8 September 2016

From the Executive Principal

On Thursday 1st September, I had the pleasure of welcoming just over 300 Year 6 students who have enrolled for 2017. It was wonderful to see all of the students in their individual school uniforms coming together as a group of future students and participating in the activities that were organised as an introduction to high school.

We are predicting that there will be around 350 students in Year 7 for the start of 2017. Our student leaders spent the day supporting groups of students as they moved around the school, making them feel welcome and providing answers to questions about Mountain Creek SHS, our curriculum or policies and our many additional extra-curricular programs.

Last week on Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st August a cohort of 151 OP eligible students sat the Statewide QCS test. I want to extend my congratulations to this group of students for the manner in which they were prepared and approached the two day test. Our comprehensive test preparation program along with a focus on higher order thinking skills has ensure all students who sat the test were well prepared. Thank you to all staff and parents for your part in this preparation program.

I would like to extend my thanks to those families who have finalised subject selection for 2017. Timetabling begins in term 4 and I would like to remind families who have yet to complete subject selection to please return subject selection forms to student administration before the end of Term 3. This will ensure that your student has a place in the subjects of first choice.

As the term draws to a close I would like to remind parents and students that the final day of Term 3 is Friday 16th September. All students should be in attendance up to and including the 16th September. Year 12 Exam Block commences on Thursday 8th September and Year 11 Exam Block Monday 12th.

And finally, I am on 2 weeks long service leave from Monday 5th September until Friday 16th September. Mr Andrew Stone will be acting in my position as Principal during this time.

Cheryl McMahon
Executive Principal

From the Head of Senior School

Best Wishes For Exams!

Senior students are about to enter the Term 3 exam block and we wish them well in their studies. It is important to learn that there is ample opportunity for students to improve their grades, especially in Year 12 where the marks that count are only in Year 12, except for a couple of subjects. Students must try to improve their rank as much as possible in the last two terms in this competitive system.

Graduation Notes

There are three tenets of the graduation policy that have been recently highlighted to students on assembly. These are;

- Acceptable behaviour record.
- Less than 5% unexplained absences from school. Unexplained does not include explained illnesses and pre-arranged sport or family commitments.
• Achievement of the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). This demonstrates that the student has completed school successful.

We want all students in Year 12 to be able to attend these graduation events. Following the outline above will ensure this can occur.

Students will be advised Monday 5th September about the processes of graduation for 2016.

New Senior Assessment System in 2018

As previously advised, current Year 9 students will be the first cohort of students to undergo the new senior assessment system replacing the current OP system beginning in 2018. The short vignette at the link below outlines the school system and may be of some interest to parents. I will continue to provide updates to parents as they come to hand, so that these changes can be fully explained to all stakeholders.


Andrew Stone
Head of Senior School

From the Head of Junior Secondary School

As term 3 comes to an end please ensure that your student completes all assignments and exams prior to the holiday break.

Subject selection 2017

By now all students should have submitted forms to indicate subject selection for 2017. This will ensure your student is placed in electives of their choice for next year. If your student’s form has not been submitted please do so as a matter of priority as timetabling for 2017 is underway.

Opportunity – Young Scholars

We have continued to Welcome year 5 and 6 Young Scholars this term. In week seven, students were involved in Maths and Humanities subjects. It was fantastic!

Excellence – Collins Writing Program

Led by Jon Lindsay (Harvard Club of Australia (HCA) Queensland Chapter) on the 1st of September, I had a wonderful opportunity to attend a meeting with members of the HCA. Along with Harvard Club Alumni members (some leading extraordinary teams in the business world), UQ representatives, high school principals, DET International representatives, UQ students and staff and Mark Campling, the Regional Director for the Metropolitan Region, we had the opportunity to listen to three Secondary Principals who have all completed short courses at Harvard.

Chris Hills (Principal - Rockhampton Girls Grammar completed at course at Harvard in 2014) has been working with our school in our implementation of the Collins Writing Program. Chris presented to the HCA meeting - the impact this program can have on student’s ability and confidence with writing. Chris also acknowledged the outstanding and ongoing work Mountain Creek SHS staff are doing to improve student’s writing. We would like to thank Chris for her support and commitment to a partnership with our school and the recognition she has given us in a very prestigious forum.

Excellence

Special mention to Fletcher Connie (year 7) who was the state champion in the Australian History Competition. Congratulations to Lydia Keet who is a recipient of a medal for the ICAS Writing competition. Both outstanding students!

