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Term 1, 20 February 2026

From the Executive Principal

Welcome to 2026

Welcome to the 2026 school year. I hope you and your family enjoyed a relaxing and fun-filled summer break.

We are now in Week 4 of Term One, and I am very pleased to report that students have been settled and the year has commenced very smoothly. I wish to express my gratitude and appreciation to parents and carers for the way students have presented themselves at the beginning of the year. Our Year 7 students, in particular, are immaculately presented. Overall, well done to both students and parents. A reminder that students are expected to wear their formal uniform every Monday - this includes ties.

As you would be aware, there was an ill-founded rumour circulating last week. In situations such as this, social media amplification can quickly create what becomes a critical incident, which requires us to follow departmental policy before we are able to communicate formally. Please be assured that the safety of every student is paramount to me and my staff, and we always take these matters very seriously. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Up until Thursday of Week 3, our attendance had never been better. Attendance is a critical factor in student achievement, as research consistently shows a strong correlation between attendance and learning outcomes. It makes sense - students need to be present to learn. With Compass now operating as our attendance management platform, you have full visibility of your child's attendance in every lesson. It is essential that the

school and parents work together to ensure your child attends every session, every day.

I would also like to emphasise the absolute importance of student effort and hard work. If a student truly wants to excel, sustained effort and focused study are essential - there is no substitute. Ten to fifteen minutes of reading every night has the potential to improve your child's reading ability, vocabulary and comprehension. Undertaking study time, provided it is productively utilised, will assist your child's performance. Please check in on them and reinforce positive study behaviours and habits. We all love to be acknowledged for what we do. I recall a saying from my own time as a boy at boarding school. I once asked a highly successful senior student, "How are you so successful at everything you do - academically, in debating, in athletics? What is the answer?" His response was simple yet profound: "The harder I work, the more successful I become."

My expectation is that every student in the Junior School should be completing a minimum of one hour of study per day or evening, five or six times per week. As students' progress into the Senior School, this should increase to a minimum of two hours per day, six times per week. This time should be dedicated to reinforcing concepts, mastering formulae, and developing a deep and thorough understanding of the material being taught.

NAPLAN

Year 7 and Year 9 students will undertake NAPLAN testing in Week 8 of this term. It is very important that parents and carers encourage their child to do their very best in these Literacy and Numeracy assessments. Individual results provide valuable insight into whether students require additional support or extension. We will continue to prepare students through the Australian Curriculum, equipping them with practical NAPLAN strategies in Literacy and Numeracy.

Let us work together to shift the NAPLAN narrative to a positive one. I understand that there has been considerable negativity surrounding NAPLAN in the past; however, it provides students, parents, teachers and administrators with meaningful data to guide individual improvement. Let us focus on living in the present and preparing for the future.

2025 Timetable Change Survey

Thank you to the 799 parents, 134 staff and 486 students who provided feedback on the 2025 timetable changes. Overall sentiment is strongly positive, with parents reporting an average satisfaction rating of 4.0 out of 5, and approximately 75% indicating they are satisfied or very satisfied with the new structure.

The revised Junior School hours (8:45 am–2:40 pm) received particularly strong support (average 4.3/5), while the Senior School timetable (7:30 am–12:55 pm) also attracted positive feedback (average 4.1/5). The shortened Monday structure (9:00 am–1:10 pm) was viewed more moderately (3.7/5). Nearly 70% of respondents indicated that extracurricular participation has become easier, and feedback on the two-lunch model was generally neutral to somewhat positive.

Transport arrangements were identified as the main area for improvement (3.1/5), and CDC Buses is currently reviewing scheduling and logistics. Overall, the feedback confirms that the timetable changes have been well received and are positively supporting student engagement and school life.

