a laser without much assistance from the staff there. Finally, in the last week in astrophysics, my favourite of all, we made and assembled a working telescope that we then used to analyse the composition of the sun's corona.



With a much smaller group than NYSF, we all knew each other on a much more personal level. I've made good friends with people from South-Korea, Catalonia, Poland, Taiwan, Israel, New Zealand and a few more countries. This camp was hands down the most amazing opportunity I've ever had, and I doubt anything will quite equal its magnitude.

Discipline and Dedication: Students Shine at State Titles

By Brooke Fitz-Gibbon

The 10th Annual Traditional Shotokan Karate-Do Federation Queensland championships were held in August. Isis District SHS had eight students train and compete. The three day training seminar, which one of the Japanese Instructors: Ryozo Hirata Sensei took, was very intense and informative training. It was an amazing experience learning and understanding how serious the Japanese take the karate lifestyle.

Saturday the 25th August was competition day, we had trained hard for the three days prior so everything was fresh in our heads ready to do our best for comp day! It started at 8am, coloured belts started, the day ending with the black

belts. The Childers Club had 24 competitors (group photo) and there was a total of 94 competitors. The categories are Kata (a sequence of moves in a particular order), Kumite (fighting), Team Kata (three in a team doing the same sequence of moves).



Jodie Fitz-Gibbon also received a Spirit Award (photo).



Lachlan Craven	10-7 Kyu	Yellow Belt	3rd in Kumite	
Charlotte Early	6-4 Kyu	Purple Belt	1st in Kumite	2nd in Kata
Brooke Fitz-Gibbon	Open Women's	Black belt	1st in Kata	1st in Kumite
Kate Fitz-Gibbon	under 18yrs	Black Belt	1st in Kata	1st in Kumite
Jodie Fitz-Gibbon	under 13yrs	Black Belt	2nd in Kata	1st in Kumite
Isla Hill	under 13 yrs	Black Belt		
Peta Loveland	10-7 Kyu	Yellow Belt	2nd in Kata	2nd in Kumite
Jordan Pershouse	3-1 Kyu	Brown Belt		3rd in Kumite



OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

OUTSTANDING FUTURES

North Bundaberg *State High School* 2018

The students of 2018

Making a difference

North High students in term 3 have been involved in some incredible things...

Award winner for RDAA!

Student Billie Morgan has made some outstanding achievements this year with her volunteering efforts and passion for coaching. Riding for the Disabled Association Australia (RDAA) is a voluntary, nonprofit organisation which provides opportunities for anyone with a disability to enjoy safe, healthy stimulating, therapeutic, horse-related activities in Australia. Diagnosed with Irlen Syndrome herself, Billie has been able to be more understanding towards the riders and their struggles. She has recently won two awards in Riding for the Disabled Australia (RDAA). Her first award was won back in June, this was the 2018 RDAA National Coaches Video Competition for her video promoting my RDA Centre & why I love coaching, (<https://youtu.be/JtqxWlkc5V0>). She

was awarded a free ticket to the RDA National Coaches Conference in Geelong which she attended recently

with her mum & older sister in late September. The second award she won was in September, the 2018 RDAA Young Volunteer of the Year Award for her outstanding contribute to Bundaberg RDA & Promoting RDA. She will receive this award on the 2nd of November in Adelaide. On top of her amazing achievements, Billie has completed the first level of coaching in RDA, Orientation To Coaching (OTC) just over a year ago when she reached the age requirement of 16. She is currently studying Level 1 where she can go for assessment at the age of 18.



Katherine Canavan



Ellisa Harris



Grade 10 ceramics

Each year Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery shines a spotlight on our regions young artists, and on the vitality of arts education in our schools. Emerge 2018 is packed with innovation, emotion, expression and energy, in artworks that will challenge and excite you. The gallery goes to all the high schools throughout Bundaberg, viewing hundreds of artworks where only a select few may be chosen. Each student is very lucky to have been selected. A selection of ceramic pieces were chosen from our grade ten's, Shar Heidke, Zenaya Lowther, Nakita Geiszler, Dimica Cowan and Alice way. A grade 11/12 class piece was chosen along with two canvas pieces from year 12 student Ellisa Harris and two pieces from year 12 student Katherine Canavan.

A year 8 star

Byron Lerch has represented the school of North Bundaberg High with pride and dignity through his voluntary contribution to a variety of cultural and academic practices. His efforts have not gone unnoticed as he has set an example for all students throughout the school and has done so in a mature and positive manner.

This year, Byron took part in the school concert band, playing alto saxophone, as well as playing for the school soccer team. In so doing this, Byron has taken countless hours out of his free time to show up to games, concerts, trainings and rehearsals, while encouraging others to attend at the same time. He has also taken part in a range of mathematics competitions,

receiving distinctions for most. Byron captained the North High QAMT team, winning the first round and placing third in the second Wide-Bay round. Furthermore, Byron Lerch was selected as joint secretary for the school's Junior Student Council and has played a crucial role in keeping the meetings organised, writing minutes, sending out e-mails and collating agenda items. This year, Byron has gone far above the call of duty as a year 8 student, volunteering his time to the image that North High puts out to the community of Bundaberg. He has done so in an organised, quirky and optimistic manner, and even though he has done so much already, he will not stop until the final bell on the last day of school for the year.

