

# PARK LIFE

THE OFFICIAL PARK RIDGE SHS NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

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*Excellence in all we do!*

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Welcome back to a brand new school year and a brand new decade.

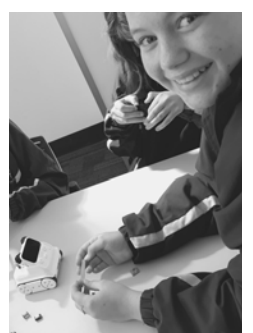
2020 is already shaping up to be one of our most exciting years to date. The new Critical Thinking Space (building) is entering its second year, alongside a wide range of innovative learning opportunities to cater for all our student's needs.

Our school is growing! Currently our enrolments have hit a record high of 1550, making our school one of the fastest developing educational facilities in the Logan Beaudesert area.

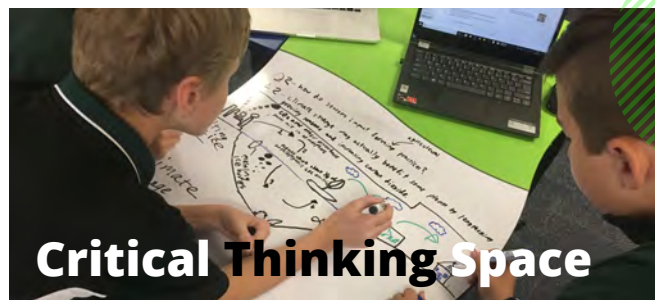
Ensuring that we cater for our growing population, while still delivering a world class and personalised education for every child, remains our top priority.



*Message from the Principal*  
Miss Sharon Amos



WE ARE HERE TO LEARN, DO WHAT IS RIGHT AND WORK TOGETHER



## Critical Thinking Space



## BANAM



## IMMERSIVE ELECTRONICS HUB

# innovative programs

**We have 3 new innovative programs launching in 2020!**

### THE CRITICAL THINKING SPACE

Last year saw the start of our unique partnership with UQ in providing a state of the art facility focused on developing the 21st Century Learner. Students are immersed in the 4 C's of **Critical Thinking, Creativity, Communication and Collaboration**. Grand Opening Week 2, Term 2!

### THE BANAM's (Banam is Indigenous for brother)

Self-titled by the boys themselves, the program targets the unique needs of year 9 boys who crave engagement through a more hands-on approach to education. Squarely focused on the National Curriculum, the boys are provided with multiple learning opportunities while embracing ownership for community development and renewal.

### THE IMMERSIVE ELECTRONICS HUB

Forming part of our Science Trade Training Centre, the Electronics Hub will provide students with opportunities to partner with Industry and TAFE in an authentic pathways oriented program. Electronics is one of the fastest growing industries in Queensland with multi-million dollar contracts being provided to grow this area. Students participating in the Hub will be well prepared for jobs in electronics, telecommunications, marketing and all levels of engineering.

# swimming carnival

## wednesday february 12

It is that time of year again when our students compete in the time honoured sport of swimming. The **Swimming Carnival** is a wonderful way for our students to not only participate in a sport they love, but to support and grow house and school spirit by spurring our athletes on as community spectators.

The **2020 PRSHS Swimming Carnival** was no exception, and though the day was drizzly, it did not dampen the spirits of our swimmers or our cheering squads.

As a result of the day, many of our students will go on to district swimming events, representing our school at the highest level. Although a detailed report of the success of our competitors will be provided in our next Newsletter, we can say that many records were broken.

From the formal swimming races, through to the novelty events and teacher relay, a great time was had by all. It was lovely to have many of our parents attend the day and our students and staff did us proud.



## PARKING

**WITH OUR SCHOOL GROWTH PARKING HAS BECOME PROBLEMATIC. WE ARE WORKING WITH THE COUNCIL ON A SOLUTION. IN THE MEANTIME, WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN KEEPING LANCEWOOD STREET CLEAR FOR MOVING TRAFFIC AND THE BUS LANE FREE OF CARS.**

*Thank you for your support*



# school policies

## A Professional Learning Culture

At Park Ridge State High School, we pride ourselves on partnering with our parents in preparing our students for a competitive and challenging world. We believe in the potential of every child to succeed if we care enough to provide a culture of high expectations and the support to achieve the best dreams. We are not only looking after the child they are, but the adult they will become. To do this we invest in a culture of:

- Care
- Preparedness
- Timeliness
- Resilience
- Professional Standards
- Commitment

Support our kids to build strong, personal and professional habits. The tough love we provide today will help them soar in the future!

go to PRSHS website for all policies

### UNIFORM

We are a uniform school, this provides our students with a professional look both in school and in the wider community. Business and the job market look first at presentation.

### ATTENDANCE

92% and above. Attendance equals learning.

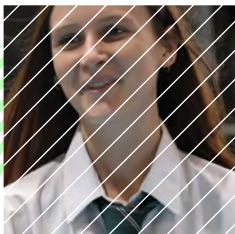
### LEARNING

Being prepared for the learning day requires all equipment, a willingness to participate in all learning activities, extending the learning day and developing strong reading and writing habits

### SAFETY

Staying in the school grounds and monitored areas keeps our students safe. Practicing caring behaviours and respectful relationships is imperative for this to work.

Encourage safe road habits. Think about where you pick your child up from and what permissions you give them to exit the school. Together we are the gatekeepers of their safety.



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## Our 3 Schools of Excellence

### IMEX

Boasting and outstanding *Instrumental Music* program that provides our students with opportunities to play and compete at the highest levels, IMEX builds on this unique music culture. Students who have a passion for music are provided an immersion program from years 7-10, where they hone their musical skills alongside their core subject areas of Maths, Science, English and Humanities.

### IGNITE

Providing opportunities for students to advance their studies through challenging curriculum offerings and digital platforms is central to our *IGNITE* program. Students extend learning through negotiated educational opportunities and complex and connected projects.

### AFL

Our *AFL Centre of Excellence* is designed to develop the skills of teamwork, leadership and sportsmanship through a game the students enjoy playing. Partnering with AFL Queensland, students are provided with opportunities to play and coach at elite levels, growing their passion for Australian Rules Football.

## save the date

Year 7 Induction Ceremony  
Tuesday Feb 25: 6:00-7:00 pm  
Performing Arts Centre

School Photographs  
Thursday Feb 27

Uniform Shop Opening Hours:  
TUES & WED 8:00-10:00 am  
Thursday 1:00-4:30 pm

P&C AGM  
Monday Mar 9, 6:00 pm  
Conference Room

Immunisation  
Initial visit : Tuesday March 24  
Follow-up visit : Friday April 4



*We recognise the Yugumbir and Yugara people, the traditional owners of the land upon which our school and community stands.*

*We acknowledge elders past present and emerging and thank them for their wisdom that continuously guides us and connects us to this ancient land.*

*May we continue to grow strong through their strength and their example.*