Swimming Carnival

Our 2026 Swimming Carnival has come and gone with great success. Mr Denny (Sports Coordinator) delivered a masterfully organised program, combining championship events with novelty activities that ensured broad participation. We have only three whole-school carnival days each year, and these events are vital to the culture of our school. I sincerely appreciate parents encouraging their children to participate. From my perspective, students thoroughly enjoyed the day.

E-bikes

E-bikes continue to present a serious concern. We are seeing too many students under the age of 16 riding e-bikes dangerously on the roads surrounding our school. It is illegal for students under 16 to ride an e-bike unless accompanied by an adult. I have personally witnessed students doubling a pillion passenger - without helmets - and travelling at speeds exceeding 40 km/h. These behaviours place students and others at significant risk.

As Executive Principal, I do not have the authority to confiscate these bikes or remove them from the road. In New South Wales and Victoria, police are now confiscating e-bikes from under-16 riders who are using them dangerously. I urge families to address this matter proactively - let us act before a tragedy occurs.

I am excited about what 2026 will bring and look forward to working in partnership with you to deliver Opportunity, Quality and Excellence for every student.



Mike Anderson

Executive Principal

From the Principal of Senior Secondary

Welcome to Senior Schooling

The school year is now well underway in Senior. Once again we have large cohorts of Year 10, 11 and 12 students doing a wide variety of subjects from vocational training to more academically rigorous courses.

Senior Parent Evening

Thank you to everyone that attended the Senior Secondary Information Night on February 9th, it was a pleasure to meet you all. If you were unable to attend or wanted to re-look over the resources from the night. They can be found on our school website:

<https://mountaincreekshs.eq.edu.au/curriculum/senior-school>

Student Concerns

If students or families have any concerns regarding their young person and school, then the Head of Year (HOY) is the person to contact.

Year 10	Mr Adams	Moreton Subschool
Year 11	Mr Forster	Mudjiimba Subschool
Year 12	Mr Thompson	Bribie Subschool

Assessment and Absences

If a student is away for an assessment submission date because they are unwell, they must contact the Head of the Faculty for that subject and apply for an Access Arrangement and Reasonable Adjustment (AARA) as soon as possible. All parents know that misadventure can occur, but senior assessment time lines can be less forgiving, and so early communication is key so the student can be supported.

Can we please stress that family holidays are not grounds for AARA's and students are not able to sit exams or submit late assessment if missed due to a holiday.

For assessment dates please access the Year Level Assessment Planners on our school website:

<https://mountaincreekshs.eq.edu.au/curriculum/senior-school>

Date Claimer - Senior Graduation and Formal

We are pleased to advise that the Year 12 end of year celebrations will occur on the following dates,

Thursday 19 November - morning Graduation Ceremony and final Year 12 Assembly celebration. Parents welcome to attend.

Friday 20 November - Formal dinner and entertainment. Students only and to be held at Venue 114.



Best wishes as we move through the year ahead.



From left: Donna Lancaster, Principal - Angela Hix, Deputy Principal - Tina Smithard, Head of Senior School.

From the Principal of Junior Secondary

2026 NAPLAN Testing

The 2026 National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy tests will be conducted from the 11 to 13 of March, 2026 and will include more than 200 000 Queensland students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 undertaking the same tests as students at these year levels in other states and territories.

We will be strongly encouraging students to commit their best effort in all tests so the information we receive through the data of results is accurate and valuable for teachers

The 4 tests will run over 3 days for our year 7 and year 9 students at Mountain Creek SHS, and will assess the areas of language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation); writing; reading; and numeracy (number, measurement, chance and data, space, working mathematically, algebra function and pattern).

Details of the scheduling will be sent to all Year 7 and 9 families as soon as this is finalised.

Following the tests, Mountain Creek SHS and all year 7 and year 9 students will receive an individual statement of performance in relation to the national benchmarks. The results will also be used to form a national overview. Teachers will use results of testing to support students with future learning goals.

