The South East Region SAT Awards 2014

On Friday night the South East Region School-based Traineeships and Apprenticeship (SAT) Awards were held at Dreamworld, Coomera. It was an outstanding event to showcase State Education and the achievement of our students. The event illustrated the hard work of our staff, productive industry relationships and the outstanding abilities and talents of our students.

The following Helensvale SHS students were nominated as finalists on the night:

- Lachlan Davidson – Building and Construction
- Brendan Smith - Building and Construction
- Jade Sampson – Business Services
- Marney Dalzotto – Hospitality
- Margaret Piakura – Warehouse and Logistics
- Alexander Jeffrey – Outdoor and Active
- Jai Waterhouse – Outdoor and Active
- Taylor Edwards – Personal Services
- Ryan Bambury – Vehicle and Automotive

This is an outstanding achievement to have nine students selected as finalists across the 12 categories and acknowledged on the night. The number of finalists demonstrates the quality of our programs and the dedication of our staff and students. It was pleasing that Ryan Bambury and Alexander Jeffrey were awarded Trainees of the Year. Congratulations Ryan and Alex.

Our Industry Liaison Officer (ILO) Paulina Ford was nominated as a finalist in the School Staff Member of the Year Award category. For the second time in three years, Paulina has taken out this award and this reflects her outstanding abilities as an ILO. Paulina works tirelessly to provide opportunities for our students by supporting them to undertake school based traineeship and apprenticeship programs. The traineeship and apprenticeships provide the vital link between school and work and set students onto the path to employment post school.

Our school also collected the ‘School of the Year’ award that recognises the overall program quality and outcomes for students. This is great acknowledgement regarding the quality of our programs as the best in the Region. Much of the credit goes to our outstanding teachers and support staff across the school. In particular I wish to acknowledge the work of Judy Epps (Deputy Principal, Senior School Vocational Performance), Nicola Brandis (HOD, Industry Pathways) and Paulina Ford (Industry Liaison Officer). Their leadership and passion to drive outcomes is inspirational.

Thank you also to Year 12 student Francesca Spear who performed four songs so beautifully on the night. She is a fantastic and talented performer and a great ambassador for our school.

Finally, I would like to thank our parents, carers and community for their ongoing support for our school. Our school is going from strength to strength and your support and partnership is what makes our school a great school. I hope our students enjoy the spring vacation and we looking forward to seeing our students back on Tuesday 7th October.

Regards
Mark Blackshaw

THE VISUAL ART DEPARTMENTS VERY OWN CREATIVE GENERATION

“Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time”
~Thomas Merton

Creative Generation Excellence in Visual Art is a State initiative that enables young aspiring artists to have the opportunity to enter and exhibit their work in a gallery context. Sophie Sammes, Criscilla Shutt, Ruby Graham and Bonnie Phillips were part of the exclusive young talent that had their work entered and exhibited within Griffith University’s White Box Gallery along with other Gold Coast school students. Opened by the Minister for Education on Saturday the 29th of August, the exhibition gathered students, teacher and families to celebrate the extraordinary talent of students and their achievements. The Artworks installed and curated within the gallery space were unrecognisable as high school student talent befitting that of a professional university Art’s student.
From traditional use of oils painting, drawing, mixed media to digital drawing sculpture and video installation 2014’s Creative Generation Shows great promise. Seeing Helensvale students participate and engage in this opportunity as young artists at such a level reflects the student’s dedication and commitment to their Visual Art Studies and the high level of talent within Senior Visual Art. Selected works from this exhibition have the exciting opportunity to be exhibited in the Gallery Of Modern Art along with Professional artist’s workshops working within the Creative Industries, this experience often connects students to further tertiary studies within the Visual and Creative Industries. Well Done Sophie Sammes, Criscilla Shutt, Ruby Graham and Bonnie Phillips!!

Ruby Graham with her work, 'Unrealistic Expectation's'

Bonnie Phillips with her work ‘Sharon Needles’.

VISIONS 2014

Helensvale State High School students have something to say... they have a VISION for their future! As 2014 draws to a close The Visual Art Department would like to invite students, parents and art enthusiasts to celebrate in the success of all the Art, Design and Photography students who have left their touch within the Visual Art Studios this year. Visions will feature all things creative from short artistic films, graphic designs, photography, sculptures, paintings and Works from across all year levels in the areas of Photography, Digital Art, Design, Visual Art and the Year 8 Art/Design will be exhibited so join us and get your dose of creative genius!