Kerrod Box is a year 11 student that has been dancing with at the local TNT Dance Studio for six years now, participating in various jazz, contemporary and ballet routines throughout his time. This year Kerrod has stepped up to teach two different classes of junior dancers – one being a 'Recreational Jazz Concert Work' class for students aged 9 – 12yrs, and another being an 'Intermediate Arco-Dance' class for students aged 8 – 11yrs. Though this is his first year of teaching juniors, he "thoroughly enjoys" helping, leading and teaching the young students. – Year 11 student Geogia Haupt

Blake Saffy is a year 11 student that decided to teach himself to play the piano towards the end of 2016. Blake enjoys playing the piano and has since performed many times on parade, in front of the school audience. In week four of this year's first term, Blake decided to give free piano lessons to the school students during his lunch times. He said that he is a part of the Young Achievers Scholarship, which requires him to "contribute/influence his community". When asked how his piano lessons have helped people, he said that the lessons "inspired other students to learn a musical instrument". Moreover, playing a musical instrument is known to have many mental benefits, such as improving cognitive function, which is of great benefit to school students. – Year 11 Student Geogia Haupt

Equestrian Stars



Over the 23rd to the 25th of August Demi Lloyd-Jones, Amy Cronin and Madi Ormond attended Fraser Coast Inter-school Equestrian Competition. Over the duration of the three days, the girls competed in a

series of events including Show Jumping, Dressage, Sporting, an Extreme Trail, and much more. The girls were very successful, all taking home ribbons. Amy, Madi and Demi all stated that it was a very enjoyable and memorable experience that they will never forget, and are eager to compete again next year, hopefully having a few more members from the school coming along. They wanted to send out a big thanks to Ms Williams (team manager) for being a great help, giving lots of moral support and just overall making everything happen.

Connor Taylor-Snape

A year 9 leader

Alexander White became one of the Junior School Captains for the Student Council this year. He says it has been a great accomplishment. Being in the position improved his confidence, especially when speaking to crowds. A part of this position is running the Junior Student Council meetings, at first, he said he had no idea what he was doing and was happy for the teachers to take over. But with experience he learnt many leadership skills demonstrated by the teachers and was far more confident in himself and his ability to 'run the show.' Being the leader of the Juniors has made Alexander more well-known amongst fellow peers and the staff. He looks forward to the morning tea with several staff members

and senior leaders every few weeks after parade. It's another great opportunity for him to express his opinions and ideas freely and share what the Junior Student Council has discussed at meetings previously. Alexander has been a great role model for our school and hopes to continue doing so, even mentioning that he wants to run for School Captain in 2021.

Olivia Houston & Savannah McLachlan-Blake

A girl with dazzling talent and a passion for our planet.



Alison Quinn has been very involved in the Arts opportunities at North High. She has a lot of confidence and loves expressing herself through music, dance and drama. She has performed on Arts night in both Year 7 and 8 as well as performing a jazz solo on parade this year. Last year Alison was even involved in our school musical 'Legally Blonde.' As well

as the Arts, Alison is also heavily involved in Opti-Minds and Planeteers. During grade 7 and 8 her Opti-Minds team made it to the finals in Brisbane, which was a very big achievement. When she isn't busy with anything else Alison dedicates her Wednesday RAS lesson to the Planeteers. Visiting each RAS class Alison and the team spread the word on how we as a school can save the planet through recycling and reusing plastic and other items that would usually end up in our oceans. Overall, Alison is a very committed and hardworking student that loves our school and has a big role in making it an even more fun and entertaining place.

Olivia Houston & Savannah McLachlan-Blake



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What's On?

Hospitality Excursion to
Alowishus – 16/10

Rec. Day to Woodgate
Beach – 19/10

Student Free Day – 22/10

Coffee and Chat – 6/11

Year 12 Graduation
Dinner – 13/11

Awards Day – 23/11

Quote of the term

*Everyone is a genius.
But if you judge a
fish by its ability to
climb a tree, it will
live its whole life
believing that it is
stupid.*

– Albert Einstein

What's in a day at BYLC?

As a Special Assistance School, we often explain that we are “different” to a normal school. But, what does that mean? What makes us different?

How about rather than trying to tell you, we show you.

Here is what a day at BYLC looks like for our students...

Our Morning Briefing:

The bus has picked everyone up and they arrive, just in time for toast. We have a morning briefing to share any news for the day (and a joke or two).

If you run in front of a car, you get tired; if you run behind a car, you get exhausted.

Tuesday and Friday are favourites – Tuesday is reward morning with frappes for students with good attendance records and Friday is our pop quiz for a chocolate challenge!

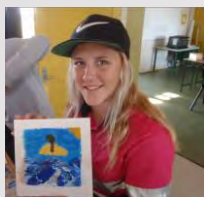


We all do our part:

The BYLC farm helps provide our meals for the day. We collect the eggs from our chickens each morning and have our own veggie patch and fruit crops to go with our lunches. Everyone chips in to help around the farm, learning valuable skills along the way.



A glimpse into our learning areas...



Design: *recycled plastic artwork.*



Woodwork: *from concept to creation.*



Agriculture: *maintaining the farm.*

"I like the hands-on work; it gives me skills I can actually use."



Metalwork: *basic skills.*



Automotive: *real "work" experiences.*



Hospitality: *life skills and nutrition*

Holistic learning opportunities...



Other things that set us apart in the day to day running of the school are things like (as pictured, left to right) positive reinforcement through rewards based learning, team building and community focus, relaxed and smaller class sizes, health and wellness activities such as gym and drumbeat, and reflective practices incorporating ReBoot for every lesson.

"I like coming here because they [the staff] genuinely seem to care about you."

