FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

Senior Formal and Graduation
The Senior Formal was celebrated on Wednesday 13 November at The Landing, Dockside. Our Year 12 students enjoyed a wonderful last night together as our Seniors. The dress standard on the evening was amazing, with all of the young men and women looking absolutely dazzling. The manner in which they conducted themselves throughout the evening was of the very highest standard and reflected the expectations we have of our Seniors. Well done, everyone!
The Year 12 Graduation ceremony was conducted on Friday 15 November where we said goodbye to our year 12’s for the last time. Thank you to the many parents who joined us for this very special and emotional ceremony.

Christmas Concert
Thank you to all our parents who were able to join us for the Christmas Concert last night. We were all treated with an early Christmas present in the form of a wonderful range of Christmas Carols sung beautifully by our Prep to Year 3 students. Thank you to our students and teachers for such a lovely evening.

Farewell Teachers
It is with sadness we say farewell to a number of long serving teachers of Capalaba State College. Mrs Hodson, Mr Millman, Mrs Irons and Mr Courtney have announced their intention to retire from teaching at the end of this year. This fantastic four have taught for a combined total of 80 years at Capalaba State College and their knowledge and experience will be greatly missed. I am sure all of the Capalaba College community will join me in wishing them a fond farewell and best wishes for their retirement.

School Start times 2014
School recommences on Tuesday 28th January for all students. The Senior Campus day starts at 8.30 with everyone meeting in the Hall. The Junior Campus first bell rings at 8.35am to be prepared for learning in the classroom by 8.45am.

Dion Coghlan
College Principal
Junior Secondary (7—9) News

Showcase
Earlier this week we had almost 180 Year 5 students from Vienna Woods SS, Coolnwynpin SS and CSC Junior Campus. The students spent the day rotating through learning experiences including: Fantastic Physics, Chemistry Capers, Dancing, Music, Art, Cooking Capers, Basketball and Cartooning. A great time was had by all visiting students and their teachers. Check out the photos below!

Transition
For the last four weeks our Year 6 students have been visiting the Senior Campus on a Wednesday afternoon. They have experienced Drama, Science and English lessons with senior campus teachers. On Thursday 5 December the Year 6 students spent the morning here for their final transition session. Again, a great time was had by all and the students asked many questions of us before they returned to Junior campus. Students were reminded to dress in their formal uniform for the first school day of 2014.

Junior Secondary Leaders for 2014
Recently we invited any interested Year 8 students to apply for a Junior Secondary Leader position. Students had to submit a written application in which they addressed their capacity to uphold the College expectations. They then completed an interview with the selection panel. Shortlisted students were then presented to the current Year 7 and 8 students where they presented their speech to their peers. Students and staff were then able to cast their vote. Congratulations to all the students who put their name forward and worked through the process. There is definitely a lot of leadership potential in this cohort! Special congratulations go to our 4 Junior Secondary Leaders for 2014:

Grace D
Charlotte G
Daniel T
Christopher W

I have every confidence in their ability to lead the Junior Secondary students in 2014. I know they will be positive, respectful and responsible role models for our new Year 7s and all students in Years 8 and 9.

Cheryl Wilson
Head of Junior Secondary
Junior Campus News (Prep to Year 6)...

Christmas Concert
On Thursday, we hosted our annual Christmas concert for students in Prep to Year 3. Last year’s experience taught us that our Junior Campus Hall is not big enough to meet every event we stage, hence our move to the Senior Hall this time round. Once again we were able to attract a wonderful crowd of parents, families and spectators to witness the colourful display. A big thank you to all our students who put so much effort into their rehearsals and performances and to all the teachers who organised the concert. Finally, we thank our parents and carers who dressed the children so well and supported the event. Check out the photographs of the concert throughout this newsletter.

Happy Holidays
Once again another school year has passed by so quickly and our final week of school is upon us. As we approach the holiday season, we reflect on our year of effort and achievement. I would take this opportunity to congratulate our students on their enthusiasm and application throughout the year and to all of our staff for their commitment to improving student growth and development. Thank you to all of our parents and carers who have provided support to our students and the College. Please take some well deserved credit for the success of your children. Your role is so important.

I wish all College community members a relaxing holiday and an enjoyable festive season. I hope that your 2014 is a healthy and prosperous one.

