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As we wrap up Term 3, I would like to acknowledge the incredible work taking place across our college. Our students and staff have continued to demonstrate dedication and resilience as students work towards completing their studies, while we welcome new students on their own educational journeys.

In Week 6, the Executive Leadership Team came together to progress planning for QPSC's emerging strategic framework. I would like to sincerely thank our students, staff, families, carers and community partners for their valuable input in shaping the future direction of our college. It is an exciting time for QPSC, and I look forward to sharing more about what lies ahead in the near future.

This term, we also celebrated and recognised several important events. During Teacher Aide Appreciation Week, we acknowledged our outstanding support staff, whose dedication helps make our college a welcoming, supportive and vibrant place for young people to learn and grow. We also recognised Wear It Purple Day and RU OK? Day, reinforcing the importance of creating inclusive communities where everyone feels safe, valued, connected and a strong sense of belonging.

To conclude the term, I had the opportunity to visit several schools in Canberra as part of the High Impact Schools Visits program. My thanks to Lake Tuggeranong College, Evelyn Scott School, Jerrabomberra High School and Canberra College for sharing their programs and practices. These visits provide valuable opportunities for learning, reflection and collaboration, helping us strengthen outcomes for our students. While in Canberra, I also attended the 2026 Schools Plus Teaching Awards and Alumni Forum at Parliament House. Congratulations to all award recipients and thank you for your inspiring contributions to Australian education.

So far this year, 192 students have completed their senior studies, and this number will continue to grow throughout the year. We now look forward to celebrating this achievement at our Graduation ceremonies. Please see the dates below:

Townsville campus: 12 November 2026

Mount Isa campus: 13 November 2026

Metro West campuses: 16 November 2026

Metro North campuses: 17 November 2026

Metro South campuses: 19 November 2026

Toowoomba campus: 20 November 2026



The QPSC community acknowledges the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the Traditional Owners of this country throughout Australia, and their continued connection to land and community. We pay respect to them and their cultures and to the Elders both past and present.

Bracken Ridge Campus

As we move towards the final months of the 2026 school year, there is a real sense of momentum across our Bracken Ridge campus. For many of our young people, the finish line is coming into view, and we are incredibly proud of the progress being made towards completing their senior studies.

Behind every projected QCE is a story of persistence, engagement and growth. Our students continue to work alongside their Learning & Pathways Mentors to identify the learning, qualifications and experiences they need to achieve their individual pathways. As the year draws closer to its conclusion, we are celebrating each completed unit, qualification and learning milestone that moves our young people one step closer to their goals.

The past five weeks have also been filled with opportunities to learn, connect and contribute to our campus community.

Our new kitchen has quickly become a hub of activity, with students taking part in cooking experiences that build practical skills while creating opportunities to connect with one another. We are excited to see activities in this space continue to develop into a regular part of campus life.

We recently recognised both Wear It Purple Day and R U OK? Day. Both events provided important opportunities to reinforce a message that sits at the heart of our work at QPSC: everyone deserves to feel safe, valued, connected and that they belong.

Students have continued to embrace additional learning opportunities, including Certificate II Sampling and Measurement and First Aid and CPR training. These experiences allow students to add practical skills and recognised learning to their pathway while exploring possibilities for life beyond school.

Finally, we took time to recognise the incredible support staff who keep our Bracken Ridge campus running so smoothly. Much of what they do happens quietly behind the scenes, but their contribution is felt every day. From supporting students and families to keeping our systems, spaces and people connected, they are an essential part of our campus community.

As we approach the final stretch of 2026, there is much to celebrate and still plenty to achieve. We look forward to working alongside our students and families as we continue building momentum towards completing senior studies, successful transitions and, most importantly, young people who can feel proud of how far they have come.



Bundamba Campus

The last half of Term 3 has been filled with great food, celebrations, learning and plenty of opportunities to connect. Our students have been working hard and doing an amazing job, showing great effort and commitment across their learning. We are so proud of everything they have achieved and the effort they continue to put in each day.

We have enjoyed some delicious meals throughout the month, along with our much-loved monthly birthday celebrations. Our very own in-house chef treated us to a yummy carrot cake for August, and it was definitely a hit!