TEACH
encourage
instruct
MENTOR
PRAISE
influence
GUIDE
INSPIRE

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Burnett Youth Learning Centre – 'Accept the Challenge – Succeed with Hope'



SHALOM COLLEGE

Student News



Laura's Scrunchies

LAURA'S SCRUNCHIES: HELPING HAIR AND HELPING OTHERS

BY BELLA LITTLE, YEAR 11

Shalom College is experiencing a blast from the past, with Laura's Scrunchies being a massive hit within the school community. These trending scrunchies are the brain child of Year 11 Shalom College student, Laura Helbig. The scrunchies come in many colours and patterns, including the school colours and pattern so that they can be worn to school. Not only are the scrunchies a great way to accessorise a look, they also serve a deeper purpose. All profits from the scrunchies will be going to either the Drought Relief organisation for the Australian Farmers, or the COAT Chinese Orphanage. The Australian Drought Relief organisation is compiling donations from charitable Aussies who are helping to buy food and other necessities for farmers struggling to feed their animals during the current horror drought.

The COAT Chinese Orphanage provide care and improved quality of life for disabled, abandoned children in a long term, loving family environment. With the support of donations this organisation continues to improve the lives of disabled and abandoned children living in China. Both of these organisations make it their mission to improve the lives of others, and through the charitable efforts of Laura Helbig, the wider Shalom Community will be able to do their part. If you want to kick back to the 80s as well as supporting some great causes you can find Laura's scrunchies online:

Instagram: @laurasscrunchies

Facebook: @laurasscrunchies



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GIVING TREE HELPS THE COMMUNITY FOR CHRISTMAS

BY MARNIE LITTLE, YEAR 8

At Shalom College students partake in many events in order to provide money or gifts to various charities and to people in need. One of these events is the Giving Tree, which this year will occur on Friday November 2nd. At this annual event, every student in the school brings a non perishable item, gift or donation and places it at our Giving Tree ceremony. This event is considered very important to Shalom College as it is a chance to provide help for others in need within our local community who may find the time of year leading up to Christmas difficult. Our Giving Tree provides students with the opportunity to recognise the needs of others and contribute to the betterment of their community.



SHALOM COLLEGE

Student News

SHALOM GIVES BACK TO THE COMMUNITY: PHOENIX HOUSE RAFFLE AND CUP

BY BELLA LITTLE, YEAR 11

Shalom College's Lingiari House has once again run their annual Phoenix House Raffle and Cup. This is just one of the many charities that Shalom College's Houses support through various fundraising throughout the year. This event is a continuous raffle and the main prize of a coveted Webber Barbeque, as well as a Junior and Senior Cup, with the chosen sport this year being soccer. With tickets already sold out in the raffle and teams

already being formed for the interhouse soccer competition, the entire fundraising effort is sure to be a hit with students, but it is not all about the fun. This event raises much needed money for the charity organisation Phoenix House, situated in Bundaberg. Phoenix House is a safe, supportive service which assists those members of our community who have experienced sexual abuse or violence at some stage in their lives. This wonderful organisation provides help for a wide range of people, of all ages and cultural backgrounds, and does not often receive the recognition it deserves. In the past year, the

monetary donations towards the foundation have dwindled, which makes it even more important that Lingiari House and the wider Shalom and Bundaberg community continues to make the difference it can through our fundraising events. With an estimated amount of \$2000 going to the foundation this year, Lingiari House aims to continue helping this wonderful organisation, and in turn, the people of the Bundaberg Community that have been effected by sexual abuse.



Above: Current Year 7 Student and her Buddy



Above: Current Year 7 Student and his Buddy

WELCOME TO SHALOM 2019: MEET YOUR BUDDY!

BY BROOKLYN DEVINE, YEAR 10

It's that time of year when Shalom College gets ready to welcome our new students for 2019 who will be in Year 7. On the afternoon of Tuesday 20 November the new students arrive with their parents for an Orientation session. Many important things happen on that afternoon, not least of which is they find out which House they

are in and meet their "buddy" who will be in Year 12 in 2019. The role of the buddy is one that our Year 12 students take very seriously as they remember what it was like to start high school – which is sometimes a little bit daunting. So on 20 November the buddies have time to chat with our new students. They take them on a short tour through the school and then they all meet together in their respective Houses where the new Year 7s

have time to play some games, have some afternoon tea, meet their House Coordinators and Pastoral Care teachers and get to know each other. While this happens parents stay in the Sports Centre finding out more about the world of Shalom. It's always an important afternoon and it means that on the first day of school in 2019 our new Year 7s already have some friendly faces and people to talk to when they arrive.

Gin Gin State High School

Ever Onward

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STUDENT LEADERS 2018

TERM 3 2018

**RELAY FOR LIFE
SCHOOL SOCIAL
DROUGHT RELIEF
AWARDS NIGHT
TECH CHALLENGE
NAPLAN / QCS**

Fraser Coast Interschool Equestrian

From Wednesday 22th to Saturday 25th August, Gin Gin State High School was represented by a team of riders and their horses, at the annual Fraser Coast Interschool Equestrian Competition at the Maryborough Showgrounds.



This year, six riders competed on their horses in a field of over 250 riders from 70 schools across the state. Louisa Rayner, Chloe Frear, Jordan Thompson, Tahlia Jarvis, Kiarrah Gilbert and Chloe Miller and their trusty steeds, competed in a wide range of events. The students represented Gin Gin State High School proudly and achieved great results across the range of disciplines and all students came home with ribbons.

Big Steps For Relay for Life

Relay For Life is a community fundraising challenge raising vital funds for cancer.

This event was a great success in the Bundaberg region, with a total of 695 participants and 56 teams. We are incredibly proud of our Year 12's who participated in the worthy event to show their support for the cancer awareness campaign.

