



*Sunnybank*  
STATE HIGH SCHOOL

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## Principal's Report



Dear Parents and Carers

Sunnybank State High School is a dynamic, future-focused learning community, committed to empowering our students to succeed.

When I arrived at this school five weeks ago, I was immediately impressed by the sense of 'community' in the school – students, staff, parents, community members and external organisations all working together to ensure our students have every opportunity to reach their potential.

This week I have again been reminded of how fortunate our students are to have such a generous, supportive community within which to pursue their education.

With NAPLAN testing occurring Tuesday to Thursday this week, Year 7 and 9 students have been provided with a supportive start to the challenging day by the provision of a free breakfast. Our Chappy, Ben and his team of volunteers along with our Home Economics staff and students have provided food, tea, coffee, milo and cold drinks to the students. Our senior leaders offered their support by assisting in the serving of the refreshments and generally encouraging the younger students to do their best on the tests.

Homework Club is another example of a wonderful supportive community. Gilroy Hatcher – the school's First Nations' Coordinator and Support Teacher co-ordinates Homework Club which operates out of the library on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 3 until 4.30 pm. Our generous teachers and community volunteers assist students with their

homework after school in a positive, supportive learning environment.

I sincerely thank all volunteers for their contribution and generosity in supporting Sunnybank State High School students.

**Meryl Johnston, Acting Principal**



## Become an EQI Homestay Host



## How do I become an EQI homestay host?

- Homestay hosts are selected from local communities and come from many different backgrounds and family settings.
- EQI homestays are managed by individual Queensland Government schools.
- After completing an EQI application form you will be interviewed by your school's Homestay Coordinator.
- To ensure student safety, each adult (aged 18 and over) in your household is screened via a police check and must obtain a 'Blue Card', Queensland's monitoring system for people who work with children.

For more information, please contact: **Dee Venter, 3323 8111**, Sunnybank SHS International Student Coordinator, Education Queensland International, Cricos Provider Number: 00608A

## Fresh Futures Expo

On Wednesday 9th May, SEP students discovered future pathways for them once they leave school. Students were able to talk with a range of disability support services on how they could be best supported entering tertiary studies, entering full time work, traineeships or apprenticeships when they finish school. It was great to see the students' parents there supporting them in their post school options journey.

A big thank you to Takeisha who proudly represented Sunnybank High when delivering the welcome to country.

Fresh Futures Expo Award Recipient

Last Wednesday, Manny was awarded with the Inaugural Fresh Futures Expo Community Service Award. I was proud to nominate Manny for this prestigious award as he is a valued member of the Sunnybank SHS community. Manny displays Respect, Responsibility and Readiness in all his Community Service achievements:

- Participating in the RSL Community Service Program
- Collecting bins and rubbish around the school
- Welcoming guests into the school

Congratulations Manny on being a wonderful proud ambassador of Sunnybank State High School.

## Danni Downie – HOSES



## EAL/D News

EAL/D staff welcome back Ms Rajeevi Parthasarathy from leave; Ms Clarita Skeggs replaced her during Term 1 and the first four weeks of Term 2. We thank Ms Skeggs for her dedication, excellent work and rapport she developed with our

students, teaching in our EAL/D Maths Foundation and Science program.

Sunnybank SHS's QPASTT Outreach worker Mr Victor Kollie, together with Community Liaison Officer Mr John Deng, are currently delivering another round of the popular Drumbeat program to a group of junior boys, whereby students learn to articulate and share experiences while beating a drum, helping them in their personal growth.



**Year 7 English and Geography** students have been studying the damaging impact plastic has on our oceans and marine life. They have banded together to discuss ways of improving this particular environment. (Mrs Dani Humeniuk)

Our group of diverse **Year 8 EAL/D English** students are further enhancing their knowledge of Australia by studying First Nations. They are viewing, reading and listening to a variety of texts that create representations of Aboriginal peoples' and Torres Strait Islander peoples' histories and cultures. They are beginning to understand the background to Australia's development and the impact Europeans have had on our indigenous inhabitants. Their learning has included topics such as Dreamtime and yarning. (Mr Carlos Batista)

EAL/D students in **Year 9 History** have been learning about the Industrial Revolution. The unit began last term with research and finishing with an oral Power Point presentation this week. The students thoroughly enjoyed the learning experience. (Mrs Renete Nicholson)

**Year 10 English** students have been enjoying discussing the various themes in William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet and comparing them with their own, current day knowledge and experiences. Year 10 History students continue to learn about World War II and its effects on the modern world today, with a particular focus on the Kokoda Campaign. (Mrs Dani Humeniuk)

EAL/D students in Year 10 Science recently conducted an experiment where they observed the properties of various elements. They looked at electrical conductivity and reactivity in water among other things and recorded the results in tables to compare common properties among different metals and non-metals. (Mr Mitchell Ramstadius)

## Mrs Ulrike Jurgensen, HOSES EAL/D Program

## Library update

The Library continues to evolve and respond to student needs. This month, there's been a major restructure of library areas.

The fiction area has been moved and enlarged to include a group discussion/games area. The board games have been placed nearby for easy access.

Area A has also been moved and enlarged to cater for large groups. Students now have access to a number of power points to charge their phones during breaks.

The non-fiction area has been moved and rearranged to include more small-group study areas.

We're also continuing to cull books from the collection so that students can more easily find books relevant to their studies. All culled books are available for free for a limited time. Students and parents are welcome to visit the library, browse the free book section, and take home books they'd like to keep. Please see Library staff.

**Elaine Cobb, Teacher/Librarian**



## Mother's Day Competition

The P&C along with Dezine Hair studio congratulate @georgiasmeal the lucky winner of the Mother's day pamper package.

The prize valued at \$250 was kindly donated by Sharni from Dezine Hair Studio and we wish to thank her for the support she has provided in this fund raising event. You can view live drawing of the prize on Dezine Hair Studio's Facebook page.

**Dee Venter, International Student Co-ordinator**

## Important Dates

Advance Notice of Important Dates	
May 23	Sunnybank's Got Talent Grandfinal
May 29	Yr 5 and Yr 6 High School Experience Day

## Attendance Report

This week I have had the pleasure of presenting the Year 10 Students with their 100% Attendance Certificate for Term 1. There were over 20 Certificates presented which is a fantastic effort. This indicates that the students are dedicated to their schooling and understand the importance of attending school every day. Well done.

During the last week, letters have been given to students or posted to parents for unexplained absences. These letters must be returned to school with an explanation and signed by a parent or guardian. It is essential that any absence from school is explained. Parents are able to contact the school by the following ways with the name and year level of the student, reason for absence:

- Text absence on 0416 905 308
- Phone the absence line on 3323 8160
- Phone the school on 3323 8111

**Wendy Rogan, Attendance & Student Services Officer**