The Junior Campus administration will be closed at the end of Friday, 13 December and will reopen for business on Monday, 20 January. School recommences for students on Tuesday 28 January following the Australia Day long weekend.

I look forward to seeing you all again in the new year.

Regards

Brad French
Principal Prep to Year 6
From the Guidance Office.....

Building Resilience
All parents want what is best for their children. Sometimes though, in our endeavour to protect our children, we take control of a situation, and make decisions, that are not always in our child’s best interest.

Michael Grose (Parenting Educator) talks of 7 resilience robbers that reduces a child’s development of resilience.

**ROBBER 1 - Fight all their battles for them**
This should be the last resort not the first option. We want our children to have strategies that will help them manage difficult situations.

Solution: Give kids the skills and opportunity to develop their own resourcefulness. Remember there are always 2 sides to a story. Be the consultant not the problem-solver.

**ROBBER 2 - Make their problem your problem**
Sometimes adults can take too much responsibility for issues that are really up to the child to work out or decide.

Solution: Know when to make their problem their problem.

**ROBBER 3 - Give kids too much voice**
It is easy to go overboard and allow children too much of a say in what happens to them. Remember you are the adult.

Solution: Know when to make decisions for kids and expect them to adjust and cope.

**ROBBER 4 - Put unrealistic or relentless pressure on kids to perform**
Expectations about success and achievement are important but they must be realistic.

Solution: Keep expectations in line with a child’s ability. Excessive pressure can create mental health issues.

**ROBBER 5 – Let kids give in too easily**
Solution: Encourage kids to complete what they have started and put in the best effort even if the results aren’t perfect, nor the task significant.

**ROBBER 6 – Neglect to develop independence**
By teaching kids the skills to look after themselves you are setting them up for life. Start early. Kids who have a sense of independence (but family readily available) feel good about themselves and their abilities.

Solution: As a parent if you weren’t around what skills would you like your child to have eg. for younger – dressing themselves, making something simple to eat, washing up, unpacking their school bag; for older – making their school lunch, cooking, cleaning, using appliances.

**ROBBER 7 – Rescue kids from challenging or stretching situations**
When things are outside the comfort zone we tend to want to avoid them eg. doing a presentation in front of others, school camp. When you show confidence in a child and skill them up to face challenges you will not only help them to cope but their abilities may even surprise them.

Solution: Overcoming challenges enables kids to grow and improve.

In life there are many hardships that occur at any age. By skilling up a child to deal with them effectively you will create independent children that are mentally strong and resilient, and so able to enjoy life no matter what is put in their path. Isn’t that what we want for all our children?

*Adapted from Resiliency Robbers by Michael Grose*
From the Guidance Office cont.....

**Tips for parents to prevent cyber-bullying**

Kids socialise very differently these days. A lot of it takes place on the internet, a world that can be very hard to monitor as a parent. Due to the remote nature of the internet, it may be less obvious that your child is being subjected to cyberbullying, so be sure to watch for symptoms and talk to your child if you have any concerns.

Cyberbullying involves the use of email, chatroom or social media site messaging on the internet, and text, picture and or video messaging on mobile phones. Unfortunately, it means victims can be bullied even when they're not at school, leaving children very few places to hide. Often, children may be scared to confide in their parents regarding cyberbullying, worried they'll have their computer rights restricted, or their mobile taken away.

Symptoms can include:
- Excessive computer use
- Troubled sleep or nightmares
- Depression
- Anti-social behaviour
- Anxiety after using the computer
- Not answering their mobile phone or checking messages

Tips for talking to your child about cyberbullying:
- Educate your child about cyberbullying and reinforce which types of online behaviour are acceptable, and which are not
- Advise them only to give their mobile number and personal email to friends
- Enforce time-off from the computer or their mobile phone if cyberbullied
- Do not open emails from cyberbullies or respond to bullies on Facebook or SMS
- Encourage them only to talk to people they've met in person
- Block the bullies from their Facebook account

What to do next:
- Move your family computer to a public place so you can monitor the times they're online, and their anxiety levels
- Contact the police if the messages are threatening

In the event your child has been a victim of cyberbullying, parents can seek assistance from:

**Parentline QLD** - 1300 30 1300

Young people are encouraged to call Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800.


