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Celebrating 65 Years



Year 12 graduate and Bunar House Captain, Patrick Pham receives his graduation pack from Executive Principal Ross Bailey and Year 12 Deputy Principal Jacqueline Craigie

Class of 2025 shines at Graduation and beyond

Congratulations to the Class of 2025, who marked the completion of their secondary education with a memorable graduation ceremony themed *A Galaxy of Possibilities*. The event celebrated the achievements of the cohort and recognised their readiness to embark on the next stage of their academic and professional journeys. From engaging Arts performances to thoughtful speeches, the ceremony reflected the talent, resilience, and ambition of this graduating class.

Among the cohort's achievements, Kabul House Captain, Kate Ledez has been awarded a 2026 Cadetship with McNab on a Construction Management pathway. Kate's engagement with McNab began during Future Agent Day in Year 11, a career-focused Senior Schooling initiative designed to provide students with exposure to industry professionals, workplace

environments, and potential career pathways. Her continued participation in McNab's programs, including work experience during the September school holidays, provided valuable insight into the construction industry and prepared her for the cadetship opportunity.

The achievements of Kate and her peers exemplify the dedication and preparedness of the Class of 2025 and the efforts of Corinda staff, as they transition confidently into further study, training, and professional careers.



2025 graduate Kate Ledez and Campbell Senz, McNab's Head of Innovation & Growth



Corinda SHS's Junior Tennis Team place third at the State Championships

Junior Tennis triumphs at State Championships

The Junior Boys Tennis team had a tremendous result at the Rockhampton State Championships, placing third against some of the top schools in Queensland.

The team, including Atharv, Bastian, Dylan, Euan, Leo, and Olam, earned their place at the State Championships after defeating St Peters Lutheran College, securing their place in the State Championships.

Our Tennis Excellence program continues to demonstrate its strength, showcasing the outstanding representation of Corinda SHS at the state level.

Interested in the Tennis Program? Scan here



Corinda Learner Values Integrity, Compassion, Curiosity and Drive

From the Executive Principal



What an incredible year it has been at Corinda! We've seen strong academic growth across subjects, with our Year 9 **NAPLAN** gains recognised by ACARA and in

the media. Our Senior students are on track for an outstanding 2026, supported by expanded subject offerings that meet the needs of our academically focused community.

Corinda has excelled in **sport** throughout 2025, delivering standout results in Football, Tennis, Basketball, Netball, Futsal and more. A highlight was our Senior Uhlcup victories, showcasing elite performance in football. Our partnership with the Brisbane Bullets also supported our return to the CBSQ major tournament for the first time in several years.

We're pleased to share that renovations to the **Assembly Hall** are nearly complete. The hall holds special significance as the former training venue for five-time Olympian Natalie Cook. Final floor polishing and staged seating will be completed over the Christmas break, and we look forward to welcoming our community into the refreshed space in the years ahead.

I thank our parent community for our strong learning partnership. Our students have improved school attendance, highlighting the importance our parents and carers place on learning. I thank our parents, students and staff for working together to strengthen our impressive culture and offerings. It was pleasing to see so many students participate in Creative Generation along with the return of Corinda debating this year. In the **Arts**, our Dance, Instrumental Music, Vocal and Drumline will continue to thrive with team changes into 2026.

Our 2025 Seniors demonstrated leadership and influence this year, shaping our culture for the better through their commitment to service and school experience. Our largest ever cohort was farewelled in typical Corinda style, with a ceremony involving the entire school at Nissan Arena. As the lights went down, our Arts performers were on show as we celebrated the unique journey of the Class of 2025 – they will be remembered fondly at Corinda!

We had great joy welcoming our 2026 Year 7 students on our recent **Orientation** day. This day ensures our team has the opportunity to get to know our incoming students, and to prioritise our support and learning for future years. We've enjoyed strong in-catchment student growth over the last 12 months, signalling our strength as the school of choice within the local community. We take this responsibility seriously and we thank you for your support.