NAPLAN tests are a routine part of our school calendar. Students may be withdrawn from the testing program by their parent/carer if there are religious beliefs or philosophical objections to testing. This is a matter for consideration by individual parents/carers in consultation with your child. A formal application must be received by the Executive Principal prior to testing (Submitted by the 6 March 2026). These application forms are available from the school administration counter.

Year 7 and Year 9 students will also be completing 1 x practice tests in week 6 to familiarise themselves with the on-line testing platform. This test will be run in their PDW class.

Students will be familiar with the test formats and the type of questions they have to answer, as they will be similar to other types of assessment currently undertaken in classes.

Parents and guardians can best assist students by making them feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests. You can assure your child that the assessment items will give them an opportunity to show what they have learned in class.

Assessment Planners

On Monday 16 February, 2026 all students were emailed a copy of their Semester 1 Assessment planner. This gives students an accurate schedule for all assessment and their due dates for this Semester. Please encourage your student to show you this and perhaps put these dates up on their calendar at home.



From left: Craig Hegarty, Principal - Junior Secondary School, Carmel D'Arcy, Deputy Principal - Junior Secondary School, Lindsay Baker, Head of Department - Junior Secondary School.

News from Finance

2026 School Fees Now Due

As we welcome everyone to a new school year, we would like to remind families that 2026 Student Resource Scheme (SRS) fees are now due, along with any outstanding fees from 2025.

We ask that you prioritise these fees, and any outstanding amounts, to ensure your child is eligible to participate in all extra-curricular activities offered through the school. For your child to be eligible for participation in extra-curricular activities this year, these invoices must be paid in full or a negotiated payment plan must be in place.

Please note that subject fees apply to some courses that require additional materials or resources. These fees will be invoiced in the coming weeks, once subject selections and timetables have been finalised. We kindly ask that payments be made as soon as possible once invoices are issued.

For your convenience, a variety of payment methods are available. Payments can be made via the BPoint link on your statement or invoice, through the QParents portal, or in person at the school office using cash or card.

We understand that financial challenges can arise, and our team is here to support you. If you are experiencing difficulty meeting your fee obligations, please contact our finance team on accountsreceivable@mountaincreekshs.eq.edu.au or 5457 8308 to discuss flexible payment plan options.

2026 Student Resource Scheme Fees

Years 7–9: \$315.00

Year 10: \$325.00

Years 11–12: \$275.00

A full list of SRS prices and inclusions is available on the Mountain Creek SHS website.

<https://mountaincreekshs.eq.edu.au/enrolments/resource-scheme>

Sponsorship Opportunities Now Available

Sponsorship activity can generate significant benefits for all parties. By engaging with local businesses and community organisations, schools are able to create innovative programs that are tailored to local needs and provide enhanced student and community benefits.

Mountain Creek SHS has been an integral part of the local community, establishing itself as a well respected, well resourced school, with a dedicated team of staff and volunteers who support and encourage learners to experience daily success. Students at Mountain Creek SHS are surrounded by possibility and opportunities in many diverse areas including academia, sport, culture, creative arts and leadership. Sponsorship funds are used to value add, and extend student opportunities beyond the core curriculum, allowing them to participate and excel in these critical areas.

Mountain Creek SHS is now inviting businesses to invest in initiatives, providing opportunities to enhance student learning outcomes, and be part of the school community. Some benefits of sponsorship include:

- Brand exposure on the school website
- Brand exposure on multimedia displays and signage at the school
- Acknowledgment in speeches and announcements
- Exposure through school social media forums
- Advertisement opportunities
- Invitations to attend, speak and present at school events
- Opportunities to host a school event for networking

There are different sponsorship options to choose from to suit your business objectives and budget however places are limited. To find out more contact us now!

