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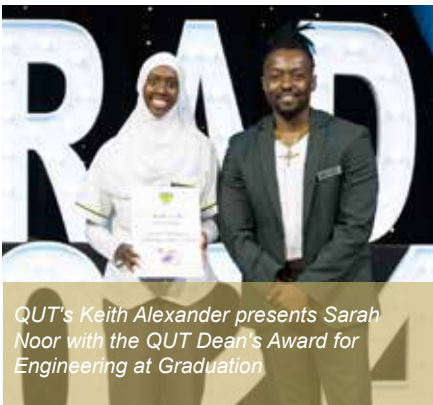
Class of 2024 dives into the future

A highlight of the school calendar, Graduation brought all six Houses together to bid farewell to the Class of 2024. Themed *Secrets of the Sea - The Thrill of Uncharted Waters*, the event was filled with laughter, tears, and excitement as students prepared to set sail into the next chapter of their lives.

From breathtaking Arts performances

to heartfelt speeches, it was clear that the Class of 2024 is ready to navigate their futures with confidence and resilience.

A huge thank you to our staff, families, and community members who supported our students throughout their schooling years and made this milestone event so special.



High achiever sets sights on a STEM career

Congratulations to Year 12 graduate Sarah Noor who was recently featured in the Courier Mail's annual list of highest achieving Year 12 students across Brisbane. This recognition follows her exceptional win of the Queensland University of Technology's (QUT) Dean's Award for Engineering. Sarah achieved 100% in English, Chemistry and Physics before her external exams, and has her sights

firmly set on a career in STEM.

In the article, Sarah revealed her hopes to study a dual degree in engineering and mathematics. She also shared her secret to her academic success. *"Surround yourself with supportive people who positively impact your health, studies, and life,"* she said. Congratulations Sarah!



From the Executive Principal

Corinda State High School has enjoyed an extraordinary final term of 2024. This term, we welcomed our incoming School Captains and Leaders for 2025, fostered a strong sense of community with our Year 7 students at camp, farewelled the Class of 2024, hosted parenting expert Dr Justin Coulson, celebrated Arts and Sport successes, and expanded student horizons with trips to Heron Island and Japan.

Our vibrant Six Houses, One Family culture shone at the Graduation event, where genuine connections that transcend year levels were on full display. It was beautiful to witness each House come together to honour and farewell their Year 12 students at the ceremony's conclusion.

As the year draws to close, we will celebrate and share in the many successes of our graduating class, as they receive their ATAR scores, university places, and transition to the workplace as they take their next steps in their learning journey. I'd like to thank our Corinda parents and carers for the unconditional support that helped ensure our student's success. The hard work of our students, together with your support, saw them thrive during a typically nervous time.

I personally had the honour of joining the Corinda school community as Executive Principal for the start of Term 4. What excites me about Corinda is the unashamedly future-focussed, and aspirational strategic direction combined with a caring and compassionate student culture. I can reassure Corinda parents

that you have made an exceptional choice for the education of your child.

Corinda is widely recognised as one of Queensland's leading public schools, a reputation built through 60+ years of dedication, hard work, and shared values. This legacy inspires me, and I believe it's our collective responsibility to honour this tradition and fiercely protect the unique Corinda culture.

As Executive Principal, my focus is on fostering excellence, inclusivity, and integrity in everything we do. I am committed to creating a learning environment where every student feels empowered to reach their full potential, where innovation thrives, and where respect and kindness are at the core of our actions. I feel a profound sense of responsibility to serve as the custodian of this remarkable school and its rich history. I look forward to working alongside you to deliver an exceptional education to your child over the years ahead.

I'm deeply grateful to Helen Jamieson, the Corinda leadership team, and the School Council for driving a collaborative and aspirational agenda through the 2024-2027 Strategic Plan - *Limitless*. The school is poised to build on the remarkable growth and progress achieved in 2024.

2025 is already shaping up to be an exceptional year for the Corinda community. Inspired by our motto *Hodie Quoque Cras - Not only for today but for tomorrow* also we are hard at work to ensure the next generation of Corinda students are connected, inspired and proud to say they belong to the Corinda family.

Ross Bailey
Executive Principal



2025 School Captains Dhairya Shah, Andrew McNie, Executive Principal, Ross Bailey, Margaux Castles and Asmaa Younis



Setting a new standard in Middle Years education

has delivered exceptional academic outcomes and enhanced student engagement. Scan the QR code to learn more about the award from Deputy Principal Rebecca Gilroy as she shares how Corinda SHS is redefining Middle Years education.

Learn more!



An evening of dance, energy and Corinda spirit



Level 1 Dance Excellence performing "Turning Pages" choreographed by Corinda SHS alumni Amber Benz

Our recent Dance Night was a celebration of talent and creativity, featuring stunning performances from our incredible students and local primary schools. From the spirited "Cinema Italiano" to the energetic "We Run This," every act showcased the hard work and dedication of our dancers and choreographers.

Congratulations to overall Performer of the Year **Laylah E**, Dancer of the Year **Sally P** and Choreographer of the Year **Luna M** as well as all of our other award recipients! The energy in the room was electric, and it was wonderful to see our community come together to support the Arts. A special thank you to our local primary schools, Corinda SS, Oxley SS and Sherwood SS, for joining us and sharing their talents on stage.



