The first major event of the KSHS calendar was held today, with our Annual Swimming Carnival. Rivalry between Fraser and Rafter house was fierce from the onset.

There was a great turnout of students and some very hotly contested races. Winners of the Principal’s Cup were Sophie Wolff and Tom Goode. Full results will be in our next newsletter.
From the Principal

I would like to welcome all students and parents back for the 2017 school year and extend my thanks to all members of our school community who have welcomed me to the school this year while Mr Dench joins the Education Queensland regional team.

This year will see Kilcoy State High School forge ahead with the great work that has brought so much success to the school in recent years.

2016 proved to be another outstanding year for the school with great results for our year 12 cohort. 99% of students achieved their Queensland Certificate of Education. Our 2016 OP eligible year 12s also had great success with solid OP results.

Their Queensland Core Skills test performance was also impressive with higher percentages of A’s and B’s achieved by Kilcoy students compared to the rest of the state.

Our highest academic performer achieved an OP2 with two students receiving OP 3s and another achieving an OP 4. The community can rests assured that students receive a first class education at Kilcoy SHS.

The Department of Education has been working closely with the school, the Department of Environment, Queensland Health, Somerset Regional Council and the Australian Bat Clinic and Wild Life Trauma Centre to minimise the risk posed by the proximity of flying foxes to the school.

The school will continue to monitor the presence of the flying foxes and ensure that the relevant authorities are kept informed.

We are expecting the best for another great year of achieving success for Kilcoy SHS.

Adam Colley, Principal
What’s new @ KSHS

Facility Upgrades
Members of the community may have noticed increased activity at the school over the course of the holidays, with a number of facility upgrades occurring.

Late last year, work began on our Construction shed which will compliment our existing Engineering and Furnishing workshops to provide new learning opportunities for students in the Enterprise Department.

Our Performing Arts Department has also expanded, with the relocation of the drama room to a newly retrofitted and air-conditioned building, with the P&C also funding the construction of a tiered outdoor performing art area.

The instrumental music room has also relocated to a more convenient and air-conditioned room.

February is always a busy time at Kilcoy State High School and we kicked off our Sporting House rivalry with our swimming carnival today.

The Year 7 and 12 students will be attending their annual camps and the Senior Investiture will be held on Monday 27 February.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page and newsletters for event information and updates throughout the year.

P&C News
President: Tony Martin
Secretary: Lisa Anderson
Treasurer: Cami Dench
Meetings held every 2nd Wednesday of the month
Next meeting: Wed Feb 22
Starting 5pm
Location
Administration Building
AGM Meeting
Will be held on Wed 8 March 5pm
Support Staff Updates

Chaplain News
Hi, my name is Kate Gold (Chappy Kate) and I am the new Chaplain here at Kilcoy SHS. My role as a Chaplain is to provide support (i.e. social, emotional, educational and spiritual) for students, staff and families as part of the school support team.

Breakfast Club will be commencing again on Wednesday mornings, starting in Week 4 (15th February).

Kate Gold, Chaplain

Guidance Officer
My name is Joshe Newton and I am the Guidance Officer for 2017. I am excited to be a part of the Student Support Services Team and look forward to meeting students and families of Kilcoy High.

As the Guidance Officer, I am able to provide counselling and support to students in relation to mental health and well-being, careers, personal crisis or concerns and connect people with community agencies.

I am available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays.

Joshe Newton, Guidance Officer
New Same Day Absence Notifications

Same Day Absence Notification Begins
From January 23, 2017, all Queensland state schools are now required by law to advise parents/carers when their child is absent without explanation as soon as practicable on that day, allowing time for parents/carers to respond before the end of the school day.

Our school will contact parents as soon as practicable on the day if a student is not at school and we don’t know why. If you are advised by the school that your child is away without a reason, please contact us as soon as possible by calling 54224343 to let us know where your child is. We will follow-up with parents if no response is received.

Our 24 hour absence hotline is 54224360. Parents can also advise of absences through the Q Parents App.