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**Capalaba Student is Brisbane Schools Chess Champion**

Six students from Capalaba competed in the Brisbane Schools Individual Age Chess Championships at Nundah State School on Monday 28th October.

Improving on his 3rd place finish last year, William T-V (pictured below) placed first in his age division to become the Brisbane Schools 15 Years Chess Champion for 2013.

Brad M (pictured right) also played strongly to secure 3rd place in the 16 years age group.

Hard luck story of the day was Zac W who finished equal third in his age division but for the second year running missed out on an official placing on a countback.

William becomes the second Brisbane Age Chess Champion our College has produced in three years. Not a bad record.
Arts News ...

Senior Campus Arts News -
Congratulations to all those students who performed or had their work shared at Arts Night on 5 November. We enjoyed outside performances at the Music Café by students from Years 9-12. Visual Art works from many Year levels were displayed in the Cultural Centre Foyer. The audience also enjoyed many films and advertisements created by our Film and Media students. Arts Night also included the presentation of the Annual Arts Awards. Congratulations to the following students:

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Around the Arts classrooms....
While there are lots of written tests and assignments being completed in classrooms before the end of the year, there are also lots of exciting creative works underway:

Mr Osmolowski’s Year 10 Film and Drama classes in post-production finalising their class film. We look forward to the premiere!

Mr Brady’s Year 10 Music students have now finalised their song compositions.

Ms McEachran’s Year 10 Art class created altered shoes on the theme of fairy tales.
Arts News cont...

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Left: Breanna’s wonderful ginger bread house for the German café.
Below: Year 5 students enjoyed learning some new choreography from our Year 10 Dance students
Science News ...

Science Spectacular—Senior Campus

Year 7, 8 and 9 students were treated to a special treat on the 21st November when Steve from Street Science came to school to conduct three spectacular science shows. The students in each grade were wowed by colourful exploding balloons of gas, clouds of dry ice, elephants toothpaste and of course more explosions! It was a wonderful experience and a chance for the students to see how exciting Science is, whilst learning lots of new scientific theories, facts and concepts. Our thanks go to the Science department and the College for covering the costs of such a rewarding experience for our students. Check out some of the spectacular photos from the day.

Francisca Wilson
Science Teacher

News from Junior Science....

The National Science Week Rocket Competition was finally held after months of setbacks. Due to the students’ perseverance it turned out to be a great day! Many thanks to the parents, grandparents, uncles and aunties who turned up on the day to enjoy the launches, especially Mr Jenkins who brought in some C-class motors to demonstrate just how high some of our rockets could go. In the words of some of Year 2s and 3s who came to watch, “It was cool!” The winners in each year level were –

Year 4
Highest Rocket – Zachary F won a book and a class visit from Science Steve of Liddell Education
Most Decorative Rocket – Lana F won a family pass on the Wheel of Brisbane
People’s Choice – Todd J won a rocket kit
Epic Fail – Ashleigh W won a NASA Space Shuttle jacket patch

Year 5
Highest Rocket – Xavier H won a NASA kit
Most Decorative – Jai C won a Planetarium from National Geographic Shop
People’s Choice – Leeroy D won a rocket kit
Epic Fail – Jade W won an Infinity Gold Coast family pass

Year 6
Highest Rocket – Tyson F won a book and a Year level science show from Dr Joe Ireland
Most Decorative – Aldeon won a Name a Star gift box
People’s Choice – Rachael B won a rocket kit
Epic Fail – Caden D won an Apollo Space Shuttle patch from NASA

Congratulations goes to Seamus L and Zac S of the Senior School for their participation. For their efforts they receive a digital microscope and an annual subscription to Australian Geographic magazine, respectively.
Big thanks to Mr Taylor-Byrne for launching the rockets on the day and our visitors Jen and Michelle from the CSIRO’s Scientist in Schools program.
In other news, many of the Junior School students have enjoyed coming down to the Science Lab and exploring easy science experiments they can do at home for our Friday afternoon Science Rewards. From making sherbet and ooblek to investigating how different cola and mentos will explode or what makes a good elephant’s toothpaste. Thanks to all my participants. I had a great time and I hope you did too.