Opportunity

Excited yet nervous, students who will join our school community as year 7 students in 2017, attended their Transition Day on the 1st of September. We will welcome over 300 year 7 students in 2017.

Quality

I had the great pleasure of attending some Professional Development on Professional Learning Communities (PLC) with a team of staff from the Creek. We will continue to use collaborative teams within our school community to influence and support student learning.
Thank you to all students and staff involved in the QCS program for 2016. The many practices and feedback culminated in the formal Queensland Core Skills Test on Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st August 2016. 150 students sat the test and as a group they can be congratulated on their commitment and positive attitude demonstrated by their organisation and industry.

We hope that this group achieves strong outcomes in their results, evidenced by their conduct during this important process.

Alcohol in our youth is the foundation of trauma. Actions that have extensive and expensive consequences do not seem to be an ideal reality for teenagers. The P.A.R.T.Y excursion preached that ‘it can happen to you’.

The first and last speakers had the biggest impact on me. The trauma nurse spoke wisely of the consequences that are caused by alcohol. She showed the audience images of trauma patients and their injuries, which were alcohol related; they scared me to my soul. She spoke of a quote that has stuck with me, “If I had a dollar for every person in the ICU that has said, I can’t believe this happened to me,’ I’d be a very rich lady.” I believe this quote spoke more than its meaning to many teenagers in the audience. Our youth will stay naïve until the reality of their actions have sunk in. Also, the last public speaker (she was not a public speaker, but she connected with the audience very well) spoke about her accident/recovery and how she coped with such. I related to her because my mother endured a very similar accident/recovery. Never once did she wish her accident had not happened, which shocked me. Perhaps she is a better person due to her accident? Perhaps she realises she cannot take back her accident and is willing to move forward with her life?

Also, the policemen were very courageous. It concerns me how much the media manipulates the APF; they are honest people who care for the safety of the community. In general, why would anybody hate someone for doing their job that they are passionate about?

I believe the presentation was about stressing the importance of alcohol related trauma in youth. The presentation preached that ‘it can happen to you’. The activities associated with such benefited the message, ultimately the activities tried to educate/advise teenagers about how to cope safely in alcohol related situations to minimise/prevent trauma, to ensure IT DOESN'T HAPPEN TO YOU.

By Holly Baigent 11 Health

Science Update

Science Week 2016

Week 6 this term (from the 15th-19th of August) was National Science Week, an Australia-wide event to celebrate science and technology. The school celebrates this week every year in order to promote science throughout the school while having a bunch of fun in the process. The theme for 2016 was “Droids, Drones and Robots”, and as such, the week was started off with an incredible robotics tutorial. This was followed, on Wednesday, by a science spectacular, where students were exposed to a variety of amazing science experiments, including elephant’s toothpaste and setting sodium on fire with water. The IB group 4 presentations were on Thursday, in which year 11 IB students set up demonstrations on a variety of topics, from respiration to non-Newtonian fluids, and then presented these to some primary school students. Finally, on Friday, a final presentation took place, this time with an incredibly cool
As well as freezing flowers, balloons and ping-pong balls to -196°C, students were also able to have a taste of ice-cream frozen right in front of their eyes. On top of this, over the course of the week, clues were hidden around the school and in notices to a scavenger hunt, for students to find and solve. This was exciting for all involved and a big congratulations to our winner! Overall, the week was an incredibly enjoyable learning experience and a lot of fun was had by all who participated.

Abbey Van De Vorst (Student)

Blasting Into Physics In Year 10

Week 5 and 6 this term the year 10 Preparatory Physics students had a blast experimenting with water rockets as part of their assessment for the term. The rockets are based on 2L soft-drink bottles, which are partially filled with water and then propelled by air pressure. The students investigated the effect of the water to air ratio on the rockets initial acceleration and related their measurements to Newton’s laws. The students filmed this motion then examined the motion in detail to measure the acceleration of the rockets. The students had a great time launching the rockets which reached heights of around 60m.

Dr Kristen Matherson

http://vimeo.com/181433400

Home Economics Update

In week 7, the students of 7B prepared, presented and consumed fruit smoothies. They used a wide range of fruit, combined with yoghurt and ice. In some cases, the students also used flavourings, such as nutmeg and vanilla extract. The smiles on the students’ faces, particularly when drinking their smoothies, shows how much they are enjoying the practical aspects of the Food Technology programme.

