



Charters Towers State High School

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Principal update — 25th February 2022

Good afternoon Parents, Guardians and Community members,

Charters State High School Students — Sensational young people — I had the pleasure this week of handing out the learning journals and laptop sleeves to our students, this was without a doubt the highlight of my week. Parents/carers you should be so proud of your amazing children. The gratitude, pride and manners that our kids have are outstanding and this is a direct result of the upbringing that these wonderful students have had, so thank you parents for all that you do to shape our young people into respectful citizens. For any students that were away this week we will make sure they can collect these items next week.

Attendance - This has been a difficult start to the schooling year for all, however please ensure your children attend school when it is possible. Every day counts with education, we need to maximise every learning opportunity for our students. Please remember to call the school if your child is away due to illness, etc to explain their absence. The student absence number is 4754 6560 or please respond to the text message you receive notifying you of the absence.

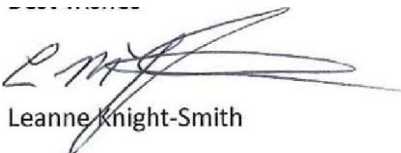
Hornets new uniforms An exciting week for our Hornets Rugby teams as they launched the brand new uniforms at the District Trial days. The uniforms look sensational and our students expressed the pride they felt wearing these, I can't wait to see the next set of new uniforms on display! Please make sure you like our Facebook page so that you can keep up to date on all of the wonderful things that happen at Charters Towers State High School.

Queensland Engagement and Wellbeing Survey - In Term 2, students will be asked to take part in the Queensland Engagement and Wellbeing (QEW) Survey, We know that wellbeing and engagement are important parts of your child's life at school The QEW Survey is designed to measure how students view their wellbeing and engagement across different topics. The information we get from the survey helps us better understand and support our students. An information letter will be sent out to parents and carers closer to the time.

COVID update - To keep our school communities COVID-19 safe, students and staff must not attend school if they are unwell or have COVID-19 symptoms. Please note I will send out further information next week as the COVID Back to School plan finishes on 4th March.

- Staff and students should attend their local Queensland Health testing clinic where they will be prioritised to receive a rapid antigen test (RAT).
- If the test result is negative and the staff member or student is well, they can return to school. If the test is positive, the staff member or student will need to follow Queensland Health quarantine and isolation requirements.

Best wishes



Leanne Knight-Smith

A/Principal