The Visual Art Department would also like to take the opportunity to thank staff, students, parents and the wider community for the enthusiasm and ongoing support we have experienced throughout the year. Visions will be opened for viewing from 6pm, 21st October in Swell with the official opening and awards proceeding from 6.30. For more information email, Bonita Winters: bwint19@eq.edu.au or phone 5573 8532.

VALE ART FILM AWARDS

Excitement is really starting to build in the Visual Art Department as our Vale Art Film Awards countdown is on. On Thursday the 23rd of October, Film and Television students along with the Visual Art Department, parents and community members will come together to celebrate the success and achievements of our senior Film students. Students have been spending lunch times on Thursdays to watch student films in one of 5 categories that are completely student voted. It is great to see students come together to support each other and celebrate the success of their peers.

It is with excitement that I announce a third sponsor for our VAFAs - TAFE Queensland Gold Coast has signed on as a major sponsor. They were beyond thrilled to support our event. It is these relationships with the wider community that will not only provide future pathways and opportunities for our students, but build strong foundations for future events and celebratory events here at Helensvale State High School.

We would like to take this opportunity to once again thank our two principle sponsors, the New York Film Academy Australia and Honourable Stuart Robert MP, the Federal Member for Fadden and Assistant Minister for Defence. Without the help and support of these above sponsors, celebrations like the VAFAs would not exist. The official finalist list will be announced first week back next term.

Michelle Braun
VAFA Co-ordinator
Congratulations to the following Visual Art students for winning prizes at the Gold Coast Show in the following categories:

**Photography Creative:**
1st – Cheyenne Murray  
2nd – Jasmin Durie  
Highly Commended – Brie Newman

**Photography (Under 16)**
1st – Sam Braund

**Photography Colour:**
1st – Sinead Hammad  
2nd – Ellie Pinnington  
Highly Commended – Kelsi McFarlane

**Photography Black & White:**
2nd – Marney Dalzotto  
Highly Commended – Holly Ledwidge

**Drawing:**
1st – Bonnie Phillips

**Sculpture:**
2nd – Jessica Jacob

Please congratulate them if you know them – well done kids!

**Short Film:**
1st – Mira Gietzel and Ashleigh Neil

These students will receive their certificates and prizes on Senior Parade in the near future.

*Janelle Caughley*  
*Visual Arts Teacher*

**INDUSTRY WORKING FOR OUR STUDENTS**

**2014 South East Regional SATS Awards**

These awards recognise and reward the outstanding achievements of individuals and organisations within the vocational education and training sector who strive for excellence, best practice and innovation. Helensvale State High School students, parents and staff attended the Awards Night at Dreamworld on Friday night. 9 of our students were representing themselves, their school and their employers in a variety of Industry Categories. These awards recognise secondary school students’ outstanding performance in their participation as a school-based trainee or apprentice.

Ryan Bambury has always had a love of cars and knew he wanted a career in this industry. He attended TAFE Gold Coast in 2013 and completed the Certificate II in Automotive. He completed over 100 hours of industry placement and commenced his School Based Apprenticeship with All One Auto late last year.
Alexander Jeffrey completed his Certificate III in Sports Coaching (Aquatic) through Recruit 4 Success being hosted to Superfish Swim School at Pacific Pines. He has used this qualification to assist him with an application and acceptance to a prestigious Secondary College in the North of England next year. He will be assisting the College’s Sports Department with the skills and experience he gained during his traineeship.

Riviera Recruitment for 2015 Apprenticeships

We are currently recruiting applicants for the Riviera Apprenticeships to start in early 2015. There are Apprenticeships available in a variety of Trades including Boat Building, Cabinet Making, Laminating (Fibreglassing), Upholstery, Electrical and Marine Mechanics. These apprenticeship positions are open to our current Years 10, 11 and 12. (Yrs 10 & 11- School Based Apprenticeship, Yr 12 – Full time Apprenticeships).

If your student is interested in attending the information session in mid-October to be held at HSHS, please register their name with me at your earliest opportunity. Students are asked to complete the Riviera Application form and email me their resume including photos of relevant work example: Industrial Studies, Marine Studies.

Year 10 Work Experience

We have had a number of students return to our office excited that they have been offered casual work, a school based apprenticeship or a traineeship because they proved themselves in this week of industry experience. If you really enjoyed the work you did and you think you would like to pursue this type of work as a school based apprenticeship or traineeship, please see Mrs Ford in SM02 or parents are most welcome to contact me to make an appointment after the school holidays.