Kim Brigg

Business Manager

Phone: (07) 5457 8420

Email: bsm@mountaincreekshs.eq.edu.au

News from Science Department

Year 12 Biology Excursion

On 12 February, we had the amazing opportunity to go on a Biology field excursion to Shelly Beach Caloundra. We had a great time on this sunny day whilst collecting data for our Biology IA2 assessment using various scientific methods such as quadrats to investigate species and patterns within the ecosystem. Overall, this excursion not only helped strengthen our understanding of fieldwork, but also gave us the chance to enjoy the outdoors and experience hands-on learning, making it a memorable and valuable day!





Helen Gillis

Head of Department - Science

News from Technology Department

A Week of Engineering Inspiration at IAES 2026

In an outstanding achievement, Mountain Creek SHS student Ollie was selected to attend the 2026 Indigenous Australian Engineering School (IAES) in Sydney earlier this year. This prestigious, merit-based program brought together Indigenous students from across Australia for an intensive and inspiring

week exploring the world of engineering at the University of New South Wales (UNSW).

Throughout the program, Ollie participated in a wide range of hands-on engineering activities designed to develop problem-solving, creativity, and teamwork skills. Students were introduced to multiple engineering disciplines through practical design challenges and collaborative tasks, providing valuable insight into how mathematics and science are applied in real-world engineering contexts.

Afternoons were spent visiting industry partners and learning directly from professional engineers, offering a unique perspective on the diversity of engineering careers and the vital role engineers play in supporting communities across Australia. These experiences highlighted the importance of Indigenous representation in the engineering profession, particularly in regional and remote areas.

Living on campus for the duration of the program allowed Ollie to experience university life firsthand, build confidence, and form meaningful connections with like-minded students who share an interest in engineering and innovation. The week provided clarity around future study pathways and reinforced the possibilities available through further education in engineering.

As a result of attending IAES, Ollie is now eligible for ongoing scholarship opportunities through Engineering Aid Australia, supporting their continued education and future aspirations in engineering-related fields.

Congratulations to Ollie on this exceptional achievement. Experiences such as IAES play a crucial role in empowering Indigenous students and nurturing the next generation of engineers and community leaders.



Sandro Cossa

Head of Department - Technology

News from Business and Lifestyle

Year 9 Food and Fibre - Year 11 Hospitality Classes

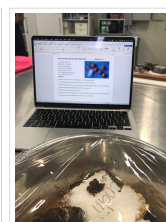
Our Year 9 students are being taught the fashion basics by our new teacher Ms Bek. Ms Bek has a wealth of knowledge within the fabrics and food curriculum.

"In textiles this term I am excited to make my own pair of Peter Alexander pj's! These shorts are made from cotton fabric, and we are investigating why cotton is a sustainable fabric to use for sewing. My teacher is Ms Bek and she is awesome. This week we have started using the sewing machines and practicing the techniques used for fashion." Kirah H 9W"



Year 11 students are fully engaged in our new subject Hospitality Practices today making Bliss Balls. This course provides skills and knowledge essential for success in the hospitality industry, particularly in food and beverage service and event management. If you would like to know more about this subject please see Mrs Thomas in Moreton Subschool.

"We were cooking protein balls created with oats and chocolate powder and we had to make them creative. Something that makes it stand out to other protein balls." Summer H 11"



Kym Thomas

Head of Department - Business and Lifestyle Industries

News From Diverse Learning

News from the SKILL Centre

"I'm a student... get me out of here!"

Apologies for the play on words referencing "I'm a celebrity... get me out of here", as the SKILL Centre garden is somewhat resembling a jungle.

When we returned last year there were many fruits and vegetables thriving in neglect, however this year it seems the weeds have had a wonderful party in our absence. Grass has also overtaken spaces, and the pathways are overgrown.

The students have jumped straight into the jungle, pulling on gloves and sun-safe gear, dusting off the mower and grass trimmer, and working hard to make the garden look as awesome and tidy as it did before we left in December. Lots of weeding, trimming and mowing has been done and everyone is very proud of how the garden is shaping up.

Within the next few weeks the Mountain Harvest Garden will be back in shape, ready for new crops to be planted.