On 11th and 12th August a devoted team of Year 12 students volunteered in the 18 hour challenge to support the cancer awareness campaign. This inspiring event allows teams to raise funds for a worthwhile cause. It is a heart-warming event that celebrates and honours cancer survivors and loved-ones we have lost with the participation in the "Candlelight Ceremony." Everyone dedicates their lantern to someone they know affected by cancer and these messages are lit up along the track as a poignant reminder of the sole purpose of this movement. The candles represent the shining light of hope for the future. Every donation is deeply appreciated by Cancer Council as it all contributes to supporting patients, funding research and prevention programs.



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Mr Capello and his devoted team raised a tremendous \$2000 and they deserve a massive congratulations. Their biggest fundraising and most entertaining event, "Dunk the Teachers" encouraged students to donate to see their favourite teacher have gooey water poured over them. The event was a major success as all our students gave up their recess to watch the show. Thank you to all the teachers who participated.

School Social

Students celebrated the end of Term 3 with our last school social for 2018. The Hawaiian themed dance was certainly a night to remember. It was a well-deserved reward for completing all exams and late nights of study. The night was jam-packed with fun, where students danced, boogied and jived with their friends and some teachers.

Around 130 students showed up to party and celebrate and we were able to get a mechanical surfboard – fitting for the tropical theme. It was an entertaining challenge that provided many laughs and cheers.



We all made some great memories – especially as it was the Year 12's last social. It was a great way to say goodbye and they will certainly miss the Gin Gin High School Socials.

Music Bingo

Our P&C recently held a "Music Bingo" night at the Gin Gin Primary School hall. This was a very enjoyable evening which was attended by people from all ages across our community. I believe there are plans to hold an event like this annually as it was very well received by those who attended with the P&C raising over \$2000. My congratulations to Amanda Boxshall and the other P&C organisers of the night.

Drought Relief

Our Student Council organised a "Dress like a Farmer Day," to support our local farmers in the harsh drought.

The majority of students contributed more than a gold coin donation and it was greatly appreciated in the time of hardship. Collectively, the school raised \$900, which was donated to the Drought Angels.

Contact Drought Angels

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Awards Night Program

Our Awards Night will be a combination of Sports and Academic achievements. This annual celebration allows students to dress up and share our triumphs and hard work with family and friends. It is a rewarding event that is quickly approaching on the 1st of November.

Tech Challenge

The Gin Gin State High School Tech Challenge team comprised 52 students, 4 staff, 1 chaplain and 9 parents, who gave up their precious time (and sleep!) to participate in the 24 hour Human Powered Vehicle race. The students travelled a tremendous distance of over 3500km. All teams performed extremely well, and planning for 2019 has already commenced. A massive thank you to everyone who helped with fundraising!

NAPLAN

Our Year 7 and Year 9 students received outstanding results in the 2018 NAPLAN test. Our reading results showed 91.9% and 96.8% of our Year 7 and 9 students performing at or above the National Minimum Standard. Within the Wide Bay Region, Gin Gin State High School placed third with a score of 568.

QCS

Our Year 12 students are in the final stages of their formal schooling. Recently, 24 of the 54 students completed their QCS tests. These students are those wishing to receive an OP and apply for tertiary entrance. With only one term left, there is a lot of anticipation with their final results and graduation to come.

By Briana Clark



Kepnock at a Glance



Welcome to Kepnock State High School, a great school and an excellent place to learn and grow.

Our school vision is based around the future needs of all our students, and strengthening their ability to deal with new and changing situations. Our school has a strong direction underpinned by three core values – learning, responsibility and respect. We maintain high expectation in all that we do.

Through respectful and supportive relationships between parents, teachers and students, every child is encouraged to be the very best they can be. Our motto 'Success is Earned' reflects our belief that every child can achieve success, regardless of personal circumstances.

The photo above is our graduating class of 2018. We have over 210 students graduating this year with students planning to study or join the workforce in the New Year. We have students studying medicine, engineering, nursing, teaching, media and business studies to name but a few. Many students will continue with their school-based apprenticeship or head to TAFE to continue further vocational training. In 2019, the new Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) is introduced in Queensland. At Kepnock SHS we will be offering over 50 subjects in Year 11 in 2019 including the new subjects of **Psychology**, **Cert II Engineering (Build and Fly a drone)** and **Early Childhood Studies**.

We look forward to educating the next group of graduands as we farewell the class of 2018

Nicholas Howkins 100% Proudly Kepnock

1 We are the only secondary school in Bundaberg to offer all five Arts and all five Technologies areas from Year 7 to Year 12.

2 We provide a safe and supportive, inclusive learning environment that caters for diversity.

3 We are a Gateway School in Agribusiness and the only state school in Bundaberg to offer training in the Agricultural Sciences.

4 We pride ourselves on our extra-curricular involvement including Instrumental Music, Cheerleading and Fish Tank program.



Over the last few years, the **University of Queensland** has run an incredible program that allows regional and remote students the opportunity to access tertiary education, making their dreams a little more realistic. This program shows the students to the unknown world of university and prepares them for moving away from home through two residential camps at the St Lucia Campus in Brisbane. On top of that, they are given significant financial support to encourage their attendance at UQ in the next few years. This year we celebrated the achievements of four Year 12 Young achievers, Shaye, Brea, Rebecca and Christina and welcomed in two new Year 10 students, Hannah and Aimee, to the Young Achiever journey with Nicholas and Indruh currently in the Year 11 program. Shaye, received an extra commendation for her hard work and attitude throughout her senior schooling, known as the Bowness Family Foundation Award. This award is awarded to three of the over 230 students enrolled in the 8th cohort for their diligence and performance throughout their time with Young Achievers. We wish all the best next year and for the years to come.