Senior Tap Troupe performing "Evolution of Tap" choreographed by The Tap Pack's Jesse Rasmussen who is a resident choreographer at CSHS



Senior Troupe performing "Focus" choreographed by Connor Nantes

Congratulations



We're excited to announce that Corinda SHS has been recognised by The Educator as a leader in educational innovation, earning the

prestigious 5-Star Innovative School 2024 award.

At the heart of this achievement is our transformative Learning Lanes model, designed to empower students in the Middle Years with personalised pathways, collaborative pedagogies, and greater ownership of their learning journey. This forward-thinking approach, combined with our focus on student agency, industry partnerships, and advanced technology,

Celebrating excellence at the Sports Awards



Corinda SHS alumni Natalie Cook OAM presents tennis player Tristan S with the sports person of year award

The Sports Awards celebrated the spirit and achievements of our young athletes. Special thanks to Corinda SHS alumni Natalie Cook OAM and Olympian Aly Bull for their inspiring talks, emphasising dedication and a proactive mindset. Both encouraged students to apply the same focus in class and training for success in sport and life.

Congratulations to all award recipients including our Specials winners: **Ellen M** (pictured right) - Junior Sportswoman, **Jesse N** - Junior Sportsman, **Rani S** - Senior Sportswoman, **Aditya N** - Senior Sportsman, **Kate L** - Leadership and Service to Sport and **Tristan S** - inaugural Phoenix award winner.



Building strong partnerships for student success



Chef Peter Carter from Graceville's Boucher Bistro led Hospitality students through an impeccable 3-course service at the Partnership Luncheon

In August, Corinda SHS hosted a special partnership luncheon celebrating the strong connections between our school, sponsors, and community supporters.



The event featured an inspiring talk by BOP Industries' Scott Millar, the launch of our new internship program and a stunning three-course meal by our Hospitality students, guided by Boucher Bistro's Peter Carter. Thank you to our partners especially our new 2024 sponsors Corinda Dental Centre and Motorama Ford for supporting our students' bright futures!



Winners are grinners: Year 7 Trivia Night (main) and team building at YMCA Joyner (below)

Adventure and connection unite our Year 7 cohort

What an incredible start to high school for our Year 7 students! This year has been filled with memorable experiences that have brought students, families, and staff together, setting the foundation for a strong and supportive cohort.

In August, our students embarked on an unforgettable adventure during the Year 7 camp. The Survivor-esque

program provided an excellent platform for students to forge new connections, demonstrate leadership, and collaborate effectively for a common goal.

At the start of Semester 2, the Year 7 leadership team hosted a fun and competitive Trivia Night, bringing families and staff together for an evening of laughs, learning, and community spirit. It was fantastic to see

parents and staff bonding over brain-teasing questions and cheering each other on.

A special shout-out to Year 7 Dean, Brad Kelman (inset below), for his exceptional efforts in leading the organisation of these events. His dedication to fostering a connected and inclusive community has truly made a difference in helping our Year 7s feel welcomed and supported in their new environment.



Ms Crerar wins National Teacher of the Year Award!



Ms Crerar at the Australian Education Awards held in Sydney

We are proud to announce that Visual Art teacher Nicki Crerar was named Secondary School Teacher of the Year - Government category at the 2024 Australian Education Awards!

This prestigious award celebrates the most outstanding government secondary school teacher in Australia for the 2023 academic year. It recognises teachers who maintain consistently high standards of teaching, demonstrate innovation in developing and supporting student learning, show a commitment to professional development and

collaboration with colleagues, and actively engage with parents and the wider school community. Ms Crerar's dedication, creativity, and passion for teaching have left a profound impact on her students and colleagues. Her innovative approach to art education continues to inspire us all.

In other Arts news this semester, Year 12 students Anna L (top right) and Summer G were awarded Creative Generation (CGEN) commendation awards for their remarkable artworks that were displayed at the Brisbane Institute of Art. CGEN showcases Queensland students' visual arts, providing a platform to exhibit their work and foster creativity in the Arts.



Upcoming Dates

- 27 JAN - Australia Day P/Holiday
- 28 JAN - Term 1 starts (Year 7 and new starters in Years 8-12)
- 29 JAN Term 1 starts (Years 8-12)
- 4 FEB - House Swimming Carnival
- 5 & 7 FEB - School Photographs
- 13 FEB - Academic Awards of Excellence at Riverlife
- 17 MAY - Open Day
- 26 & 27 JUN - House Athletics Carnival
- 4 APR - Term 1 ends
- 22 APR - Term 2 starts
- 27 JUN - Term 2 ends
- 14 JUL - Term 3 starts
- 19 SEP - Term 3 ends
- 7 OCT - Term 4 starts
- 12 DEC - Term 4 ends

U15 Boys shine as National Finalists in Bill Turner Cup



FEX coaches Mr Hogan (far left) and Mr Duckworth with national finalists, Corinda State High School U15 Boys

Congratulations to our Junior FEX boys for reaching the Bill Turner Cup National Final, an incredible achievement in the prestigious competition that attracts over 850 schools! While the final didn't go our way, we were immensely proud of their dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

Special congratulations to team Captain Jesse Nunez (pictured right) for being named Player of the Series. Thank you to THE LION Richlands for supporting the team's journey and to our coaches, players, and families for their commitment. Well done, National Finalists!



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