A Big Welcome to some New Faces in the SKILL Centre

This year, the SKILL Centre welcomes some new faces in both the Teaching and Teacher Aide Teams.

We are excited to welcome on board two new teachers, Abbey Hurst and Allison Wright. Both ladies are hugely experienced inclusion teachers who we are lucky to have employed.

Abbey previously taught at Chancellor State College and, before that, spent 18 years teaching in Victoria. She and her family are really loving the Sunshine Coast - the weather, the beaches, and the lovely people.

Allison will be teaching Humanities and English this year and is excited to work in a dynamic school environment such as The Creek, where she can contribute to student success through quality teaching, innovative curriculum, and strong relationships. As a high school educator, her focus is on helping every student reach their full potential through quality education and support.

Welcome to the team ladies!

Several new Teacher Aides also join the SKILL Centre this year. Introducing Tamara Bonney, Isabel Palmer and Cameron Cash. Welcome back from last year to Annelie Saxby, Mia Suarez, Tania Billard, Cherie Shaw and Kylie Baldwin.

Please make them welcome in classes and around the grounds.

Welcome returning and new faces to the SKILL Centre



Allison Wright



Isabel Palmer



Cameron Cash



Tamara Bonney



Mia Suarez



Abbey Hurst



Kylie Baldwin



Cherie Shaw



Annelie Saxby



Tania Billard



Kate Benfield

Deputy Principal - Inclusion

News from Sports and HPE

2026 Mountain Creek SHS Swimming Carnival

A huge thank you to our staff and students for their outstanding contribution to the 2026 Mountain Creek SHS Swimming Carnival. The success of the day was a direct result of incredible participation, teamwork and school pride.

With nearly 1000 students in attendance, the carnival was a vibrant celebration of SubSchool spirit. Our competitive event swimmers competed strongly for Age Champion honours and posted impressive times ahead of the upcoming regional trials. At the same time, the "real" rivalry was often found in the novelty events - including the Surfboard Relays, Mascot Relays and the Brains and Brawn Survivor Challenge.

The energy, colour and enthusiasm on display, particularly through our Aussie Summer theme created a fantastic atmosphere throughout the venue.

The participation pool was packed to capacity, with more than 1000 laps swum across the day, a terrific reflection of our commitment to inclusive involvement.

Championship events were fiercely contested, highlighted by an outstanding 20 Year 12 freestyle relay teams, highlighting engagement and SubSchool rivalry.

A special congratulations to Ryan and Kirra, winners of the much-anticipated “Dash for Cash”, each taking home \$50 generously donated by One on La Balsa.

In typical Aussie Summer spirit, our own Creeker Café also donated a swag of canteen vouchers for lucky lane prizes and exceptional student involvement and leadership.

Well done to the Year 12 Bribie girls for finding the CAMPFIRES, and to the Stradbroke juniors for spotting the LIFEGUARD.

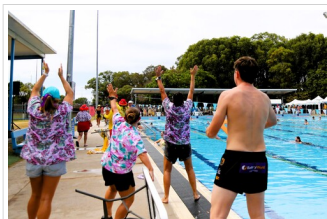
Congratulations to Bribie on being crowned 2026 Champion SubSchool:

1st	Bribie	4437
2nd	Mudjimba	3122
3rd	Fraser	2673
4th	Moreton	2508
5th	Stradbroke	2338

2026 Age Champions

12 Years	Austin	Chloe
13 Years	Jayden	Zahli
14 Years	Nixon	Emma
15 Years	Charlie	Mikaela
16 Years	Max	Kirra
17 years	Ryan	Alessia
Opens	Harrison	Rochell

Thank you again to our entire school community for making this year’s carnival such a memorable and successful event. We look forward to building on this momentum as we continue the Creeker Cup competition throughout 2026.



Andrew Denny

Sports Coordinator - HPE/Sport

News from Student Services

ROADCRAFT

ROADCRAFT is back in 2026.