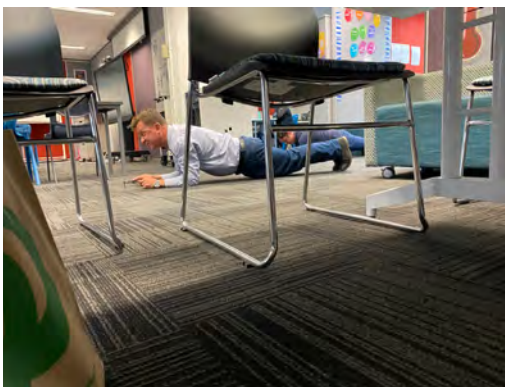
We have also continued to focus on our wellbeing and staying active. As part of our daily movement, students and staff have taken part in quick one-minute challenges such as planks and squats. We also took part in Be Active, where students learnt how to use simple equipment to create their own workout and discovered fun ways to stay active and healthy. These activities have been a great way to get moving, reset and build healthy habits into our day.

We are also very lucky to be surrounded by nature, giving us plenty of opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. This month, students have enjoyed bird watching and exploring the wildlife around us, and we have even been lucky enough to spot a nest or two! It has been wonderful to slow down, appreciate our surroundings and learn more about the nature right on our doorstep.

Our hospitality students are doing an amazing job and are now so close to finishing their course! They have been working hard, developing their practical skills and gaining valuable hands-on experience. We are incredibly proud of their progress and the effort they have shown throughout their hospitality journey. We can't wait to see them cross the finish line!

We also had the opportunity to celebrate Wear It Purple Day, helping promote a safer, more inclusive and empowering environment where everyone feels welcome, respected and valued. It was a great reminder of the importance of kindness, inclusion and creating a community where everyone feels that they belong.

Overall, Term 3 has been full of good food, good health, learning, nature, hard work and celebrating our students and community. We are incredibly proud of our students and their efforts and look forward to Term 4!



Coorparoo Campus

During the second half of Term 3 students at QPSC Coorparoo have been actively engaged in a number of special celebrations and enrichment activities. Our year 12s have been especially busy finalising VET and QCAA courses as they work towards transitioning from school.

In late August, students and staff celebrated Wear It Purple Day which aims to create safer, more inclusive and empowering environments for LGBTQIA+SB young people. Krystle ran a special SWEL lesson on the history and meaning of the day, and we explored what it meant to create environments which are inclusive for all.



A big shout out to our speech language pathologist, Michelle, who does a fantastic job supporting our students and always has a smile on her face. Keep up the great work Michelle!

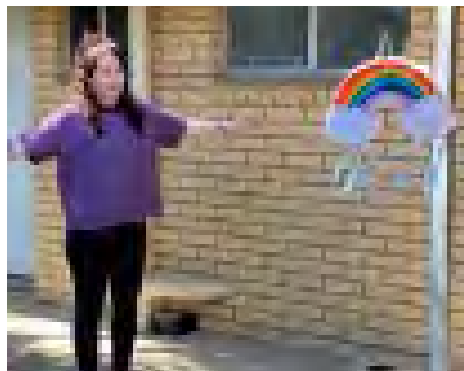
QPSC Coorparoo celebrated RUOK? Day by making and decorating cupcakes. Students participated in a range of activities to increase their awareness about mental health and provided them with skills to check in with family and friends. Our staff got on board with a range of RUOK? Day merchandise.

One of our Year 12 students recently spent a number of days at Parliament House with Joe Kelly MP learning about the day to day processes which occur in state government circles. A big thanks to Joe Kelly for organising this experience!



