



# Charters Towers State High School

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## Principal Update — 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Good afternoon Parents, Guardians and Community members,

### STATE HIGH PROUD..... We have so much to celebrate!

**FACILITIES UPDATE** — External refurbishment of A block is due to begin over the holiday period and the Amenities block will be repainted inside and our fabulous senior students are finalising designs for inspirational door wraps to be featured in our updated amenities block. There is more to come, Sandy Hermann our Business Manager and I have again met with Regional office Facilities staff and will complete a 3 year plan that details step by step improvements to our entire school. We will ensure that our school facilities are updated and improved for our students and staff, a very exciting rejuvenation phase for this wonderful school.

**Library-** Many students and staff have now had a sneak peak of our wonderful new library and learning space. Our dedicated P&C have also been through for an inspection, they are very excited to have a new home for our meetings, The space is just amazing, our senior students have a dedicated space for their independent learning and all of our students will have access to this beautiful space during lesson and break time. The working bee of seniors under the guidance of Mr Von who transported all of the books up to the library was so appreciated! We will hold an official opening early next term.

**School Jacket** — Reminder that available now from Titley's is the addition to the Charters Towers State High School Dress code, our black school jackets. These jackets are very warm and feature our embroidered logo, we have added this as a further winter uniform option and encourage families to considering purchasing one to ensure students are meeting our dress standards.

**Naidoc Celebrations** — On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June we had an Elders Morning Tea, one of many activities at our awesome school to celebrate our NAIDOC week celebrations for 2022. Thank you so much to Lesley Huen our Community Education Counsellor and our Indigenous Leaders Hayley O'Keefe, Keely Retchford, Shnola Miller, Rebecca Hooligan, Destiny and Heidi O'Keefe who helped set up the Wellness Hub and made it look very lovely and inviting and also prepared food and made our wonderful guests feel welcome. We have received fantastic feedback from community members which is amazing, we are very proud of our students and staff and love that we continue to build strong relationships with our indigenous community.

**Megaband** — This week we hosted the amazing Megaband. It was so wonderful to see many primary school students from our cluster schools come along to work with the amazing Meg Mackenzie and our State High band mentors, I absolutely loved watching our students guide and care for the younger generation of musicians, just magic!

**Spotlight on staff** — we have 2 fabulous things happening involving our amazing staff. The first is Central office Talent unit producing a teach rural promotion, featuring our staff. This involves professional filming of classes and interviews with Meg and Lance Mackenzie and Georgie Thomas. We were approached by central office as a great way to promote our community plus other rural communities, this is wonderful that we are taking the lead with promoting great rural education opportunities, thank you to our staff and students involved for your enthusiasm with this project. Secondly, Charlie Duke has been asked by Teach Queensland to have an article published that describes her experience as a highly regarded early career Indigenous Teacher. Congratulations to Charlie who is a highly valued member of our team.

**Work Experience** — Proudly we are bringing back the opportunity for all of our year 10 students to undertake work experience for a week at the end of next term. This is being co-ordinated by Carol King and Rachael Jackson. If you are willing to host one of our students for work experience please contact either of these wonderful women, Carol [cking82@eq.edu.au](mailto:cking82@eq.edu.au) or Rachael [riack94@eq.edu.au](mailto:riack94@eq.edu.au)



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Inter-house Athletics Carnival — What a stunning day! The Athletics carnival held last Friday at Friemann oval was seriously amazing. To be part of this wonderful community is truly a privilege, the participation from our students was superb, we have so many very talented young athletes and the tireless work from our staff to make this day perfect was so appreciated.

Community Ambassador program This week we have again been supporting our local primary schools, it is absolutely magnificent the program that is being led by our Head of Department Wellbeing, Kate Peucker. Kate is supported in providing this support by many of our staff, thank you to Lesley Huen, Penny Shaw, Charlie Duke and Jayme Morris. Our students support our cluster schools with key events such as sporting events, cultural events and school wide celebrations. Thank you to our magnificent students who are sensational role models and our highly valued Ambassadors, Chloe and Riley Beare, Summer and Max Glenwright, Ashlee and Makayla Vickery, Logan Coffison, Amanda and Renae Forward, Brianna Hill-Warner, Seth Matthews Hayley O'Keefe, Sandeep Singh, Molly and Georgie Vardy, Ainslie and Mackenzie Tonks and Amy Brooks. "I would like to share my congratulations, to you both, for the exceptional behaviour and hard work of the students who attended Central's Sports Carnival yesterday. They, Penny and Kate, certainly did State High proud". Thank you, Ros Ferguson, for sending this beautiful message to our school.

I am very proud to be Principal of this fine school!  
Best wishes to all for a wonderful break,

Leanne Knight-Smith  
Principal