Tyler Harvey EastCoast Apprenticeships 2018 Engineering Apprentice Winner

Kepnock State High School would like to congratulate and acknowledge past student Tyler Harvey on being nominated and judged 2018 second year Engineering Apprentice of the year with Eastcoast Apprenticeship Centre Queensland.

Tyler completed his schooling with Kepnock in 2016 and continues the trend of current and former students who continue to excel in their education after their formal high school years.

What's On

- 12 Nov - Kepnock Sports Awards Night
- 16 Nov - Year 12 Formal & Graduation
- 3-20 Dec - Japan Trip
- 12 Dec - Year 6 Orientation Day
- 14 Dec - Final Day for Years 7, 8 & 9



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Bundaberg Special School

Building Futures Together

Term 3 2018

Camping in the Spotlight

Pyjama Day – July 20, 2018

We raised \$120.00 for Children in Foster Care!! On Pyjama Day, we wore our pyjamas to school. Some people wore slippers, dressing gowns, jumpers, and different shoes and t-shirts. They were comfortable. We liked wearing our pyjamas.

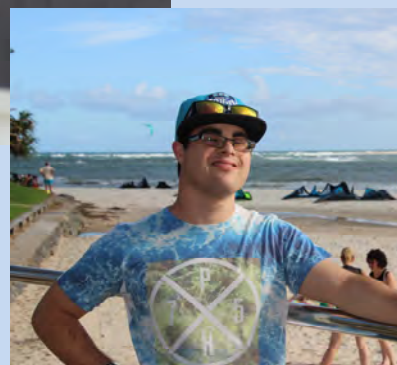
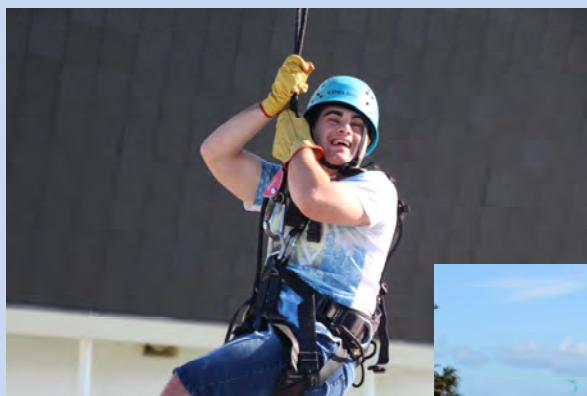
Written by Patrick and Deacon.

7/8/9B



Past Student in the Spotlight

Life has continued to be an adventure and full of opportunities for Jared since he has left school. He's enjoying learning new hobbies such as wood work and playing the guitar and expanding his life skills at the Skills Campus which he attends 5 days a week. On the weekend there's nothing more he likes to do than to go out to dinner and dancing with his friends. "I like learning to do things for myself" he said, "I am looking forward to moving into a flat with my friends someday". Interviewed By Miss Sarah



Barambah Secondary School Camp

In late August we went on school camp to Barambah Environmental Education Centre. It was freezing at night. We ate lots of nice food. We did activities like low ropes, bush walking and star gazing. Camp was great fun and we all felt happy enjoying camp together.

Written by Ethan, Mason and Liam from 7,8,9B



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NAIDOC Week 2018



We celebrated Naidoc Week at Bundaberg Special School on Wednesday the 1st of August 2018. We had a whole school assembly we did aboriginal dancing and we watched someone play the didgeridoo. Naidoc is special for me because I'm aboriginal. I loved it! It made me happy.

By Clavton Yr 6

Read to Grow

The whole school had such an interesting and informative session at the first ever Read to Grow event held by Bundaberg State High School. We were able to view an Indigenous Smoking Ceremony, Auslan Choir, Multiple Dance performances, Taiko Drums and experience International book readings. One of our senior students really enjoyed the bus trip to the event and another senior student found the books very interesting although she found the sirens of the police car and fire engine very loud. Well done on a great event Bundaberg State High School. By Senior D



Senior School Camp

Early in the term Senior School went on a camp to Chaverim Shalom College Outdoor & Environment Centre. It was so much fun. We had an awesome time having fun with our friends. We went on the Flying Fox, we walked through the bush, we built a raft and raced it in the dam. The food was really good too. Beside is a picture of Tim going up in the possum pull.

By Alistair & Rushell Yr 12



Junior School Camp

Junior school students learnt about Australian native animals and their habitats for our Science unit 'Feathers, Fur and Fins'. For our camp we visited Snakes Down Under for a wonderful hands-on experience where we got up close and personal with the local wildlife. We got to hold a snake, pat lizards and feed kangaroos. Then it was back to school for a sleepover. We ate spaghetti bolognaise and jelly and custard for dinner in our Stephanie Alexander kitchen and enjoyed watching a movie in our pyjamas. Everyone was tucked into their beds and blankets for a peaceful sleep. We enjoyed pancakes, toast and cereal for breakfast before heading off to our own classrooms to have a relaxing day. Everyone thought the camp was fabulous and we can't wait to do it again.

By 1/3.





Bundaberg Christian College

Education with Wisdom

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CREATIVE GENERATIONS EXCELLENCE AWARDS



Cassandra Tenthly and Ana Daniels were selected to exhibit in the Creative Generations Excellence Awards in Maryborough recently.

To be selected for this exhibition students had to have achieved a VHA overall and be endorsed by the school to meet a series of selection criteria.

From this exhibition Ana Daniels achieved an excellence award and has been selected to exhibit her work in the Gallery of Modern Art in Brisbane next year. She was the only student selected from all of the schools from our region – Bundaberg to Sunshine Coast.