I thank the entire extended Corinda community for their engagement in 2025. Our team looks forward to serving you again in 2026.

Ross Bailey
Executive Principal



Clockwise L-R: Year 10 student Travis S with his donated tools, Corinda SHS students enjoy the maze built by INTAD faculty at this year's Colour Run, the INTAD team dismantling the maze



Building skills and futures at Corinda

At this year's Corinda SHS Colour Run, the Industrial Technology and Design Faculty (INTAD) brought innovation and fun by building an impressive maze (pictured above) from recycled pallets donated by local businesses. This maze served as the final obstacle in the race and showcased the faculty's expertise with industry-standard machinery and hand tools, all skills central to a curriculum that blends traditional, contemporary, and emerging technologies, engaging students across a wide range of contexts and pathways.

One of those students is Year 10 Construction and Engineering student Travis S who recently received a donation of woodworking tools from local residents, Mr and Mrs Hovatson. Inspired by a previous feature in this publication, they chose to support the INTAD program and contribute to students' learning.

Our students are given amazing opportunities to learn, grow, and be inspired both inside and outside the classroom.



Visual Art teachers, Ms Leech (left) and Ms Crerar (right) pictured with Ruby N, Angel S and Jam C, all Brisbane Portrait Prize contestants

Students excel in prestigious art competition

Year 11 Visual Art student, Angel S was recently selected as a finalist in the prestigious Brisbane Portrait Prize Next Gen competition, where her artwork was displayed at the State Library of Queensland. This year, the artworks Corinda SHS submitted to the competition were a range of intimate self-portraits, and Angel's art was a stand-out.

Year 10 student Ruby N and Year 12 student Jam C also received a Highly Commended recognition for their outstanding submissions. Each student achievement is a testament

to the incredible Visual Arts Program Corinda SHS offers. The program continues to provide a curriculum that supports students with numerous opportunities to develop their creativity and showcase their skills beyond the classroom.

Visual Art teachers like Ms Leech and Ms Crerar, who previously won the Secondary School Teacher of the Year award, bring exceptional expertise and mentorship to our program, continually fostering artistic excellence and inspiring students to reach their full potential in the Arts.



Artificial intelligence brings Humanities to life in the classroom

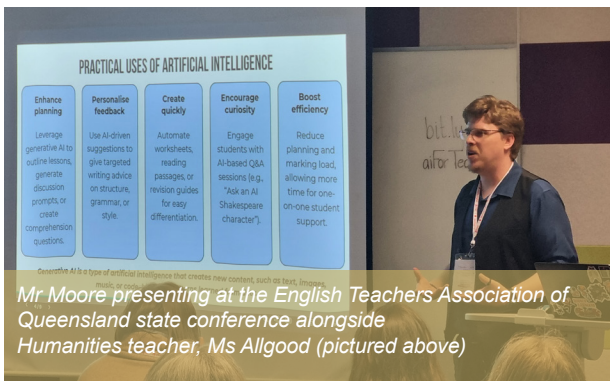
Artificial intelligence (AI) is offering new possibilities for enriched classroom learning at Corinda SHS, where Humanities teacher Mr Moore is integrating the technology to deepen student engagement and understanding.

By incorporating AI tools into his lessons, students are able to explore philosophical and historical concepts from multiple viewpoints, prompting higher-order thinking and more informed discussion. This approach builds critical skills and clarifies complex ideas.

In January, Mr Moore alongside Humanities' teacher Ms Allgood, will present at a Department of Education Student-Free Day conference in Mt Isa, sharing practical strategies for integrating AI into classrooms.

Corinda SHS is committed to using emerging technologies to enrich learning and help students engage purposefully with the world.

Curious about AI at Corinda? Scan to see more



Corinda SHS students exploring the Great Barrier Reef during their Heron Island excursion, gaining hands-on experience in marine research and reef conservation

Diving into enriching discoveries on Heron Island

Our Heron Island cohort has once again enjoyed an enriching and memorable learning experience, continuing a long-standing Corinda SHS tradition that dates back to 1967. Each year, Science and Biology students visit the Heron Island Research Station to study the Great Barrier Reef with support from the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation and the University of Queensland.