Goodna Campus

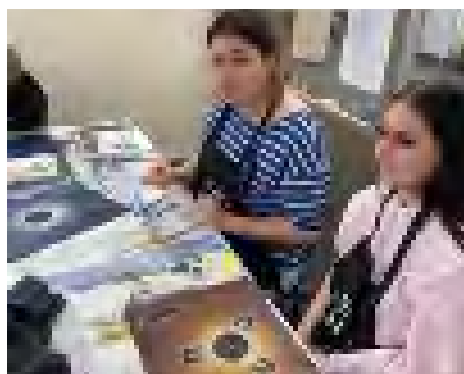
We celebrated Wear It Purple Day with students who chose to participate, creating a great opportunity to talk about visibility, inclusion and supporting the LGBTQIA+SB community. To finish the celebration, we shared a colourful rainbow piñata. Of course, the candy was a hit! It was lovely to see students getting involved, having conversations and celebrating together.



Thursday boxing sessions are still going strong! It has been fantastic to see the students' confidence and skills improving week by week, with more students getting comfortable with the sessions, jumping in, having a go and most importantly, having fun. It has also been great to see staff getting involved and giving it a go alongside the students, creating a positive and supportive atmosphere for everyone! Boxing has become a great way to finish off the week, giving everyone the chance to release some of the stress that comes with a busy week through physical activity, movement and a few good punches! It's been wonderful to see everyone getting active, focusing on movement and enjoying some time together. The progress has been great to watch and the energy in the room keeps us smiling!



We were lucky enough to have Alara from Geebung Dreaming join us for an Indigenous art workshop. The students were incredibly invested in their paintings and it was wonderful to see their creativity come through. We had some absolutely amazing pieces created, with a few turning out particularly impressive! The finished artworks will be displayed around our Goodna campus, giving everyone the chance to admire the students' hard work and creativity.

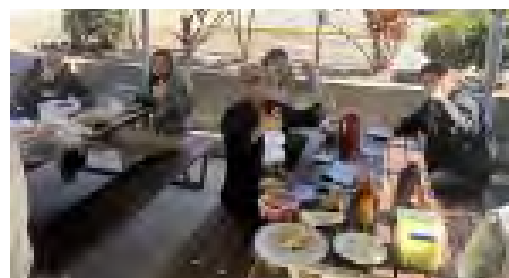




David's veggie garden is looking fantastic! The students have been getting excited watching all the vegetables grow, and the students are even thinking about making scarecrows to protect them! It has been great to see students taking an interest in the garden and enjoying watching the progress of everything they have growing.

Paul prepped some burger patties and David fired up the BBQ so everyone got to enjoy some homemade burgers. They were clearly a crowd favorite with some students managing to put away up to FOUR burgers! It was a delicious way to take a break and enjoy some good food together.

With plenty of assessments due over these weeks, things have started to feel busier around campus. It has been great to have these activities and events sprinkled throughout the busy assessment period, giving students (and staff!) something positive to look forward to, have a laugh and enjoy together.



Moreton Bay Campus

There is a sense of purpose across our Moreton Bay campus as we move into the final stages of the 2026 school year. For all students, these weeks represent an important period of learning, assessment and achievement, while for those students completing their program in the next few weeks, they mark the beginning of an exciting transition beyond the school walls.

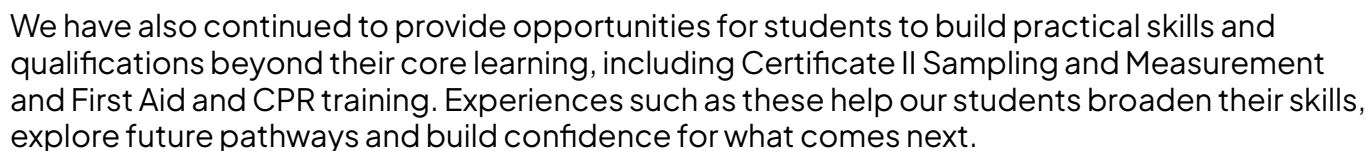
Across the campus, students are currently working through assessment connected to their QCAA subject involvement, including our Short Course offerings, Essential Mathematics and Essential English. For many students, completing these subjects represents an important contribution towards the completion of their senior studies and we are proud of the commitment they are demonstrating as they work towards completing their learning requirements.

Our students also had the opportunity to participate in an Indigenous art workshop with friend of the College Alara Cameron, using creativity and storytelling as a way to strengthen connection. Through the workshop, students explored how art can be used to share both individual and collective stories, reflect on identity and experiences and deepen their connection with Country.