TAFE Gold Coast Schools Program’s 2015

Applications closing after School Holidays

Helensvale State High School and TAFE Gold Coast have a long partnership in providing our Year 10 and Year 11 students with opportunities to start certificate courses to assist with future employment outcomes. All courses have a primary focus on employment outcome and I am happy to talk to students and parents about the best options available and where these courses will lead. This year we have the following Certificates available to students:

Certificate I in Engineering (Marine) - Riviera Marine Apprenticeship Training Centre, Coomera

Pathways – Certificate III in Marine Craft Construction

Certificate II in Engineering- Ashmore Heeb Street Campus

Pathways – Certificate III in Engineering (Production), Certificate III in Engineering (Fabrication)

Certificate II in Automotive (Pending Registration) – Ashmore Heeb Street Campus

Pathways – Certificate III Automotive Electrical Technology, Certificate III Automotive Diesel Engine Technology

Cert II Electrotechnology – Helensvale State High School Campus - Only available to Year 10 students

This program provides students with the tools to obtain experience, knowledge and contacts with the electrical industry. Learn computing in the Electrotechnology industry, electrical wiring and equipment, drawing interpretation and sketching.

Pathways – Certificate III in Electrotechnology

Certificate II in Marine Mechanical (Pending Registration) - Riviera Marine Apprenticeship Training Centre, Coomera

Pathways – Certificate III in Marine Mechanics

Certificate II in Hairdressing & Certificate II in Retail Make-up & Skincare (Dual Qualification) - Southport Campus
Discover the basic realities of life in a salon and gain practical and theory knowledge to assist in a career in retail, skin care and photographic makeup. You’ll learn to provide full reception services, including receiving clients and answering the telephone, as well as how to prepare clients for a range of salon services. Discover how to co-ordinate tasks for effective self and time management, braiding and drying hair, massage and communication skills. Develop skills and knowledge to begin a career in the beauty industry. Finally, the course encompasses retailing, industry knowledge and working as a productive and valuable member in a salon.

Pathways – Certificate III in Hairdressing, Diploma of Beauty

This course is not subsidised and has a Fee for Service arrangement. TAFE Gold Coast are looking at possibly splitting the courses (to be advised)

Diploma of Nursing (partial Completion) - Southport Campus + Selected Aged Care Facilities for placement

Only available to Year 10 students

This is available through a selection process – successful students will study 12 units + Residential School + VPC
Ideal for students wishing to study Nursing through TAFE post year 12.

Pathways – Enrolled Nurse

TO APPLY FOR GOLD COAST TAFE PROGRAMS

1. Collect an Expression of Interest Form from Mrs Ford – Industry Liaison Officer SM02 – please ensure you add your intended career pathway. This needs to be completed and returned before 15th September 2014. are allowed to apply for TAFE Gold Coast Courses. (See Mrs Ford / Mrs Brandis if you have any queries regarding this)

2. On receipt of the form Mrs Ford will email you TAFE Application Details. Once you have completed the online application please notify Mrs Ford so HSHS School acceptance letter can be sent to TAFE Gold Coast on your behalf along with your attendance and academic records.

3. You will be notified if successful or unsuccessful by TAFE Gold Coast.

4. Only students who are IP/PP Pathways not OP Eligible

5. You need to choose 6 school subjects (Year 11) – if you are successful, you may apply to drop one in 2015.

GOLD COAST SECONDARY SCHOOLS DRAMA FESTIVAL 2014

Helensvale students experienced another year of tremendous success at the Gold Coast Secondary Schools Drama Festival. The largest festival of its kind our students participated across three weeks and against other state and private schools. All three drama entries this year were student devised work and once again showcased our school’s outstanding skill at creating innovative and thought-provoking performance work.

Directed by Mr Edwards our Year 8 Drama Excellence brought to life their collage drama entitled Ladders, They’re All Absurd, a quirky and eclectic look at the ‘ladder’ and its symbolic meanings. Students were placed runners up as Most Outstanding Play of the Junior Festival. A special mention also goes to Dane Hickson for his Actor’s Goblet award.

Our Intermediate Drama Festival cast performed at The Southport School and brought to life their production Peter a dark twist on the classic tale of Peter Pan. The ensemble was praised for their original concept and took away runners up as Most Outstanding Play of the Intermediate Festival. A huge thank you to Mr Steenson and Ms Dodd for their commitment and dedication in preparing these students for their performance.