School Photo Day—Monday Feb 6

Monday Feb 6
Our School Photo day is on Monday 6 February. Photos are compulsory as they are used for student ID purposes, however, purchasing of the school photos are optional.

The easiest way to order your photos is via the online ordering system provided by Advanced Life. Go to: www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the online code 2XB L35 Z3I

All packages can be ordered online.
Alternatively, use the envelope sent home to make a cash or cheque payment.
Sibling photos must be ordered online prior to the day.

All students are required to wear full formal school uniform for photos.

Updating Contact Details—Important!

UPDATE MY DETAILS
If you have changed any details in the last 12 months – or if you’re not sure we have the most up to date information, please let us know. You can do this in a couple of ways:

Click on the link on the front page of our website, complete the form on-line and email to: updatemydetails@kilcoyshs.eq.edu.au

EMAIL – Go directly to updatemydetails@kilcoyshs.eq.edu.au and send us any information you think we may not have.

We particularly need your email contact, so even if all your other details are up to date, please send us a quick message telling us your student/s year level/s and your name and email address.

KSHS Facebook Page.
The School’s Facebook page is a prominent area where we promote all that is great about Kilcoy State High School.
Photos from excursions and sports days, as well as reminders for both students and parents along with other items of interest are published on our Facebook page.
To receive these posts, please “like” our page.
FB Notifications can be set to receive all posts, or only those you wish.

LIKE US!
PEPAR Star

Todd McClure is the recipient of the first PEPAR star for the year. Todd was a member of the Queensland Softball team who competed recently at the Australian National Championships and were victorious in taking out the National Title.

Congratulations Todd!

Welcome to Year 7

Our 73 new year 7 students have settled in well to the high school environment. They will be attending their camp next week which is an important part of the KSHS transition program. We hope they will have a lot of fun and start their secondary education in an exciting and positive way.

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School Fees

2017 School Fee and Subject were **DUE on 31 January**.

Payments can be made in person, over the phone or online with QParents.

Eligible parents can also register for Centrepay deductions.

Centrepay involves having regular payments deducted from a Centrelink payment and forwarded directly to the school on a weekly or fortnightly basis. For further information please contact the school office.

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Parents, a friendly reminder to register for QParents if you haven’t already! Visit [https://qparents.qld.edu.au](https://qparents.qld.edu.au) with your unique invitation code and identification ready, so you can discover a more convenient and easier way to interact with us.
2017 Uniform Shop

Our Uniform Shop is now online
Uniform sizing guides and prices are on the site and our Facebook and Web page.

To order online register at School Shop Online
www.schoolshoponline.net.au/kilcoyshs

Online orders can be picked up from the office on Wednesday & Friday between 12pm to 3.30pm

For cash or Centrepay orders we are open
Tuesdays only from 8.30-10.30am
**Extra-curricular Sport Sign Up days**

**Heat Girls Cricket League**

Sunshine Coast Heat Girls Cricket League

When: Sundays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm starting 5th of February (6 weeks)

Where: Various Locations

Cost: $50 per person Ages: Girls aged 12 to 17

Contact: Gayle Gardiner 0423 792 793 / admin@sunshinecoastcricket.com.au

Register at playcricket.com.au under “Sunshine Coast”

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**Junior Rugby League Sign On Day**

U7’s - U18’s

Stanley River J.R.L.F.C.

Woodford Showgrounds

4th Feb 2017

10 am - 2 pm

Please Contact

Steve - 0499 101 556

For further information

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**After School Sport Kilcoy Indoor Sport Centre**

Monday – Mixed Netball and Handball Skills for 7 yrs plus 3.30 pm

Wednesday – Mixed Indoor Soccer Primary 3.30 pm

High School 4.30 pm

Wednesday – New Kids Zumba 3.30 pm

All 14 years and above can join any of our adult classes (over 15 class per week)

16 plus can have modified gym program (Kids in Gyms policy and conditions applies)

All activities are $6.00 per child/class or $10.00 per week unlimited use