Merry Christmas from all of us in the Science Room (worms and fish included)
Students were fascinated by the demonstration of sublimation where a solid substance changes directly to make gas.
**Sport @ CSC**

**Year 7 – The Ultimate Class Challenge**

With Cluster Sports finished for the year for our year 7 students, students have had the opportunity to participate in many different activities in our Friday afternoon sport lesson. Students have been participating in sports that they typically haven’t experienced before: Badminton, Table Tennis, Aus Tag and modified games such as Capture the Flag. The intention of these afternoons has been to allow students to encounter many of the activities that they may play in their future years. The students were completely engaged and eager to try out something new!

We are finishing off the school year with a some class competition: 7A vs 7B vs 7C in the Ultimate Class Challenge. Students participated in Day 1 last Friday. The activities that featured on day 1 were Egg and Spoon Races, 5 person Caterpillar Races and the pinnacle event for the day – Tug-O-War. It was awesome to see the students demonstrating amazing teamwork and sportsmanship as they cheered, encouraged and assisted their peers to complete set challenges. The Ultimate Class Challenge winner will be determined this Friday 29 November! Good luck 7’s!

**Reminder:** Students need to be in full and correct sports uniform including College hat and correct footwear for Friday Sport.

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**Year 11 Recreation**

**Bocce Tournament**

As a part of the Senior Recreation program, students are to design and implement a sports tournament. This year, students were tasked the design and implementation of a Bocce Tournament for their Recreation class. Students were responsible for all aspects of the tournament including set up; tournament format; rules; catering; equipment; first aid; draws; maps; referees/officials; prizes and clean up. Both classes did an excellent job! Congratulations to Jalen H-A for taking first place in the RST112A tournament with Billy D and Grayson K finishing second and third respectively. It definitely was an excellent day for all involved.

Yours in Sport,

**Melissa Mason**

Yr 7 Sports Coordinator
Metro South Oral Health - School Based Service

**How to access free dental care...**

All students in years 8, 9 and 10, as well as those year 11 and 12 students who hold a Health Care Card or are the dependants of a Health Care Card holder, are eligible for **free dental care at:**

Capalaba School Dental Clinic,

c/- Capalaba State College Junior Campus

Cnr Mt Cotton Rd & School Rd, Capalaba

The Dental Clinic has appointments available over the coming school holidays. If you would like to make an appointment for your child to be seen during the holidays please contact us as soon as possible on 3245 3694.

Please note that a **parent/legal guardian MUST attend the first appointment** to complete consent forms.

Your child can not be seen if you do not attend.

If your child has received a TEEN DENTAL VOUCHER please bring this along to their first appointment.

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Capalaba School Dental Clinic on 3245 3694

**Monday to Thursday 8.00 am - 4.00 pm**

including school holidays.

Metro South Oral Health - School Based Service

**CAPALABA STATE COLLEGE - UNIFORM SHOP HOURS**

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App-tastic! Handy, healthy and life-saving Smartphone Apps.

Smartphones and apps are increasingly a part of our lives, sifting through the 1000’s of apps can be daunting and also quite costly. Below are a few of my favourite ‘health’ apps - which are free to download, healthy, educational, and could even help you save a life! As always, check with your mobile provider about any hidden charges then, take a look at these apps!

1 – First Aid by Australian Red Cross - This is by far my favourite and in my opinion a must for all smartphone users. This app breaks down some of the most common accident and injury presentations we see at hospital. With step-by-step instructions (on what to do in each emergency), short videos and even short quizzes to test your knowledge, this could literally be a lifesaver. This summer, add to your knowledge and sign up for a First Aid Course, check with your employer if they offer training. Alternatively, contact Queensland Ambulance Service 13 QGOV (13 74 68) or type “First Aid Course Queensland” into a search engine, as many not-for-profit organisations offer training. Remember, this training saves lives and you never know when you may need to attend to someone needing life support.

2 – SunSmart – Coming into summer holidays we all need to be more aware of sun safety. This app is fantastic, it tells you the level of harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays, the weather, when best to avoid the sun and even a reminder (if you are out in the sun) to re-apply your sunscreen! The sunscreen reminder needs to be set and will remind you every 2 hours to re-apply, very handy as it can be easy to forget!