Ana's art piece is entitled, Candy Coated Poison

2018 JAPAN TRIP

Ten students and two teachers travelled to Japan recently on our second school trip. They spent 10 days visiting schools in Jinseki Kogen and sightseeing in Japan. They visited the cities of Tokyo, Kyoto, Himeji and Hiroshima and the island of Miyajima.

Highlights included seeing Kinkakuji, the Golden Pavillion in Kyoto, Himeji castle and Peace Park and the Mazda factory in Hiroshima.

The students learnt a lot about this fascinating country and experienced a different culture.

On their last day they also enjoyed going to Tokyo Disneyland.



WIDE BAY HOOF 'N' HOOK

Excellent results from our BCC Team at Wide Bay Hoof 'n' Hook last week! Our steers placed 1st through to 5th in the Heavyweight Class and 2nd in the Middleweight division!

Joshua Hargrave, Year 12, came 1st in Senior Experienced Handlers, quite an achievement considering he competed against all of his contemporaries in the Wide Bay area.

Cody Muller, Year 7, placed 6th in Junior Handling.

Megan Terry, also Year 7, placed 4th in Year 7 Experienced Judging

Lachlan O'Sullivan, Year 10, placed 4th in the Year 10 Experienced Judging.



ONE STEP CLOSER TO ACHIEVING HIS DREAM

CONGRATULATIONS!

Colby Richardson (School Vice-Captain) has just secured a significant signing in pursuit of his dream!

At the end of this year he will be moving to Brisbane to play rugby league with the Redcliffe Dolphins on a 3-year contract, which is one big step closer to achieving his dream of playing NRL! .

ILLUMINATE ARTS SHOWCASE

An enthusiastic crowd of 200 poured into the BCC Hall for this year's inaugural Illuminate Arts Showcase and they were delighted at every turn of their seats by drama, music and lights. They were treated to a mesmerising static art display upon entering the exhibit to take their seats!

Students were outstanding in their performances and presentations..



EQUESTRIAN @ BCC

A contingent of 4 students successfully competed at the Fraser Coast School Equestrian Competition.



BCC DEBATES

BCC Debate Teams won the Yr 7, 8 & 10 Finals at the Rotary Club Regional Debating Finals last month!





Spotlight on Youth



WORLD CHAMPIONS! NASA CHALLENGE

Three Year 11 BSHS Students, Kasey, Alex and Brooklyn left for NASA early in Term 3 as part of a team in the Space Design Challenge and returned as champions!

Their success was made possible by the endless support, enthusiasm and perseverance of Keith Holledge, whose passion knows no limits!

The students' NASA campaign was sponsored by our local Council, David Batt, Keith Pitt and Stephen Bennett, Rotary, Zonta, the P&C and other community members who are all as proud as we are.

NATIONAL FINAL – CQU BUSINESS CHALLENGE

Earlier this term, four Year 12 students, Indy B, Rachel C, Alice D and Tiarn J, participated in the CQ University School Business Challenge Competition National Finals, which consisted of 4 rounds of questions on Law and Economics, Accounting, Business Management and General Knowledge.



WAKAKIRRI

Bundaberg State High School's Performing Arts Club students worked hard all year to develop their National Wakakirri Story Dance.



Students collaborated with Arts teachers Mrs Ross, Miss Smith, Mr Duxbury and Mrs Cull to write, direct, design, choreograph and perform their piece "Seasons of Life" based on Shakespeare's famous monologue "The 7 Ages of Man".

On the night BSHS won the production award "Best Use of Minimal Sets, Props and Costumes" and would like to thank Mrs Edwards for her tireless costuming efforts.

They also won State level awards for Best Inspirational Story, Amazing Moment, Best Direction (Overall) and Well-Rehearsed Performance as well as being a nominee for the National Story of the Year.

A big congratulations to all the performers, crew and staff on such a wonderful effort.

OPTIMINDS

The BSHS Senior teams in Social Sciences and Science and Engineering categories were again successful in reaching the State and National Finals for Optiminds after securing the Wide Bay Titles at the recent local competition!



Through hard work, the stars



BRILLANTES

Our String Ensemble, Brillantes, were fortunate at the end of Term 3 to travel to Nanning, China, our sister city, with Regional Council and business representatives. The students were fortunate to be sponsored by the Nanning Government to perform at the opening of the ASEAN Expo and various other cultural festivals held around Nanning.

Students from Bundaberg State High School visited our two sister schools, Nanning No. 4 and Nanning No. 8 for the very first time after signing the Sister School Agreements 10 years ago. The students felt like rock stars everywhere they went and we look forward to hosting our Sister School Principals in 2019. We are working with Council to look at how these trips can become annual/reciprocal.



FIND YOUR TREASURE – READ TO GROW



More than 1500 local primary students joined 300 of our students again this year in Alexandra Park to focus on reading and the integral part it plays in our lives. Our staff worked tirelessly with our students to prepare for the Read to Grow event and ensured that this year's event was even more successful than last year.

Feedback from the community was overwhelming, with many staff and students across the visiting primaries delighted with their experiences. Staff were proud of our students as they presented science experiments, poetry, plays, music performances, and many hands on activities. We have again been told that our primaries expect us to turn up again next year!



QUEENSLAND NRL SCHOOLBOYS TROPHY CHAMPIONS



The Queensland NRL Schoolboys Trophy Competition Final came to a close in Term 3 with what was built to be as a close and very exciting final. In the second year of the competitions history, 92 Schools from the Torres Strait to the New South Wales border competed in the state wide competition. Chanel Catholic College from Gladstone faced a star studded Bundaberg SHS, who were eager to complete a fairy tale ending to what was a highly successful season. Following on from their victory in the South Queensland Final against Marsden SHS, Bundaberg SHS created history and brought the trophy back to the Rum City for the first time!