Our Preparatory Program continues to be a place where connection, belonging and re-engagement are at the heart of the learning experience. Throughout Term 4, some students will take the exciting next step of transitioning into our Senior Program, while others will explore pathways into alternative education or training opportunities that best align with their individual goals. Importantly, these students continue to build a strong community around one another, developing relationships, supporting their peers and finding meaningful ways to reconnect with education. We are incredibly proud of the courage and growth they demonstrate as they work towards their next step.

Alongside classroom learning, we continue to value the opportunities that bring our campus community together. Wear It Purple Day and R U OK? Day gave students and staff the opportunity to connect around important messages of inclusion, belonging and looking out for one another. These moments remind us that success at Moreton Bay is about more than academic outcomes, it is also about creating a community where young people feel known, supported and valued.

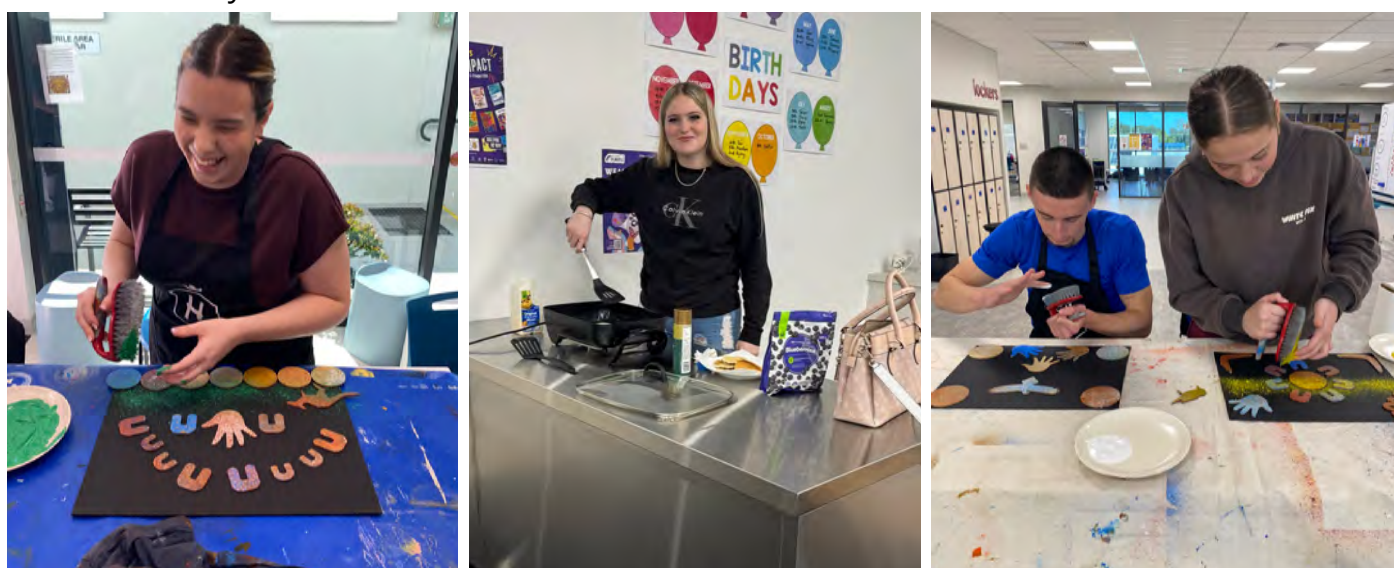




For our Year 12 students (and some Year 11s!), that “what comes next” is now very close. As you enter your final weeks of school, we want to recognise just how significant this achievement is. Your pathway to this point may not always have been straightforward, which makes reaching this milestone something worth celebrating.

Whether your next step is employment, further education or training, we hope you leave Moreton Bay campus proud of what you have accomplished and confident in your capacity to take the next step.

Congratulations, to all of our 2026 school completers! The finish line is in sight and there is so much ahead of you.



 Metropolitan North Graduation – 17 November

We are excited to invite our Metropolitan North families to join us for our 2026 Metropolitan North Graduation Event on the evening of Tuesday, 17 November.