Mis en place, which includes personal hygiene procedures and bench organisation are consistently well done for all students. Many of the students are now competent in the use of the chefs’ knives, while others still require more practice to develop confidence. It is clear that a number of students have been practising their knife skills at home and I would appreciate support from parents and carers to encourage this practice.

While many students have become proficient with time management and washing up procedures, there is still room for improvement in this area. The groups who have students excellent team work among group members are easily able to complete all of the tasks within the lesson. For the next cookery session, I would like to see all students working towards being an effective team member, while also taking responsibility for their own area as well.

http://vimeo.com/181433401
http://vimeo.com/181433399
http://vimeo.com/181433402

The students of 7G should be very pleased with their efforts in the practical cookery aspect of Food Technology. When preparing rainbow wraps, a Jamie Oliver initiative for schools world-wide, variety of wraps were used. The range of healthy ingredients was also impressive. The students love working in the kitchen and it shows in their organisation, preparation, products and finishing off procedures.
The teamwork of the some classes studying Food Technology has been excellent. This has meant that they have been able to complete the cleaning and washing up procedures well within the time frames available. Take a look at the cleaning process photos below. The cleaning up process involves:

- Removing compost, recyclable items and general waste from the bench
- Storing food items that have not been used in the fridge or pantry
- Rinsing and stacking all utensils
- Wiping the bench with hot soapy water and drying perfectly
- Washing utensils in hot soapy water
- Rinsing utensils with clean hot water
- Draining and drying utensils
- Placing utensils on clean bench for inspection
- Putting away clean utensils
- Checking the bin, sink, floor, stove and bench for cleanliness

If any of the students in the classes listed would like copies of their cooking photos, please email Mrs Toomey to arrange a time to download the photos to a USB. Students will need to bring their own USB. Classes: 7B, 7G, 7H, 7I, 7T, 7U

Recently battled it out for Readers Cup supremacy. But in an epic and unexpected upset, the winning teacher team Super Readers, Mr Doug MacDonald, Dr Kristen Matherson, Ms Wendy McDermott (Captain) and Ms Meg Racovalis, outscored the winning student team by 2 points, a first in the history of Mountain Creek school Readers Cup competitions, where teacher teams are traditionally side-lined by their more competitive student opponents.

And in a nail-biting finish, the winning student team Book Masters, Lydia Keet, Tailah Lockhart (Captain), Nikita Miller and Meg Tolpitt (Captain), Will Lancaster, Kate Regan and Ebony Swan were Runners-Up, and Deathly Hallows Olivia Baker, Jordan Coady Oxenham, Viv Hinz, Jharnah Warne and Charlotte Weitenberg (Captain) came in a creditable third position.

Thanks to Presenters Ms Brockenshire and Bree Williams (School Captain), Photographer Mr Clark, Promoter Ms Fogarty and the Year 9 Readers Cup team for Event Support.

Book Masters will represent the school at **Year 7 Regional Readers Cup Competition** in Term 4. Congratulations and Best of Luck in your Quest for the Cup.

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### News from the Coding and Innovation Faculty

#### STEM Academy

We are very pleased to advise that from the start of 2017 over 100 Junior Secondary students will be enrolled in our new STEM Academy. Their enrolment in the Academy means the students will be enrolled in our new semester-length subject “STEM with Innovation” which will not only extend students in their knowledge and skills around STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths), but will also develop students skills and knowledge in entrepreneurship.

For our inaugural year we will have:

- 1 x year 7 class
- 2 x year 8 classes
- 1 x year 9 class

Any students still considering enrolling in the Academy for 2017 will need to submit an application quickly and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Application forms for the STEM Academy are available from the main office at Admin, or downloadable from the school website.

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### Year 7 Readers Cup: Winners are Grinners

In the biggest and most successful school Readers Cup competition on record, 9 student teams and 4 teacher teams...
**Sunshine Coast Robotics Competition: Practice Comp Day**

Using the excellent filming and editing capability of MCSHS teacher Craig McKeogh, the following is a link to our 3.53 minute video showing students working with robots, interviews about the day and even ROBOT SOCCER!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FFO-gD7oH-A

**Skills Expo for Primary Teachers – September 14**

Using the grant funds we received from Google, the Coding and Innovation faculty on Sept 14 will again be providing a Digital Technologies Skills Expo for up to 100 primary school teachers from the Sunshine Coast, and our feeder schools in particular. A range of topics will be covered from introductory coding and robotics through to Intermediate.