3 – Before the Storm – Storm season is here and they can be really frightening for young or older members of our family – pets too! This app has been designed for middle school-aged children to help build resilience and educate them around. Preparing for storms, What to do when a storm hits?, What to do when the storm passes? Storms and weather events can really rattle some children, so this may be a good one if your child is particularly anxious around storm times.

4 – Pacer - This one I’m using now! It’s estimated that we need to do around 10 000 steps daily to help us keep fit. For some of us this is easy, as work and life is very active. For others you may have an office job, drive to/from work and after a busy day it can be tempting to just sit on the couch. This app calculates your daily steps, reminds you to get moving and keeps a record of your daily activity (just like a pedometer). I was shocked at how little activity some days I did! So at the end of a day, this can be an incentive to go for a walk to reach the 10 000 goal and I’m feeling better for it!

5 – My QuitBuddy – I’ve mentioned this one before, but it’s another great app worth mentioning. If you’re thinking of quitting or educating children about the harmful and costly effects of smoking, this is a great free download. Seeing the financial savings (of quitting smoking) along with the health benefits can be a real push to quit or prevent the habit.

Keeping Healthy & Safe During the Festive Season.

So another year almost over, whatever your holiday plans may be over the break, please take care and enjoy the downtime. During this time do keep in mind your health and safety, to help avoid a visit to the local emergency department. Summer holidays can be a very busy time in hospitals, so just remember a few precautions to help avoid a visit to the local emergency department.

Firstly, make sure you wear your helmet! Falls, trips, slips and spills are one of biggest emergency presentations, especially in the summer holidays. If your kids are venturing on the road, with a new gift (i.e. bike, skateboard), give some basic road rules tips to the kids.

If driving, remember to take a break every 2 hours, 15 minutes or more is a good break length. For more drive-safe tips and Driver Reviver locations visit www.driverreviver.com.au. Remember, the speed limit is exactly that – the limit! Drive to the condition of the road and traffic, if that means going less than the speed limit, that’s okay!

If gift giving and young ones are in the home, always check and avoid toys that may have choking hazards. As a guide (when checking objects for choking hazards) if it can pass through a toilet-paper roll, then this gift (or its parts) shouldn’t be around young children. Don’t forget batteries too, these can cause serious harm and death if swallowed, so seriously re-think gifts with batteries.

If looking for things to do over the break, take a look at the Redlands City Council website, there may be a group or event that will engage you and the family www.redland.qld.gov.au. You could learn a new skill, meet new people or take the edge off the holiday boredom!

Remember some members of our community are doing it extra tough and this time of year can be really hard for them, if you are thinking of giving back to the community www.volunteeringqld.org.au is a good website of what groups are needing help in your area. Lastly, for my family summer is all about cricket, tennis, cricket and more tennis! A great way to burn off a few calories and engage with the family is a game of backyard cricket. A lot of families will have their own ‘rules’, but as a guide see the link below... Remember the sun protection and have fun!


Enjoy the festive season, be safe and happy 2014.

Wade McClelland – School Based Youth Health Nurse - CSC Tuesdays and Wednesdays (Senior Campus)
MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE P & C

The P & C would just like to thank all of it’s Volunteers and College Staff for their dedication and help through out 2013 to make the P & C as great as it is today.

We wish all Families and Staff a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in 2014.

We will be looking for fresh faces to take on executive to roles on the P & C and it’s sub-committees. Please consider volunteering for one of these in 2014. It is not only very rewarding but a great way to make a significant contribution to your students education.

Our next meeting is Monday 24th February at the Junior Campus P & C Room near the pool.

From your P & C

HOLIDAY SCHOOL FUN

Pool Party Friday the 13th we are celebrating the end of term with a splash and maybe a visit from a jolly old starfish with a beard :-)  
4pm to 6pm 9 and under  
6pm to 9pm 10 and over  
Entry is $5 and a canteen will operate to help raise funds for the Swimming Club

POOL OPEN

To the public EVERY DAY (excluding public holidays) of the school holidays from 12pm to 4pm. Entry is only $4 and there will be some special activities happening so come and cool off this summer

Learn to Swim and Squad Swimming

Lessons will continue until 21st of December and come back on the 6th of January. Come see us to book in for some holiday lessons starting at $10 per lesson

Yours in Health and Fitness  
Ben Luscombe  
Starfish Fitness  
www.starfishfitness.coml info@starfishfitness.com

Thinking of playing NETBALL next year?  
It’s not that far away!

