

Dear Parents/Carers

On behalf of the Parents' and Citizens' Association (P&C), we would like to welcome you and your family to Earnshaw State College. The P&C is involved in the following areas within the College:

#### **TUCKSHOP (phone 36217327)**

- Located in the undercover area.
- Open 8:30am to 1:45 daily.
- Our main aim is to provide a healthy, varied menu for our children, while endeavouring to keep our prices as reasonable as possible.

#### **UNIFORM SHOP (phone 36217328)**

- Located in the undercover area.
- Open Tuesday and Thursday 8:15 to 9:30am or by appointment.
- Lay-by program for uniforms available.

#### **BOOKSHOP (phone 0421 008723)**

- Located in lower C Block.
- Open daily 8:50 to 9:20am, except during peak times when extended opening hours apply.
- For all your stationery and book pack requirements.
- Hats and bathing caps are also available.
- Lay-by program for stationery available.

#### **FUNDRAISING/GRANTS**

- The Grant and Fundraising Group supports students and the school community by identifying fundraising opportunities and preparing applications for grant funding.
- If you would like to assist us in this area, please leave your name at the uniform shop.

#### **CRAFT GROUP**

- Located in M Block, lower level.
- Wednesday and Friday mornings 9:00 to 10:30am.
- Items made for Mothers' and Fathers' Day stalls.
- Alternatively, if you would like to donate craft items, materials etc, it would be appreciated.

#### **MARKET DAYS**

- Third Sunday of the month during the school year, 7:00 to 11:00am.
- Held on the lower oval.
- \$10.00 per site.

#### **INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SUPPORT GROUP**

- Parents, caregivers and any interested community members come together to assist the Instrumental Music Teacher with the various activities associated with the Instrumental Music Program at the College.
- Over the years we have successfully applied for grants, allowing us to add new instruments and replace old ones that are not covered by Education Queensland funding.
- We also assist with fundraising for transportation of students and their instruments to various competitions and community performances. Some music camps and other activities are also subsidized by our fundraising.
- Meetings are usually held once a term and new members are always welcome.

## SWIMMING CLUB

- Operates during Terms 1 and 4, weekly on Friday nights.
- Competitors of all ages and standards compete in races for each stroke, aiming to improve on their personal bests and accrue points towards trophies at the end of the season.
- Gives students experience in the race conditions that they will face when competing for the school at District and Zone levels.
- Although competition is encouraged, it is done in a fun and relaxed atmosphere.
- A BBQ is held every second week, and a canteen operates for light refreshments.
- There are jobs, such as timekeeping, that parents can participate in, but it's not all work. Adults can also participate in races. The children seem to enjoy the added competition, to better the times set by an adult or parent.
- A reasonable season membership fee is payable, but prospective competitors can come along one Friday night and participate without charge, to see how the club operates and enjoy the atmosphere.

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT PERSON

- The Community Support person encourages all members of the school community to be involved in school activities by communication through the school newsletter and providing a 'Meet and Greet' afternoon tea once a month.
- The Community Support Person also represents the school at local community meetings and events.
- Please feel free to contact the Community Support Person (currently Angela Greathead) through the uniform shop if you would like to discuss school activities or how we could help you and your family access school resources.

## TO KEEP UP-TO-DATE ON P&C ACTIVITIES, YOU CAN:

- Attend P&C meetings, held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm.
- Read the College newsletter – distributed to the youngest in the family in hard copy, or visit the website at [www.earnshawsc.eq.edu.au](http://www.earnshawsc.eq.edu.au).
- Read the P&C noticeboard, outside the uniform shop.
- Contact the P&C on 36217328 – if no answer, please leave a voicemail message.

Your assistance with one or more of the P&C's activities listed above is always needed and appreciated.

Sincerely

The P&C Executive