Finally our dynamic senior cast performed their touching and memorable piece entitled Behind The Veil. Performed at All Saints Anglican College the production explored the role of women throughout history through physical and transformational theatre styles. The performers were awarded with the Most Innovative Play of the Festival as well as whole cast acting awards for their performance and ensemble work.

Congratulations to all students and teachers involved in these fantastic extra-curricular events.

Michelle Phelan
HOD Performing Arts
Senior Drama Festival Co-Director
YEAR 12 FTV STUDENTS

With the Year 12’s completing their final productions, we’re excited to announce that Jess Bretag, Jack Fellows, Lauren Cooper, Georgia Stratton, Bailey Parsons and Francesca Spear have all submitted their excellent films to be considered for the BUFTA (Bond University Film and TV Awards). We’d like to wish them all the best of luck with their entries as they have the chance to win a $90,000 scholarship to further study Film and TV next year.

QAMT YEAR 8 MATHEMATICS QUIZ

The annual Queensland Association of Mathematics Teachers Year 8 Mathematics Quiz for the Gold Coast region was held recently at Varsity College. The competition consisted of questions related to estimation, problem solving and general mathematical knowledge. The Helensvale State High team of Sabrina Feng, Kane Segawa, and Tayden Tuner represented the school with pride. I would also like to thank the parents who attended the competition for all of their support and encouragement. A great night was had by all.

Andrea Hauff
Teacher

UNVEILING OF OUR NEW SPORTS HOUSE COLOURS FOR 2015...

Liveworm have offered to design our new House Logos for Helensvale SHS for 2015, free of charge. They are the Graphic Art Department at Griffith University and in between their paid work they are going to design out new Houses. This is great partnership and we are very grateful to Sharon & Rae and Liveworm for their generosity.

Contact details below if you need work done,
Sharon Searle - Administrator
Liveworm Gold Coast
Studio G14, 2.30
Queensland College of Art
Gold Coast campus
GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY QLD 4222
Phone: 5552 7262
Fax: 5552 7283

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY’S ACTIVITY – PARADISE DIVING CLUB

In the upcoming school holidays 20/09 – 24/09 Paradise Diving Club will be running two Holiday Dive Clinics which is open to all members of the community. There will be a 2 day weekend clinic being held on 20/09 and 21/09 and a 3 day mid-week clinic on 22, 23 & 24/09. This presents a wonderful opportunity to come and learn a fantastic sport in a safe environment. It’s exciting, challenging and best of all, fun!!

All lessons are to be conducted at the brand new, world class Commonwealth Games facility at the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre in Southport. If you require any further information please contact Kevin at kevvyhall@gmail.com Head of Coaching – Paradise Diving Club.
NOTIFICATION OF STUDENT ABSENCES AND LATE ARRIVALS

Helensvale State High School now has a dedicated line to receive messages regarding student absences and late arrivals, for parent convenience. This will be a more efficient and less time consuming method of notification.

Please send an SMS to 0400 191 917 in the following format:

- Students full name.
- Date & duration of absence, or expected time of arrival.
- Reason for absence/lateness.

Please use this as your preferred method of notification and add this number to your contacts.

STUDENT SERVICES REMINDERS TO PARENTS/CARERS

LEAVE REQUEST FOR STUDENTS REQUIRING TO LEAVE SCHOOL EARLY

Students are unable to be called out of class unless they have a “leave request” pass issued from Student Services. This pass must be issued to student prior to class in the morning at Student Services upon presenting a note from the parent/carer advising of the collection time from the parent or an emergency contact. This procedure is detailed in full on page 12 of the Student Handbook & is designed to reduce disruption during the school day.

SICK BAY

Students unwell in class are requested to advise their teacher, they will then be directed to Sick Bay at Student Services where if required, a parent/carer or emergency contact will be contacted to pick up the student. Students can only be allocated minimal time in Sick Bay (due to health & traffic flow reasons) if they cannot be collected they will be asked to return to class.

Please note students are not permitted to contact their parent directly from the classroom, they must follow the above procedure.

LOST PROPERTY

Please check at Student Services if you have lost any items eg: shoes, jumpers, books, jewellery, keys, glasses, watches, etc. Unclaimed objects are donated to charity at the end of each term.