



## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear Parents/caregivers,

As we enter into the second-half of 2022, I would like to congratulate all of our students for the efforts and achievements so far this year. Again, our students have demonstrated resilience and commitment to their learning and wellbeing; we are very proud of their results. I would also like to thank all of our parents/caregivers, for your continued support of the college. We couldn't achieve the success that we do, without your input and commitment, so thank you.

### **New Learning Spaces**

With the continued growth of our college, we have developed new learning spaces to accommodate individual needs and interests of our young people. As such, we have created Learning Hubs, Skills and Training Hubs, Re-engagement Zones and a tailored Sensory Room to ensure all of our young people are provided with safe, productive learning environments. These improvements have added value to the spaces and many students have remarked on how well these additions are supporting their learning.

### **Family Interview Nights**

A reminder to all families that the 3rd August, 2022 is our Family Interview Night, to which is a great opportunity for existing and new families to meet our incredible staff and discuss the individual successes of our young people. Booking information will be emailed to families early next term.

### **Attendance**

As we enter into Term 3, a reminder that 'everyday counts,' for our young people. Semester 1 averaged around 80% attendance, which is a great result, however we are always wanting to improve our overall school attendance and strive for 85%. A reminder to all families, that when your child/ward is unwell with an ongoing medical condition (2 days or more), we do require a medical certificate to ensure that the absence is explained. In addition, it is important that for any day that your child/ward is absent from school, parents/caregivers are required to inform the college with an acceptable explanation of their absence before 9am.

### **Senior School Arts Exhibition**

Senior students' artwork will be on display at Robina Community Centre the first two weeks of Term 3 2022 (13th – 25th July, 2022). This is a fantastic opportunity for us to showcase and celebrate the creativity and talent of our senior art students. We welcome our parents, guardians and Arcadia community to view the wonderful creations.

### **Distance Education**

Arcadia College is now accredited to deliver our programs via an online learning platform (Distance Education). We are now accepting enrolments for Years 9 and 10 students only to commence Term 3, 2022 Distance Education (DE). We will offer the DE option to the remainder of the year levels, commencing in Term 1, 2023. For further inquiries please contact our enrolments team [enrolments@arcadia.qld.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@arcadia.qld.edu.au).

Finally, I would like to extend my gratitude to our exceptional staff group, who always go above and beyond for our young people. Together, we are a great team and are proud to be offering alternative pathways for our young people.

I wish all students a happy and safe break and I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 12th July.

Kind Regards,



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# YR 7 AND 8 COORDIATOR

*Kim Denny*

## Year 7

Year 7 have been exploring the universe and investigated how scientific elements have affected the relationship between the Earth, Moon and Sun this term. We have studied moon cycles, seasons, tides. The interest in this subject was astounding and students met with up regularly with their science teacher to discuss our world. Students designed delicious healthy wraps during innovation and enjoyed eating their amazing creations. Mathematics was delivered in fun and engaging ways, and students developed a deeper understanding of budgets through mock shopping experiences and financial mathematics. Students collaboratively retold their version of the Narran Lake Dreamtime story and created number books in Yugambeh for students affected by the recent floods in the Northern Rivers.



## Year 8

The year 8 classroom became a Shark Tank where students built on their entrepreneurial capabilities and developed their own businesses linked to real world contexts. They brought this to life, through a Market Stall, selling their products to staff and students. Through engaging Art lessons students were given opportunities to showcase their own tags on large graffiti boards using skills learnt. They also wrote a short story, from the perspective of a worker in a developing country and this was linked into maths lessons as students discovered the difference between a living wage and a working wage.



# YR 9 COORDINATOR

*Sarah Hann*

This semester, the Year 9 students have settled into their learning well. They are learning to tackle new challenges with an open mind and give everything a go. Our students have engaged with many learning activities such as the digestive system, Indigenous games, speeches, creating a tsunami and heading out on Bush Walks for ABL to learn about how to use maps and compasses effectively. Students have also been engaging in Art, Innovation and STEAM lessons, where students have demonstrated and developed a range of skills, including creativity and problem-solving.

Well done to all our students who overcame challenges and achieved success this Semester.



# YR 10 COORDINATOR

*Elisha Crossfield*

Year 10s have been extremely busy and engaging very well this term. In English, they have been learning about various cultures and historical significance of festivals around the world before creating and advertising their own unique festival. During Maths students have been completing algebra and genomic reasoning, and in History students have been learning about World War II, including cause and effect, continuity and change, and lasting consequences of the war. Within Science, students have been exploring the Origin of the Universe, including evidence that supports The Big Bang Theory. This term, students engaged on an excursion to the Planetarium at Mt Coot-tha to support their learning of this topic.