To date we have provided training and skills development for around 380 teachers and pre-service teachers from the university. We now have alumni who are themselves running sessions at the Skills Expos as well as at other schools.

**Why We’re Helping Primary Teachers With Their Computing Skills.**

The video linked below runs for just 4 minutes but clearly outlines WHY we are placing so much emphasis on ensuring students coming in to year 7 are already familiar with programming and problem solving through our Digital Technologies Skills Expos for Sunshine Coast primary school teachers:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VFcUgSYyRPg

When they come to us in high school we want to extend their knowledge in coding and robotics.

**More Evidence Most Future Jobs Will Need Some Level Of Coding.**

Check out this article on the situation in the United States but with global implications:


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**Graeme Breen**  
**HOD – Coding and Innovation**

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**Year 11: Information Technology Systems (ITS)**

This term, we were handed the task to create a working website through the lean design process. Initially, the class practiced their skills and knowledge in code and then went on to the drafting process; where each of us were required to create a web-design that met all requirements outlined in the project brief and our research. The next step was to code this design and test it, changing aspects of our websites in order to achieve a quality design. With the conclusion of the assignment we performed evaluations and reflected on all aspects of the project. Overall, the term consisted of both the introduction to new concepts and skills, as well as reviewing old, a process that has been enjoyable and challenging.

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**Year 8: Digital Technologies (DIG)**

This unit in Digital Technologies, we have been learning about HTML. HTML stands for Hypertext Markup Language. It is the coding system to websites. We have been making our own websites by using a program called Sublime. It is an easy program that helps us create a website with tips on how to make paragraphs, headings, colour and images. It can be a little difficult sometimes adding the images and colour to the website as you must have the code correct otherwise it will not work. Every code has its own individual use. For example, `<p>` means a start of a new paragraph. At the end of the paragraph, `</p>` is used to close the paragraph. It has been a fun and challenging unit and it is interesting to find out the behind the scenes work of websites. By Loula Bensaci 8G and Tia McEvale 8M

This term in digital technology we learnt lots of different things while having fun. To start off the term we began on the unit of “Canva”. Canva is somewhat of a media advertising outlet that allows you to create posters, make advertisements, resumes and more. The 5 topics that we had to create were: Resume, Advertisement, Magazine Cover ,Social Media Post and a Photo Collage of My Self.

I found all of these tasks enjoyable which is good because they helped me learn skills that I could need for a future job. Before each of these tasks we would do either a Collins writing task on Tuesday or Kahoot on Thursday. These activities were intended to get our brains moving. Following the unit of “Canva” we started a HTML subject. We worked through this subject on an app called sublime, this allowed us to create a website through the language of HTML (HyperText Markup Language). Overall this unit was enjoyable and taught me essential skills that I can use for careers and classes involving coding. By Liam Ingall

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**News from Creative Industries**

**From the CI Captains…**

Hello everyone, Tom and Jess here.

We are your Creative Industries Captains for this coming year, and we are excited about the opportunity. We have a lot of
ideas that we currently are, and would like to put into practice over the next twelve months.

Beginning last Tuesday, we started our Junior Drama Club; a safe space for a growing group of diverse and talented kids. We hope to create a positive environment for these bright young kids to have fun and grow, both as actors and as individuals. We are also starting preparation for the MADD Festival next term, on Friday October 14. Which is planned to be a fantastic night, teeming with fun and young talent.

We are thrilled to be representing the Creative Industries this year, and getting to know the students of our fantastic school. We hope you are all as excited for the coming year as we are!

Big Show At The Little School

Our Junior Dance Company visited Mountain Creek State School parade this week to perform their beautiful self-devised lyrical dance ‘Somewhere Only We Know’ and their upbeat jazz ‘ This is what you came for’ recently choreographed by guest artist Kate Matti. What a perfect way to end term 3 and celebrate their outstanding effort and commitment. Thank you to Cathryn Jones for organising this opportunity for our dancers!

Help! We Are Chasing a Piano!

If you have an upright or grand piano or full size electronic piano, or know where we could source a second hand one in very good working condition, please get in touch! Ours has seen better days, and we would love to secure one for our Junior and Senior Music students to utilise. Please contact Jess Stansbie on 54578337 or Carly Cook on 54578316.