This special event is an opportunity to come together as a community and recognise the achievements, persistence and growth of our young people throughout 2026. All students who have successfully completed their program during the 2026 school year are invited to attend and celebrate their achievement alongside family, staff and their peers.

We encourage our students to dress up for the occasion and enjoy the opportunity to mark this important milestone. This is your moment to be recognised and celebrated.

Families, please check your email inbox! Your official invitation has been sent and contains further information about the event, including the venue, times and RSVP details.

We look forward to seeing our students and families on 17 November and celebrating everything our young people have achieved in 2026. We hope you can join us!



Mount Gravatt Campus

As Term 3 comes to a close, we are proud to reflect on another busy and enjoyable term at Mt Gravatt campus. Over the past few weeks, students and staff have taken part in a range of activities focused on connection, inclusion and wellbeing, while continuing to build positive relationships across our campus community.

Students and staff recently celebrated Wear It Purple Day, an annual Australian event that supports and celebrates LGBTQIA+SB young people. This year's theme, Colours of Courage, provided an opportunity to recognise the importance of inclusion, respect and belonging within our school community. To mark the day, students and staff made purple smoothies, purple cupcakes and purple pikelets, as well as creating colourful bracelets together. It was a fun and meaningful way to celebrate diversity while encouraging kindness, acceptance and connection across the campus.

Our Connect sessions have also taken students out of the classroom and into Laserforce for some fun and friendly competition. These sessions have provided a great opportunity for students to strengthen relationships, practise teamwork and communication, and enjoy spending time together in a different environment. Students have embraced the experience and supported one another throughout the sessions, helping to build confidence and a strong sense of connection.

We also came together to recognise RU OK? Day with a relaxed morning tea featuring scones and cakes. The morning provided an opportunity for students and staff to slow down, connect and check in with one another. We then headed out for a walk in search of koalas, giving everyone a chance to enjoy the outdoors and spend time together. It was a simple but meaningful reminder of the importance of looking out for one another, staying connected and taking the time to ask, "RU OK?"

As we finish Term 3, we would like to thank our students, families and staff for their continued support and contribution to the Mt Gravatt campus community. It has been wonderful to see students embracing new experiences, building connections and continuing to develop their confidence and skills throughout the term. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable break and look forward to welcoming students back for another exciting term.



Mount Isa Campus

Term 3 has been a big term for our campus in the Northwest. This term has been jam-packed full of off campus adventures, guest speakers, connection building and of course, plenty of good grub.

Throughout this term, we have welcomed the team at Johnathan Thurston Academy (JTA) to deliver a weekly youth-led program, focussing on employment readiness. Each week, students explore different skills and employment pathways, whilst also building on their confidence, courage and self-belief.

In Week 6, our campus was invited to attend the Regional Jobs Committee (RJC) careers expo. Students spent the morning exploring various employment and training opportunities and career pathways that are available in Northwest Queensland region. From robotics and mining to community services and education, there was something on offer for every type of career interest.

Our weekly cook up, Mad Feedz Monday has continued to bring our campus community together this term. Recently, our Mad feedz Monday turned into a barbecued feast, to celebrate the naming of our new BBQ. Throughout Term 3, the campus community was asked to suggest names and then vote for their choice. Our new BBQ's name is.... GRILLIE NELSON.

The Regional school industry partnership program recently delivered a "Gateway 2 Health" day in the Mount Isa community. Participating students were provided the opportunity to engage with various healthcare organisations, to increase their knowledge and understanding of the healthcare system and the career pathways available. Some tour highlights included a visit to the Royal Flying Doctor's hanger, and Mount Isa Hospital.

Rounding us off each week is a visit to our local PCYC centre. Each of these visits focuses on "being active," one of our 5 Ways to Wellbeing. Students engage in a variety of activities that supports engagement, teamwork, physical activity and of course, fun!



Toowoomba Campus

As we reach the end of Term 3, it is wonderful to reflect on a busy and successful term filled with industry connections, community engagement, workplace learning opportunities and student achievements. Our young people have embraced every opportunity to build skills, explore career pathways and strengthen their connections both on and off campus.