# YR 11 COORDINATOR

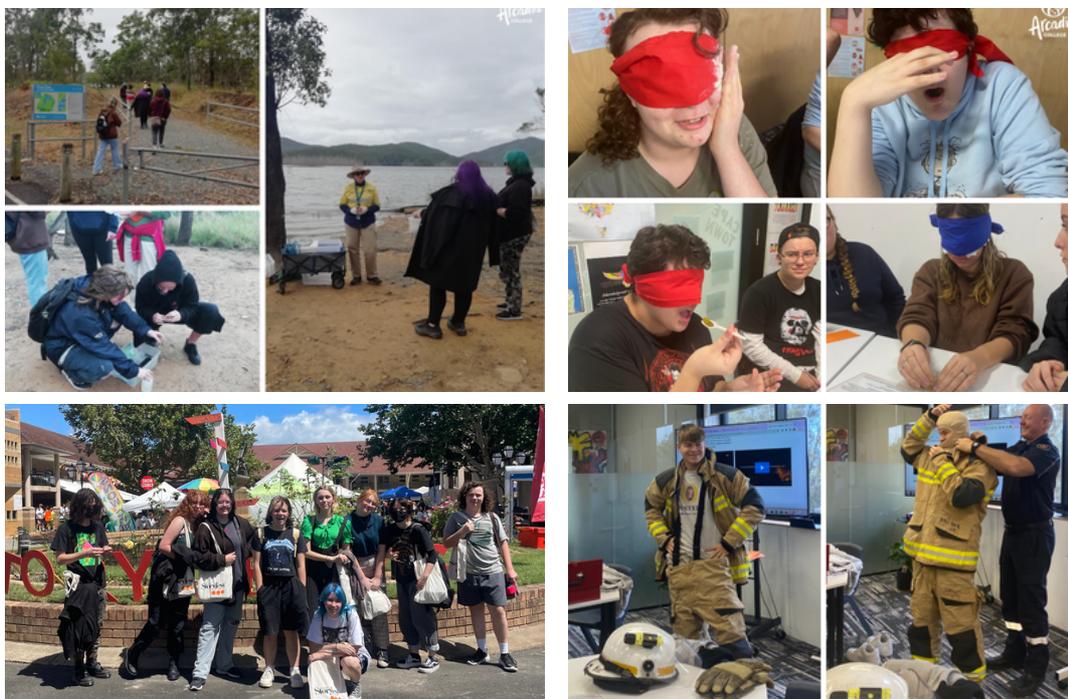
*Samantha Dunemann*

This Semester, the Year 11 students have settled into their senior schooling, taking each opportunity that is given to them and seeking experiences to set them up for life beyond school. They have engaged with many activities including Bookfest, Careers Expo and tailored career talks. Students have thoroughly enjoyed being able to look at possible career pathways and have the opportunity to talk these through with professionals in the field. Whilst on campus, students have engaged in mini projects including starting our very own Senior Library. Our main highlight this semester is our year level connection challenge, where students have collectively been 'hiking' from Cape Town to Russia admiring the culture along the way. Due to the wet weather, we are a little behind schedule but hope to finish the hike together at the start of Term 3 where we will conquer a 1-hour hill climb – wish us luck!

# YR 12 COORDINATOR

*Carl Hotko*

This Semester, the Year 12 students completed their Common Internal Exams for English and Mathematics as they continue to work towards the successful completion of their Year 12 studies. Students showed great commitment and perseverance throughout the assessment block and achieved results they should be proud of. We have seen students successfully complete VET certificates this term, and a large number of students begin the Uni-Start pathway towards 2023 University entry. Students represented Arcadia College superbly as they engaged with stallholders and presenters at the Gold Coast Careers Expo, exploring a number of possible pathways for employment and further study after school. A small group of students have been working with Waves of Wellness, to learn how to surf and also a holistic approach to improving their own wellbeing. While this semester has been busy, students have maintained a positive attitude and an eagerness to achieve their best.



# MOB WINTER SPORTS DAY

Arcadia College held their annual Winter Sports Day on Wednesday the 15th of June. The highly anticipated carnival saw students demonstrate their skills in an array of sporting contexts including indoor soccer, basketball and dodgeball.

Participation and engagement was exceptionally high, especially amongst Nyirang who went home with the 2022 Ohana Award. This is awarded to the Mob with the highest levels of support and engagement.

Mibany's skill and determination on the day saw them get both hands on the prestigious Champion Mob Award. This is awarded to the Mob that receives the most points on the day. It must be mentioned that there were only 10 points between 1st and 4th! The closest finish between Mobs in recent history.