Congratulations to the boys, coaches and a big THANK YOU to their families and supporters!

Through hard work, the stars

Conrad Spirit of Innovation Challenge St Luke's into the Finals ... again!



Conrad Challenge Champions, from left: Isabelle Hocking, Logan Marcus, Logan Tinney and Alexander Newton.

The Conrad Spirit of Innovation Challenge is an annual international innovation and entrepreneurial competition. It brings together a dynamic community of young innovators and entrepreneurs from across the world who develop extraordinary viable solutions that benefit our world in one of four areas: Aerospace & Aviation, Cyber Technology & Security, Energy & Environment, and Health & Nutrition.

Last year, St Luke's Anglican School students, Logan Marcus, Alexander Newton, Isabelle Hocking and Logan Tinney, conceived an idea of an autonomous, precision agriculture system; a product that has the potential to vastly improve agriculture in the 21st century. The students pitched their idea to a panel of judges in the first round, who gave the green light to progress to the next phase of the competition. They then researched their idea further, connected with local experts, costed and constructed a 3D model of their product, impressing the judges and earning a place in the final round of the National Competition.

The St Luke's finalists ended up being selected among the top five teams in Australia, affording them an opportunity to present their "Power Pitch" to a panel of business leaders. In their category, this team

ended up among the top seven in the world – what an almighty achievement!

In 2018, St Luke's students are once again at the forefront of this competition, achieving some wonderful successes in this international challenge. At the time of preparing this article, St Luke's has four teams into the National Semi-Finals, meaning that four of the final 20 teams in Australia are from St Luke's – very impressive for a small school, and a credit to the students involved for their level of

involvement, commitment and innovation.

It should be noted that St Luke's success in the Conrad Spirit of Innovation Challenge comes in tandem with a new entrepreneurial focus for the School. Late last year, Steve Baxter, Queensland's Chief Entrepreneur and resident tech guru on Channel 10's *Shark Tank*, accepted a St Luke's invitation to present a keynote speech at our first Entrepreneurs Day. Steve presented along with other entrepreneurs, to a packed arena of St Luke's students, parents and teachers. Together they described their departure from regular degree-backed careers, charging into the entrepreneurial world, and the key lessons they learned from their unique and immensely fulfilling career paths.

The 2018 Innovation and Entrepreneurship Day is also about to take place at St Luke's, with *FiftySix Creations* and the team from *Math Mate* (River City Labs startup) running a series of workshops and activities across the day for our students and the wider community.

St Luke's Head of Learning and Innovation, Matthew Hughes, says, "St Luke's has an impressive track record of scoring among the best schools in Australia on external assessments, but the skills that are tested on these are only the beginning. What we pride ourselves on is being future-focused; assisting students to develop creativity, curiosity and critical thinking skills, as well as providing opportunities for collaboration and calculated risk taking."



Entrepreneur, Steve Baxter, with St Luke's Senior students

Sensational Swimmer

Congratulations to Jordan Smith for once again being selected in the Queensland Schools Swimming team, competing at the National Swimming Championship in Hobart in July. Jordan has made himself quite a fixture in Queensland Swimming teams in recent years through a great deal of hard work. He undertakes 10 training sessions per week, each about two hours in length; eight of these are swimming sessions and two are gym sessions. Jordan returned from Hobart with a medal of each colour; gold, silver and bronze – one of the best swimmers in Australia. This follows on from his haul of eight medals at the Pacific School Games last year.



Swimming Sensation, Jordan Smith

Super Slalom Skier

When Matthew Sobczak is at school, he is quiet and reserved, but when he gets onto the water, he makes quite a splash as a fearless Slalom Skier. Matthew represented the Australian Under 21 Water Skiing team in the Oz Kiwi Tournament 2018, after being ranked in the top five Under 17 boys Slalom Skiers in Australia. Well done, Matthew!



Slalom Skier, Matthew Sobczak

Top Table Tennis Players

Congratulations to Amelia Tu, Dhriti Singh Panwar and Vinuka de Silva who have achieved some outstanding results in a number of Queensland Table Tennis competitions recently.

Amelia and Dhriti competed at the Queensland Schools Table Tennis Competition, easily accounting for their opposition, and winning their age division to become Queensland Doubles Champions.

Amelia and Vinuka then competed at the Queensland Club Table Tennis Competition, and had great success, both making it into the Queensland team to compete at the National Titles. Vinuka and his partner were Mixed Doubles Champions at the Queensland titles, and Amelia placed third in the State for her age group. Well done!



Queensland Table Tennis Champions, from left, Dhriti Singh Panwar and Amelia Tu

Learning the Value in Helping Others

A team of eager students and staff from St Luke's Anglican School travelled to the Solomon Islands recently with service for others in mind. There has been an ongoing connection between the students of St Luke's and an Anglican School on Makira, one of the Solomon Islands, for several years now.

Makira was in fact the island where the early Bundaberg native cane cutters originated, and so it has a special place in the hearts and minds of our students.

Educational resources were collected to take to the students in the school at Makira, and, once there, our students worked with the Islanders on environmental awareness and teaching English.

All the students who were involved in this experience are currently undertaking their Silver or Gold level of achievement in the International Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. This is a wonderful example of our students making a positive difference in the lives of others.



Students and staff from St Luke's Anglican School in the Solomon Islands

Bundaberg Region Youth Service's Sector Stories

The following stories have been provided to us with the permission of the services and the young people they relate to.