A small group of students attended the Australian Trade Training College Experience Day, where they were able to explore a variety of trade pathways, including electrical, plumbing, construction and engineering. Representatives from Golden West Apprenticeships also attended to share valuable information about apprenticeship and traineeship opportunities. The industry connections are already creating positive outcomes, with two students progressing to interviews for apprenticeship positions. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the enthusiasm, commitment and growing confidence our young people are demonstrating.



Students and staff participated in a town visit, providing an opportunity to connect with local businesses, hand out resumes and become familiar with local employment and support services available within the community. Students visited organisations such as BUSY At Work and other employment agencies, learning where they are located and how they can access support when seeking employment in the future.

This experience encouraged students to develop workplace readiness skills, including presenting professionally, building confidence when approaching employers and practising effective communication and interview skills.



The campus has also seen eight students successfully complete their Certificate II in Hospitality, delivered by Tactile Learning. As part of the qualification, students completed two days of work experience with a local café and hockey club. Employers provided excellent feedback, highlighting the students' positive attitudes and willingness to learn.

To complete their final practical assessment, students transformed the campus kitchen into a Hot Dog Café. Students enjoyed a menu featuring hot dogs and milkshakes while the Hospitality students demonstrated their front-of-house skills by taking orders, preparing food, delivering meals and working together as a team. It was fantastic to see the cohort communicate effectively and support one another.

We would also like to recognise and celebrate the students who have successfully completed work experience placements throughout the term. Students gained valuable hands-on industry experience

with Black Truck & Ag, GPO Café, Toowoomba Truss and Frames, Bask Early Learning, Fish n Bits and the Glenvale Hockey Club, where they developed workplace skills, built confidence and explored potential career pathways.

These opportunities allow students to put their learning into practice while developing important employability skills such as communication, teamwork, reliability and initiative. We are incredibly proud of how our young people represented themselves, our campus and Queensland Pathways State College while in the workplace.



While the term has been busy, some of the most meaningful moments have come from the simple connections made each day. During breaks, many students gather around the Yarning Mat, creating a welcoming space for conversation. It has been wonderful to see new and existing students connecting, sharing lunch together and building a strong sense of community on campus.

As Term 3 comes to a close, we would like to congratulate all students on their efforts and achievements throughout the term. We look forward to seeing what opportunities and successes await in Term 4.



Townsville Campus

This term has flown and we've had so much success! Townsville campus is continuing to celebrate our small successes and is also welcoming new students on their amazing journey at QPSC. *We are finding our place, On the path unwinding. In the circle, The circle of life.*

We attended the Townsville Careers Expo; North Queensland's largest and most comprehensive careers, employment and training expo. Students enjoyed wandering through the event seeking advice on the job application process as well as interacting with representatives to discuss what it's 'really like' to study and/or work in specific careers.

The following week we continued our focus on careers, with the inclusion of two guest speakers; Vidusha Ratnayake, Operations and Standards Manager at Townsville Airport, as well as our very own Industry and Vocational Training Officer (IVTO), Tanya. Vidu spoke to students regarding the plethora of job opportunities airside, terminal side and corporate side of an airport. She also discussed the pathway into her current position and enjoyed answering a range of student questions about her career. To support her visit, Tanya, our very own IVTO, shared her incredible Padlet site, encouraging students to engage with its features both before and after their time at QPSC.

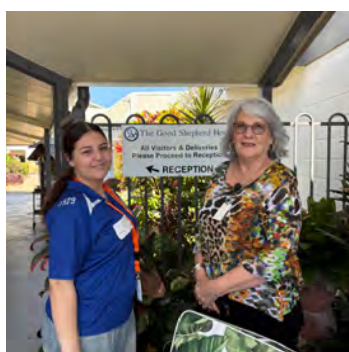
The reveal of our campus artwork created by Chris Gray, inspired by the work and stories of Townsville campus students happened in Week 5. We will let his work do the talking, it is incredible!