Help! We Are Chasing Astro Turf!

In order to make our MADD Festival awesome, with plenty of comfy places to sit, we are looking for some astro turf in good condition. We are also looking for second hand (but comfortable) seating to set up. If you’re able to help out or have something to donate such as deck chairs or crates with small cushions, please contact Jess Stansbie on 54578337 or Carly Cook on 54578316. Thank you!

Are you MADD?

Friday October 14 is when the Creative Industries really gets to show off at our bi-annual MADD Festival! Clear your calendar! We have a fantastic event lined up for you! If you would like to be involved in the planning of the event or on the evening by holding your own arts stall, then please get in touch with Head of Department Jess Stansbie on 54578337 or jwall77@eq.edu.au. We would love to have as many students and parents on board as we can. The event kicks off at 4pm with roving performers, independent food and stall vendors, street art workshops, an art exhibition, a coffee shop and even face painting and a jumping castle for the kids! Early bird show starts at 5:00pm in the PA, and the Up Late show starts at 7:30pm, with lots happening in between, including the official opening of the art exhibition. Come along and check out what all the MADD fuss is about! Tickets on sale Week 1 of Term 4 at Student Finance. $5 per show.

Jess Stansbie
Head of Creative Industries

LOTE Update

Congratulations to all of our participants in the Modern Language Teachers Association of Queensland (MLTAQ) Speech Contest held at USC on the 28th August. Mountain Creek students certainly did us proud, getting podium places in every age group we entered against considerable competition from other Sunshine Coast and Northern Brisbane schools.

The following people received medals and commendations:

YEAR 7

Mahira Vahora 1st place Spanish
Sienna Haxon 3rd place Japanese

YEAR 8

Lily Penny 2nd place Spanish
Alex Le Suer 3rd place Japanese
Amy Elkomos 3rd place Spanish
Tia McLenan Highly Commended Spanish and Japanese

YEAR 10

Zrinka Popovic 1st place Spanish
Angharad Gordon 2nd place Spanish
Martyna Fordonska 3rd place Spanish
YEAR 11 (held 2 weeks ago)

Josh Health 1st place Japanese

Zrinka Popovic, a Year 10 student gave the following account:

“The MLTAQ Spanish competition was a cultural learning experience. There were 11 students in my division of the competition for Grade 10, there was a sense of companionship amongst us all. We listened to each other’s speeches after being carefully crafted and rehearsed, and discovered new phrases and vocabulary. It was challenging to answer the additional questions set by the judges after our speeches, but with encouragement and careful thought, we worked through it. We each received a certificate and a goodie bag filled with traditional foods, Guatemalan worry dolls, stationary and treats. A sensational experience.”

News from the Humanities Faculty

Something New!!

The Social Science Faculty is having a name change! Over term four we will be rebranding as the HUMANITIES faculty! Why? Good question!! Humanities covers a lot of new and exciting subjects that just don’t fit under the Social Science banner – subjects we want to be able to offer you! For example...did you know that QCAA students in year 11 of 2018 will be offered Psychology??? Assuming you meet prerequisites you might be taking one of our new Humanities subjects!

Rebranding LOGO competition

With every new company or department there comes a new logo and we want your ideas! Create a new Humanities logo and submit to Miss Benfield in Fraser sub school by week two of term four! This new logo needs to be something that we can put on our official letters, certificates etc. It needs to be simple and easy to replicate but be memorable and represent our new identity! The world is your oyster...see what you come up with. Great voucher prizes to be won!

Humanities Photo Competition is Back!!

Every year the Humanities Faculty runs a photography competition and this year's entries are due in Week two of Term Four at Fraser Sub School. You can enter as many times as you like with entries printed on photo paper being the best. There are great voucher prizes to be won for each of the categories!

Categories include

One - landscapes  
Two - the colour blue  
Three - animals  
Four - your inspiration (could be anything - a person, place thing...something that simply inspires you!!)

Good Luck

History Competition Results

Congratulations to the following students who had outstanding results on the Australian History competition.

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News from the Sports Department

**Tagai College Cultural Exchange**

On Thursday 18th August, students from Tagai College on Thursday Island, visited Mountain Creek SHS for a celebration of cultural dance, Rugby League (boys), and Volleyball (girls).

Students gained a lot out of learning first hand from a new culture and have shared experiences that they will remember for many years.