THE GENERATION OF TODAY

YOUTH NEWS

Young people achieving great things in our region

Day for Daniel 2018



It's not only Superhero's that make amazing things happen.

For the last 3 years students from St Luke's Anglican School have been a part of the Bundaberg Police's Day for Daniel event. These amazing students, may not wear capes, but they have leadership superpowers in moving 400+ primary school students through the Bundaberg Multiplex. The students make their way through a number of interactive activities and displays to educate kids regarding personal safety and understanding that emergency services are there to help.

Along with the Police puppies, water police, police dive squad, Parks and Wildlife, SES, QLD Ambulance Service, QLD Fire and Emergency Services and Councils Get Ready GO, St Luke's superhero's sing, dance and chat there way around for 3 solid hours of fun.

This year's event did have a real superhero attend with Captain America helping out at the Police Photo Booth, with students getting to dress up as police officers. Thanks Bundaberg Police and St Luke's.

Headspace Y.E.C recognised for hard work



headspace Youth Engagement Committee recognised with Child Protection Week Award

My name is Kay, and I am the Youth Engagement Committee Chair at **headspace** Bundaberg. Our team were thrilled to receive the recent Child Protection Week Award at their annual dinner. In fact, it was our **headspace** youth team who were recognised and rewarded. Our role at **headspace** is to make sure the centre is youth friendly and provides relevant support services, and we also

help staff understand what's important for young people in our local area. Our influence at **headspace** is what caught the attention of the independent judges – the fact that we are young people are looking after other young people in our community.

Our youth committee have started some great social groups at **headspace** including *headspace'n'chill* where young people come in and hang out on a Monday afternoon, and also *BRITE*, which is a group for LGBTIQ+ young people. These are both youth led by our committee and so we hope to help everyone who comes in to feel relaxed and comfortable.

We want to encourage all young people to come in to **headspace**, you might just want to hang out, but we also want you to know it's ok to talk about what's happening for you, it's always a weight off your shoulders. You may be feeling sad, stressed, or overwhelmed, been in a relationship break up or have some stuff going on at home. Our **headspace** people are really great at looking after you.

All **headspace** centres listen carefully to the voice of young people aged 12 to 25 years. If you need to talk to someone it's all free support, you can come into the centre at 66 Woongarra Street, Bundaberg, or phone 4152 3931, or even try www.eheadspace.org.au for online support.

For more information on how to prepare for this storm season check out:

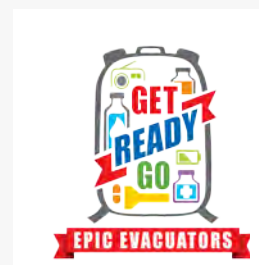
The Get Ready Go Epic Evacuators videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RVieEaGgLO>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TGyVJ6UvEKk>

Or the Disaster dashboard:

<http://disaster.bundaberg.qld.gov.au/>



For Monique Employment First Aid helped her stay in her job

We know first-hand the pressures and stresses of homelessness, addiction, relationship problems, bullying and social isolation and how they can affect you; but better still we know how to help youth aged 15-24 overcome them. EFA is a free program with Mentors in 3 regions (Bundaberg, Hervey Bay and Rockhampton). Our 1800 118 008 hotline has just been rolled out nationally. We currently assist 531 youth with one on one mentoring and one of our participants is going to tell you how EFA has helped her overcome barriers and difficulties and helped her stay in employment.

Tell us a bit about yourself

I'm Monique, I'm 22 years old and I currently work at Surprise Gifts Bargara. This is my first job, so I have found it very challenging understanding the day to day tasks expected of me. I have a lot of personal issues and it is hard for me to forget about these when I am at work

How did you hear about the EFA Program?

I heard about the program through my job provider as they knew I would have challenges with employment, the EFA team are like a security blanket. EFA is there to help me when I don't understand something in my work place or when I face something challenging in my personal life.

How has the EFA Program helped you?

EFA has helped me stay in my job. They have supported me with strategies in troubled times. They help keep me focused and have developed a strategy to forget about all my problems when I get to work and "put my work hat on". They have helped me understand different job roles in the workplace and how I fit into our team at work. My Mentor even has meetings with my Manager at work to help with any problems I might be having. She makes things easier for me to understand and has helped me with my filter with customer service.

What would be your advice to others about EFA?

This program has really saved my job, if you are working and having any sort of problems or difficulties join the program it is free and the EFA team at Bundy, Matt and Bec, go above and beyond to help you out.



New-found confidence and freedom for Jason



(L-R) Greg, Jason, Eley – Park Lane Motel

New-found confidence and freedom to live more independently for Jason

- Jason had been long term unemployed and needed somebody to give him a go
- With support from APM Jason found a job
- He feels pride and fulfillment being employed and is treated as part of the team

24 year old Jason Martin has a vision impairment and when he joined APM, barriers to employment were long term unemployment and no transport.

At Jason's initial appointment, EC Luke Free found Jason was keen to work, he just needed somebody to give him a go. Jason and EC Luke got to work handing out his resume and cold calling potential employers. APM Engagement Consultant Jill Allison introduced EC Luke to Greg and Eley at Econo Lodge Parklane Motel. EC Luke introduced Jason to Greg and Eley and a position as cleaner at the Motel was successfully negotiated for Jason.

Jason is now employed in an environment where he is treated like part of the team. He feels pride and fulfilment being employed and is saving for a computer upgrade, buying new clothes and even has some savings. He has a new-found confidence and the freedom to live more independently.

EC Luke believes compassion and persistence - never giving up is the key to success