We were very lucky to have more guest speakers, this time from Toastmasters, who made the students feel very comfortable to speak in front of the whole group, using their unique strategies. Students loved their activities and welcomed their presentation.

Wear it Purple Day was another significant event at our campus, as we celebrated with a decorate-your-own-cupcake activity, wore purple wristbands, painted our nails purple and decorated our shoes with the rainbow beads beautiful Juanita sent to our campus. The students loved the relaxing afternoon filled with activities designed to celebrate everyone on campus. Staff kept the celebrations going on Friday acknowledging our wonderful support staff; Tanya and Karen.

And lastly, we had successful work experience opportunities for students and had a visit from the PCYC to inform and recruit students to the Emergency Services Cadet Programs. Students enjoyed learning about other opportunities to demonstrate leadership and keep learning in their local community.

We are so proud of the students who have completed their senior studies and moved into their chosen pathway, we are enrolling more incredible young people, and we cannot deny all being excited for a quick break before heading into Term 4. *There's more to see than can ever be seen, more to do than can ever be done. It's the circle, the circle of life* – Elton John.



Inclusion, Health and Wellbeing

Students at every campus have engaged with activities to raise awareness of several different events and special days this term. Bullying No Way Week, 17–21 August; Wear it Purple Day, 27 August; and R U OK? Day, 10 September, were all promoted and celebrated across all campuses.

Our school proudly supported Bullying No Way: National Week of Action, on the 17–21 August. This year's theme, Small Acts, Big Impact, reminded us all how simple actions, like including others, speaking up or showing kindness, can drive meaningful change. Bullying isn't just a school issue; it impacts entire communities. That's why schools, families and community groups must work together to create safe, inclusive spaces where everyone feels valued.

This year's Wear It Purple Day theme was 'Colours of Courage.' "Courage is not just expressed in big moments, but in everyday choices to live proudly and invite others into understanding, acceptance and celebration."

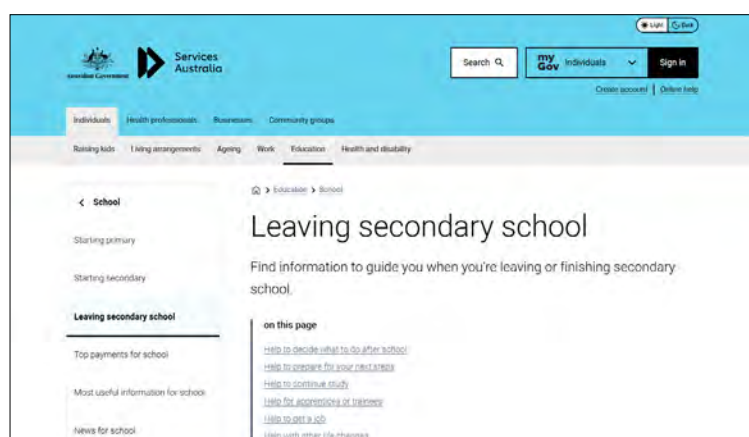
Colours of Courage recognises the bravery it takes to push for change in schools, workplaces, communities and institutions where conversations about LGBTQIA+SB lives do not always happen. It celebrates the allies who choose to stand up, speak out and ask what they can do to help create safer, more inclusive spaces.

R U OK? is a national suicide prevention charity and registered public health promotion that encourages people to stay connected and have conversations that can help others through difficult times.

We all have a role to play in looking out for those we care about at home, work or in our community. Ask, 'are you OK?' any day because a conversation could change a life.



