Dear Parents, Staff & Students,

Appropriate Use of Social Media

Northview State School embraces the amazing opportunities that technology and the internet provide to students for learning, being creative and socializing online. Online communication must at all times be used safely and responsibly.

Some of our upper year level students have accounts on Instagram, Facebook and Snapchat. As parents you need to be aware that this may be a breach of the terms and conditions of the use of these sites. Users must be 13 years of age to establish an account.

Your children need to be aware that the use of social media will result in disclosure and sharing of personal information. Once students place information, statements and/or pictures online they have little or no control over how that content is used. The internet reaches a global audience. Even if students think that comments or photos have been deleted, there can be archived records of the material that will continue to be searchable into the future.

Should any student use the internet and social media sites to post inappropriate comments about other students, staff or our school, we may impose disciplinary consequences which may include suspension and/or exclusion. These consequences may be applied regardless of whether the behaviour occurs during or outside of school hours. In serious cases of inappropriate behaviour the school may make a report to the police for further investigation.

Northview State School will not become involved in concerns of cyberbullying or inappropriate online behaviour where the incident in question does not impact on the good order and management of the school. For example, where cyber bullying occurs between a student and a student of another school outside school hours. Such an incident will be a matter for parents and/or police to resolve.

Parents – If you have allowed your child to access social media sites you owe it to them to monitor the posts that your child and others are posting.

Nut Free School

At school we have a number of students who have severe allergic reactions to nuts. We request that no food containing nuts be brought to school. Products that contain nuts include Peanut Butter, Nutella, fruit and nut bars, chocolate and any other products that have nuts listed in their ingredients. This does not include however, products that contain the warning “may contain traces of nuts”. We ask parents to remind their children that the sharing of food at school is definitely not allowed. This will also reduce the risk of students having allergic reactions to food they are not familiar with.

Whilst it isn’t possible to guarantee that nut products will not be in our school we do ask parents to make every effort to support this request to ensure the safety and well-being of all students.

Merit Badges

Congratulations to our students who have achieved their merit badges this semester. Next Monday on Assembly we will be presenting our students in Prep to Year 3 who have achieved their badges.
Year 5 Leadership Day

Year 5 students will be spending the day at the Surf Lifesaving Club this Friday undertaking activities in preparation for their role as leaders of our school in 2015. Upon their return we will begin the process of applying for leadership positions.

World Teacher’s Day

A huge thank you to our parents who provided the beautiful lunch in recognition of World Teacher’s Day 2014.

Teachers in other schools are always amazed when we tell them what our parents are prepared to do.

Elastics at School

Our Elastics program organized by Mrs Swan with Judi Cavanagh, Cert IV Fitness student, will be undertaken on Thursday lunch times in the hall under the supervision of Mrs Agnew and Mrs Swan. Check out the CQU website to see our school highlighted.

Wendy Ross
Deputy Principal

Mackay High Gala Football Day

Girls and boys from grades 6 and 7 attended Milton St High School on Friday for a 9 a side football competition. The team went through undefeated but were beaten in the grand final. India was named player of the team for the day. All students had a great day.

School Resources

Just a reminder that all resource and swimming accounts need to be paid as soon as possible. Statements will be sent home next week.
Absence at School – Every Day Counts

Just a reminder that it is imperative that students attend school every day. At present our teachers are trying to ensure all students complete their assessments for reporting and follow up teaching where concepts have not been mastered. Please ensure your child is here every day unless they are sick.

4 or 5 days per Term doesn’t seem like much but...

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