A special mention to our Most Valuable Mob Members who played a major role in leading their Mobs throughout the day.

Mibany - Ngaio Marama

Nyirang - Kai Galloway

Gururman - Simi Toru

Gurgany - Tahg Nock

A HUGE shoutout to Brent and Byron for organising the most fun-filled and successful sports day.



# WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK!

A HUGE shoutout to all of the parents/caregivers and staff who have donated backpacks for the first and second round of 'We've Got Your Back.' It has been a very humbling and heart-felt experience delivering the 30 backpacks to Tumbulgum Public School and Rosellas Community Preschool.

Principal - Tahlia McGahey stated, "A Year 2 student informed me that he'd 'lost his whole house,' and was staying in a share house- not the kind of story you want to hear from an 8 year old".

We have been informed that Crabbes Creek Primary and Possum Creek Daycare have also been severely damaged by the floods, so they are our next targets for Term 3. We will involve all year levels, staff and parents/caregivers in the third round. The students will then assist in packing the bags.

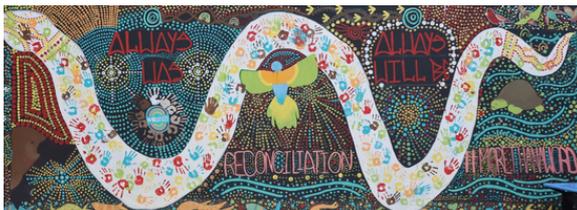
Thank you to our incredible families and staff who have donated, we appreciate all of your support on this.



# RECONCILIATION DAY

On Friday 27th, we marked the start of National Reconciliation Week 2022 – a reminder for us all to acknowledge and understand that Reconciliation starts with brave actions, like owning history, truth telling and acknowledging that we stand on unceded Aboriginal/First Nations and Torres Strait Islander lands.

What an honour it was to have proud Gamilaroi educators Buddi, Christina and the crew from Winangali Infusion at Arcadia College on Monday 30th. They performed and delivered a unique, high standard and interactive style of ancient Edu-cultural Healing Practices and powerful storytelling to our students and staff.



# SOCIAL MEDIA CONCERNS

## Cyberbullying

Cyberbullying is when someone uses the internet to be mean to a child or young person so they feel bad or upset. It can happen on a social media site, game, app, or any other online or electronic service or platform. It can include: posts, comments, texts, messages, chats, livestreams, memes, images, videos and emails.

Sadly, cyberbullying happens a lot in Australia and around the world.

*44% of Australian young people report having a negative online experience in the last 6 months, this includes 15% who received threats or abuse online.*

eSafety helps prevent and deal with cyberbullying and its impacts. They do this by providing information, education and resources, and by investigating and helping to fix the most serious cases of cyberbullying.

## As a parent/caregiver what should you do?

If someone is being mean online, first of all it's a good idea to:

- Report the content to an Arcadia staff member or trusted adult.
- Change the setting on your device online or block any content you do not wish to see.
- Report it to the social media site or via eSafety
- Report anonymously via Stymie

For further information please visit

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/report/what-you-can-report-to-esafety>

<https://stymie.com.au/>

Arcadia College implements an Anti-bullying Policy in accordance with the relevant legislation (law) within schools. The College has a **zero tolerance** for bullying regardless of whether it is onsite or online.

If students at Arcadia are engaging in any form of online or onsite bullying, and there is clear evidence of this, then they are risking their enrolment at Arcadia College.

Engaging in cyberbullying with the intention of purposefully harming another student (s) will result in an immediate bounce, pending investigation, which may include a **police report**.



## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**MONDAY 11TH JULY**

PUPIL FREE DAY

**TUESDAY 12TH JULY**

SCHOOL RESUMES FOR ALL YEAR LEVELS

**4TH - 11TH JULY**

NAIDOC WEEK

**13TH - 25TH JULY**

SENIOR SCHOOL ART EXHIBITION

**THURSDAY 25TH AUGUST**

WEAR IT PURPLE DAY

**FRIDAY 26TH AUGUST**

GOLD COAST SHOW

**FRIDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER**

PUPIL FREE DAY

**FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER**

LAST DAY OF TERM 3

## **HAVE YOU MOVED, CHANGED YOUR PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS?**

A QUICK AND EASY WAY TO UPDATE YOUR DETAILS IS THROUGH PARENT LOUNGE. IT ONLY TAKES A MINUTE AND SAVES YOU TIME ON THE PHONE OR COMING INTO THE OFFICE.