Did you know that 45% of all young Australian injury deaths are due to road traffic crashes. Young drivers (17-25 yrs) represent over 25% of Australian road deaths, but are only 10 – 15% of the licensed driver population. While the issues involved are complex, we want to do something to help curb this trend. Roadcraft seeks to challenge student attitudes while giving them driving experiences to develop safe driving habits. The course is referred to as a “crash prevention program”.

The annual two day Roadcraft driver education course, in its 19th Year, will be running again in term two in 2026. It is aimed at Year 11 and 12 students. Students do not need their license, however it is ideal if they have their learners permit or are close to getting it, so they can practice the skills learnt. There are two courses of 24 students per course.

Dates are Wednesday & Thursday 29,30 April, Wednesday & Thursday 6,7 May.(week 2, 3 of term 2)

Application forms will be available from front office on Wednesday 18 March from 10am. Mooloolaba Lions Club generously subsidise the costs of the program. Cost: \$140. More details to come in student notices and the schools facebook page. Any questions, please follow the link:

roadcraft.org.au

' or talk to Chappy Stu via Phone: 54578357 or email: chappy2@eq.edu.au.



Our school subscribes to the Happy Families website which provides access to many practical and insightful articles. These articles aim to assist parents and carers on the often challenging but rewarding journey of having a family. Please see the latest articles below.

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Jacinta Ivory & Louise Francis, Mel O'Brien

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2026 SENIOR JACKET ORDERS CLOSING SOON

Year 12 Students can order their Senior Jackets at the MCSHS Uniform Shop.

Students are asked to try a sample Jacket and pay at time of ordering.

Price of Jacket - \$75.00

Round 2 order must close on Friday 20 February.

Sponsors

Acknowledging Our Sponsors

We extend our sincere thanks to our valued school sponsors for their ongoing support and partnership. Their contributions play a vital role in enhancing opportunities and resources for our students, and we are grateful for their commitment to our school community.

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STATIONERY

The Uniform Shop is well stocked with Stationery items covering

Core subjects and Electives for years 7-12

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CASUAL CLEANERS

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Hours of Work & Pay Rate
 \$38.40 p/hr Casual Rate
 \$10.62 Split shift allowance where applicable
 Shifts are 5.00-8.30am and/or 2.30-6.00pm

Current Blue Card required
 Criminal History Check will be undertaken by us prior to commencement

EMAIL: CWORT9@EQ.EDU.AU
 PHONE: 5457 8333

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News from the Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop Trading Hours

From Monday 23 February Mountain Creek SHS Uniform Shop will resume normal trading hours.

Monday: 8:15am - 1:15pm

Wednesday: 8am - 1pm

Thursday: 8am - 12pm

1st Week of each new term the Uniform Shop will be open:

Monday – Friday 8am - 1pm

If Monday is a Public Holiday the Uniform Shop will open on a Tuesday: 8am-1pm

Calendar of Events

Event	Date
Term 1	27 January - 2 April

Event	Date
Year 12/ Makeup School Photo Day	20 February
Year 8 STEM Excursion	24 February
Year 12 Geography Camp	25 - 27 February
Year 9 Japanese Excursion	3 March
Year 11 BSQ Excursion	3 March
Year 12 AQP Snorkelling Excursion	5 March
Basketball Premier Comp	11 March
Big Day In	11 March
Year 12 Drama Workshop	16 March
Year 7 NAPLAN Writing and Reading	17 March
Year 7 NAPLAN Language Conventions and Numeracy	18 March
Year 9 NAPLAN Writing and Reading	19 March
Year 9 NAPLAN Language Conventions and Numeracy	20 March
Student Leadership Youth Conference	25 March
Year 12 Exam Block	30 March - 2 April
Junior and Senior Robotics Incursion	31 March

Event	Date
Whole School Cross Country	2 April
Dance Rehearsal Company	2 April
Last Day of Term 1	2 April
Term 2 commences	20 April