Come and join LORIKEETS NETBALL CLUB  
All ages welcome from 7yrs to Seniors  
Bring a friend and have some fun.

For further information and registration forms, please contact Sharon Thompson at lorikeetsnetball@gmail.com

Currently looking for players to join our under 12’s team & Girls interested in joining our under 15’s team for 2014

For more information please contact:  
Registrar  
email: registrar.u12s@gmail.com  
phone: Leanne Taylor 0418 738 135

All New Members Welcome - Boys & Girls  
All ages are welcome from 7 - 16 years old  
Bring a friend and have some fun.

ALL NEW MEMBERS WELCOME - BOYS & GIRLS
Available: Boys & Girls Under 11 to Senior through to Under 16's Youth Leagues
*** On line registration available from 2nd Dec 2013
*** Club sign on day Sat 6th & Sun 7th of Feb 2014
Overview
From 1 January 2014, Year 12 graduates will be able to access fee-free training as part of the Queensland Government’s *Great skills. Real opportunities* action plan.

The fee-free training will be available for Year 12 graduates for training in high priority qualifications identified by the Queensland Government and industry groups. The training is available through a range of certificate level III vocational education and training courses, as well as apprenticeships and traineeships.

**Why participate?**
Fee-free training gives Year 12 graduates a head start on their careers by allowing them to complete a high priority qualification through an apprenticeship, traineeship or selected vocational education and training course without the financial burden of student contribution fees.

**Participant eligibility**
To be eligible to access fee-free training, individuals must:
- have completed Year 12 in Queensland and hold a Senior Statement issued by the Queensland
  Studies Authority
- enrol and start training with an approved training provider by the end of the calendar year following the completion of Year 12
- be a Queensland resident.

**Available training**
Fee-free training only applies to apprenticeships and traineeships or certificate level III qualifications identified as high priority by the Queensland Government. High priority qualifications will develop the skills most needed by employers and the Queensland economy, and are based on skill demand, advice from industry, and whether the qualification will lead to employment.


**What does fee-free mean?**
The Queensland Government will cover the full cost of training in a high priority qualification delivered under the Year 12 fee-free training initiative. This means participating students will not be required to contribute to the cost of their training.

**Accessing fee-free training for Year 12 graduates**

**Step 1 – Select a qualification**
Think about the career or area of study you are interested in and then review the high priority list to find a matching qualification - [www.training.qld.gov.au/information/investing-in-skills/certificate3/students.html](http://www.training.qld.gov.au/information/investing-in-skills/certificate3/students.html).

If your preferred qualification is an apprenticeship or traineeship please visit [apprenticeshipsinfo.qld.gov.au/apprentices/why-choose/index.html](http://apprenticeshipsinfo.qld.gov.au/apprentices/why-choose/index.html) to find out more, including the opportunities and benefits they can provide.

**Step 2 – Choose a training provider**
If you wish to complete a high priority vocational education and training course available through the Certificate 3 Guarantee program, contact an approved training provider directly to enrol. The list of qualifications and approved training providers is available at [www.training.qld.gov.au/information/investing-inskills/certificate3/courses/index.html](http://www.training.qld.gov.au/information/investing-inskills/certificate3/courses/index.html)

**OR**
If you wish to undertake a high priority qualification through an apprenticeship or traineeship follow these steps to get you started – [www.apprenticeshipsinfo.qld.gov.au/apprentices/become-apprentice/foursteps/index.html](http://www.apprenticeshipsinfo.qld.gov.au/apprentices/become-apprentice/foursteps/index.html)

**Who can I contact for more information?**
If you need more information about fee-free training for Year 12 graduates, contact the Training Queensland Customer Centre on 1300 369 935, training@dete.qld.gov.au or visit [www.training.qld.gov.au](http://www.training.qld.gov.au).

**Important information**
Year 12 fee-free training is available through two Queensland Government skills and training investment programs – the Certificate 3 Guarantee and User Choice.

It is important to carefully consider your training options before committing to a training course as this may exhaust your entitlement to further Queensland Government subsidised training.