Highlights of the day for Rugby League were our exchange students from Germany Enrico Baronetti and Florian Liebau in their first ever game of Rugby League. Enrico entertained the crowd throughout the game, scoring a try and converting it from the sideline. Creekers run out winners 36-10.

Volleyball was a closely contested match and after dropping the first set, the Creekers ended up winning overall by the slightest of margins 2 sets to 1. The girls greatly appreciated the opportunity to play and the traditional Tagai songs to finish the day.

**Dan Roberts**  
**Rugby League Program Manager**

**Kayaking Gold!**

James Shingles represented Mountain Creek SHS at the recent state school marathon kayaking championships. In the K1 U16 Division James paddled to victory to bring home the Gold Medal. This was an awesome win. James then doubled up in the K2 event with a lad from Iona College to finish with the Silver Medal. The two boys represented Queensland in March at the Australian National Kayaking championships. Congratulations to James on such a fantastic result!
News from Stradbroke Sub-School

Daffodil Day Initiative 2016

Every day in Australia, over 350 people are told they have a life-threatening cancer. To combat this terrifying statistic, Stradbroke leaders sold yellow ribbons throughout week 7 to raise vital funds for the Cancer Council’s 30th annual Daffodil Day.

Over these 30 years, cancer survival has increased by 40%, thanks to research funded by events such as this. The keen group of leaders cut and pinned hundreds of ribbons in preparation for the day, and sold ribbons throughout lunch breaks. Wonderful support from students and staff meant that this year we sold over 400 ribbons. Thank you to everyone who bought a ribbon and supported this worthy cause!

Written by Kate Gaukroger (student)

News from Student Services

New School Chaplain

Hi Mountain Creek State High Staff and Families,

My name is Leonie and I have recently joined the school as Chaplain, and what a pleasure it is to be here. You may or may not be aware of this but Mountain Creek SHS is recognised state wide for its long standing and highly effective chaplaincy service.

I have dedicated my life to working with young people and am in awe of how they embrace life and overcome obstacles. I bring to the school decades of experience in youth work and pastoral care of which includes my past role as a school chaplain and directing youth centred charities. Alongside my Diplomas in Ministry and Youth Work I have just completed my Executive Masters in Business.

I am married with five adult children who continue to make me smile. I am passionate about Social Justice and love engaging young people in projects that empower the poor. My passport is full of stamps from Africa, India and Asia.

In my spare time you will find me renovating my house with my husband, hanging with my family and friends, or out enjoying nature. I love writing and have two stories on the go, and if I had more time I would be drawing too.

It is an honour to be positioned with Chaplain Stu Cran as we partner together to generously care for students and families at Mountain Creek.

If you have any questions about chaplaincy or would like to engage this service, please contact either Stu or Leonie at Student Services.

Parent & Student Information

French Classes

From the Finance Department

Student Resource Scheme and User Pays

Statements will be issued shortly via post. User Pays fees must be paid prior 31 October, 2016 to ensure classes in subjects can proceed. The SRS and Technology fee of $455 is due by the 25 November, 2016. We sincerely thank those parent/
guardians who have paid fees to date helping us plan and purchase resources for 2017.

Copies of invoices can also be obtained via QParents. If you have not joined QParents please contact the school office to request an invitation email to be resent.

**Alternative Payment Plan**

Mountain Creek State High School can negotiate payment plans with families who are experiencing financial difficulty. Payments can be scheduled weekly, fortnightly or monthly via centrepay deductions, credit card or through direct debit contributions to the school bank account. Payment plan applications can be obtained via the school website (link below) or an appointment can be made with the school Business Manager to organise a payment plan. Please contact the Finance Department on 5457 8308 or email: accountsreceivable@mtncreekshs.eq.edu.au for more information.

http://www.mtncreekshs.eq.edu.au/

**Payment Methods**

**Bpoint**

All statements contain the information required to pay via Bpoint (link below) which is a secure internet payment portal.


*School Bank Account*

Payments can be made directly into the school bank account:

**BSB:** 064-447

**Account Number:** 10073789

**Reference:** [Student Surname],[Student Initial],[Year level]

**Over the phone**

Credit Card payments can be accepted over the phone by calling the Finance Department on 5447 8308.

**Issuing of Receipts**

We will no longer be sending receipts via the mail. If you require a copy of a receipt please contact the Finance Department on 5447 8308 or by emailing: accountsreceivable@mtncreekshs.eq.edu.au.

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