Other useful websites and contacts

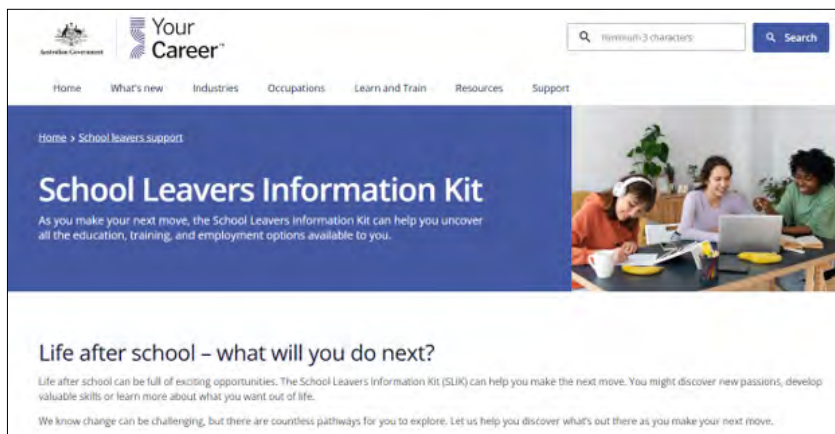


Services Australia

You can find lots of useful information on the Services Australia website to prepare for the future. It has links to information about looking for work, tertiary study and apprenticeships. And to give students a headstart, there's help with getting a tax file number, their own Medicare card and creating a myGov account.

It's not too early to get started!

More information [here](#).



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School Leavers Information Kit

As you make your next move, the School Leavers Information Kit can help you uncover all the education, training, and employment options available to you.



Life after school – what will you do next?

Life after school can be full of exciting opportunities. The School Leavers Information Kit (SLIK) can help you make the next move. You might discover new passions, develop valuable skills or learn more about what you want out of life.

We know change can be challenging, but there are countless pathways for you to explore. Let us help you discover what's out there as you make your next move.

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Mental Health Services and Support

Beyond Blue 24/7 mental health support service 1300 22 4636 beyondblue.org.au	headspace Online support and counselling to young people aged 12 to 25 1800 650 890 (9am-1am daily) For webchat, visit: headspace.org.au/eheadspace	Kids Helpline 24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services for children and young people aged 5 to 25 1800 55 1800 kidshelpline.com.au	1800RESPECT 24/7 support for people impacted by sexual assault, domestic violence and abuse 1800 737 732 1800respect.org.au
Lifeline 24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services 13 11 14 lifeline.org.au	Suicide Call Back 24/7 crisis support and counselling service for people affected by suicide 1300 659 467 suicidecallbackservice.org.au	Mensline 24/7 counselling service for men 1300 78 99 78 mensline.org.au	QLife LGBTI peer support and referral 1800 184 527 (6pm-10pm daily) qlife.org.au (online chat 3pm-12am daily)

If you are concerned about someone at risk of immediate harm, call 000 or go to your nearest hospital emergency department.




Stay Connected

Year 12 students planning to attend Schoolies on the Gold Coast can now register for their Safer Schoolies wristbands, which provide access to the Schoolies Hub. Located on Surfers Paradise Beach, the hub offers a full week of activities and entertainment in a dedicated drug and alcohol-free environment, giving school leavers a safe space to celebrate exclusively with their peers. Registered students will also receive important information and updates before and during the Schoolies celebration period.

For more information visit the [Safer Schoolies website](https://www.qld.gov.au/schoolies).



Celebrating
SCHOOLIES '26
on the Gold Coast?

- ✓ Get a FREE Schoolies Wristband
- ✓ Schoolies Hub = 7 nights of epic entertainment on the beach
- ✓ A week full of activities and FUN for school leavers
- ✓ Support services, walk homes, pancake cook-ups and more!

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The Australian Government's [Let's Stop Bullying campaign](https://www.LetsStopBullying.gov.au) is helping parents and carers to identify and respond to bullying.

Any behaviour that causes harm, or makes someone feel unsafe, is not okay and needs to be addressed. Resources are now available to help support children experiencing bullying.

The Let's Stop Bullying campaign is part of the recommendations from the Australian Anti-Bullying Rapid Review.

The Queensland Government is also providing help to parents and carers with [Parentline](https://www.parentline.qld.gov.au), available for free and confidential support for a range of parenting concerns, including bullying.

The Department of Education wants to hear from Year 10, 11 and 12 students who left a state school during 2025, before completing Year 12.

Eligible students will soon receive a letter with a personalised survey link and may also be contacted by email or phone. Parents/carers, please encourage them to take part. The survey takes only 5 minutes, and participants can win an iPad Air just for completing it.

Your feedback will help us improve learning experiences and support for future students

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