Throughout the week, students complete snorkeling surveys, encounter diverse marine life and carry out scientific transects that build their coastal ecosystem knowledge and fieldwork skills.

Corinda SHS thanks program sponsor Honest Grace Legal for supporting this valuable opportunity and helping students deepen their knowledge of reef ecology and conservation. The experience offers the perfect balance of learning, adventure and unforgettable moments.



Minister for Education and the Arts John-Paul Langbroek MP, pictured with Executive Principal Ross Bailey and 2026 school leaders

Corinda welcomes Education Minister

Corinda SHS welcomed Minister for Education and the Arts, The Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP. The school was recognised for the success of the Queensland Government's Behaviour Boost initiative, which contributed to a 40% reduction in behaviour incidents. He noted that schools like Corinda are leading the way in demonstrating the impact of targeted support.

During the visit, the Minister also addressed the recent storm recovery efforts following severe weather which impacted many local schools in the area. The Minister thanked Corinda SHS for hosting senior exams for those schools while their campuses were closed due to storm damage.

Upcoming Dates

- 26 JAN - Australia Day Public Holiday
- 27 JAN - First Day of Term 1
- 3 FEB - Swimming Carnival
- 6 FEB - Merit Ceremony
- 19 FEB - Academic Awards of Excellence
- 25 FEB - Culinary GO Day
- 27 FEB - Year 12 Breakfast
- 6 MAR - International Womens Day
- 11 MAR - NAPLAN Begins
- 30 MAR - Year 7 Badging
- 30 MAR - Student Council Badging
- 1 APR - Astronomy Night
- 1 APR - Junior Summer Gala Day
- 2 APR - Cross Country
- 2 APR - Last day of Term 1



Youth Support Workers, Mr Powell and Mr Riseley, providing a positive start to the day

Youth Support Workers enrich student experience

Corinda SHS is proud to highlight the ongoing work of our dedicated Youth Support Workers, whose commitment to student wellbeing continues to make a meaningful difference across the school community. In partnership with YMCA Queensland, they deliver the Friday Fuel Up initiative, an important program that offers both nourishment and connection to students each week.

Each Friday morning, students are welcomed with a healthy breakfast, along with a supportive space to settle into the day. The initiative provides more than food; it strengthens relationships, fosters belonging, and offers students a positive start before heading into class.



Drama teacher Ms Billiau and Japanese teacher Mr McMahon receive certificates of recognition for their service, 40 years and 35 years respectively in the Queensland Department of Education

Celebrating our incredible staff on World Teacher's Day

In the spirit of this year's theme, *Celebrating Teachers*, Corinda SHS staff were treated to a special morning of appreciation. Complimentary coffees were generously provided by our sponsor, Renegade Roasters, while delicious cookies were kindly supplied by Jess Pugh MP for Mount Ommaney.

The celebration also recognised staff who have achieved significant service milestones, honouring their dedication and outstanding contributions to education. This event provided a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the commitment, expertise and hard work of our teaching team throughout their careers.

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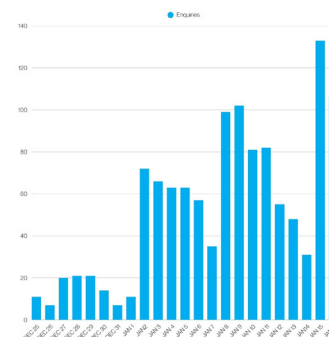
2023 WINNER
Agent of the year
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STAND OUT THIS SUMMER

Leverage the peak SELLING SEASON

Stats show that real estate **DOES NOT** slow down over the holidays. In fact, we can see that enquiries start their upwards trajectory from as soon as **Boxing Day!**

To leverage this peak selling time, Harcourts Marketplace have put designed a strategic timeline in which to sell your property.



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