



CALOUNDRA HIGHLIGHTS

Week 7 – Term 1 - Friday 13th March 2026

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to the end of Week 7!

This week marked the conclusion of our International Japanese Study Tour and what a wonderful experience it has been for our school community. We were delighted to host our visiting students and share with them a glimpse of life and learning at our school. A huge thank you must go to our Japanese buddies who so warmly welcomed our guests and supported them throughout their visit. Their willingness to help ensured our visitors experienced not only our school but also the spirit of our community. We look forward to welcoming our Japanese friends back in the years to come, as their visit brought so much richness and cultural learning to our students and staff.

I would also like to thank our families for supporting their children during the first week of NAPLAN. It was fantastic to see so many students attend the morning breakfast sessions and arrive at their testing rooms feeling calm, prepared, and confident. Your encouragement at home plays an important role in helping students approach these assessments with a positive mindset. We look forward to seeing the same strong participation and focus as students complete the remaining sessions next week.

Across the school this week, students have also been busy engaging in a wide range of sporting and curriculum activities. These opportunities help to consolidate learning, build important skills and keep students actively involved as we move closer to the upcoming assessment period. It has been pleasing to see students embracing these experiences and continuing to demonstrate commitment to their learning. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support of our school community.

Natasha Wicks – Principal

NAPLAN – 7&9

Year 7 and 9 students will participate in the remaining sessions of NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) next week, concluding **Thursday, 19th March**, with catch-up sessions provided for students who were absent on testing days. It is important that students participate in NAPLAN to the best of their ability. Accurate performance data helps inform both student support at school and Department of Education planning. For further information about NAPLAN, please click [here](#).

Home Group 8:40 – 8:50am

Home Group (HG) is scheduled at the start of each day for the following reasons:

- HG is the official start to the school day – attendance is monitored and all unexplained absences are reported to parents ensuring the safety of our students and fulfilling our duty of care. **Being on time for school teaches students the importance of punctuality, an important skill required for future endeavours.**
- During HG, students are informed of important information regarding upcoming events, changes of schedules and general key information important to the smooth running of their school life. HG is part of the school day. **Students are required to attend as part of their full school day timetable.**
- HG provides students the opportunity to ask questions regarding school matters and ensures students are equally informed – ensuring all students gain equal opportunities.
- HG assists students in developing positive relationships with their peers and teachers and is a small community within the larger school community enabling students the opportunity to form friendships.
- **Parades are mandatory** for all students – allowing them to connect with the whole school community, enjoy guest speakers and performances and gain important information regarding their school career.

FACULTY FOCUS – MATH

This time of year is always a busy one for the Maths faculty as all grades are either completing assessment or preparing for assessment. The junior school have a mixture of exams and assignments while Year 11 students are submitting their drafts for their first major assignments (PSMTs). Year 12 students are starting revision soon for the second assessment item that contributes towards their ATAR score. This exam covers work that began in Term 4 last year and continued into Term 1 of this year.

In Week 4, the Year 11 specialist maths class had an excursion to Spinners Bar and Bowl to play mini golf as part of their PSMT assignment. Students had the opportunity to play a round before starting their measurements. They were required to choose 2 of the holes and measure the distances and angles required to achieve a hole in one. This data was then taken back to school and allowed them to create their own mini golf hole, showing how mathematics and vectors can be used in real world situations

Everyone is very busy and will no doubt enjoy the holiday after working so hard to do their best in their assessment.

Mr White

HOD Math



2026 Next Step Year 12 Completers Survey

The Next Step Year 12 Completers survey opens on **Tuesday, 17th March 2026**. All Year 12 completers from 2025 will receive a letter from the Minister for Education inviting them to participate in this five-minute survey to help our school understand the different pathways of our graduates. This helps us to improve services for future students and respondents have the chance to win a MacBook Air. We ask parents, siblings and friends to encourage our graduates to complete the survey. They may also be contacted by email or phone from the Queensland Government Statistician's Office. For more information, please visit <http://www.qld.gov.au/nextstep>.

Online Learning Tools – Parent Consent Needed

Our school uses a range of online tools and apps to support student learning and collaboration. Some services require basic student details and may store student work. You can review and complete the **Online Services Consent Form** through the **QParents app**. If you do not have QParents, please complete and return the relevant Year level consent form/s below, asap. There may be other consent forms that you are not aware of on QParents that may need to be completed. If you need assistance, please contact the school office.

- [Junior Secondary \(Year 7/8\) online consent form](#)
- [Middle Secondary \(Year 9/10\) online consent form](#)
- [Senior Secondary \(Year 11/12\) online consent form](#)

QParents Registration

Please ensure you have registered for QParents, as this is the platform the school is currently using for parents/carers to receive and respond to consent requests, receive and pay invoices online, view attendance records, report cards, as well as provide absentee notifications. If you need assistance registering, contact the office on 5436 8444 or email admin@caloundrashs.eq.edu.au. For further information visit: [QParents](#), [QParents registration process](#), and [QParents fact sheet for parents](#).

Sponsor Spotlight

Community Bank Caloundra is a valued Lighthouse Keeper sponsor of our Volleyball Signature Program, supporting student participation and positive team experiences. Their involvement highlights the importance of community partnerships in creating opportunities for young people. We thank Caloundra Bank Caloundra for their support of volleyball at Caloundra SHS.

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Behaviour Beacon

The Behaviour Beacon for Weeks 7 and 8 of Term 1 is Kindness - we consider the feelings, rights and heritage of others. As Harmony Day approaches on March 21st, we are focusing on how the diversity within our school community makes us stronger. Harmony Day reflects a message that sits at the heart of our school: everyone belongs. Every student and family brings unique experiences, cultures, languages and traditions that enrich our community. These differences are something to celebrate and be proud of.

To build on this message, we are excited to introduce Culture Fest 2026, which will take place across Weeks 5 and 6 of Term 2. Students will take part in activities inspired by different countries, celebrating music, movement, traditions and stories from around the world. Students will receive a "passport" to collect stamps as they participate in activities, earning points for their house and going into the draw for prizes. Our canteen will also join the celebration with themed food options throughout the week. Culture Fest will encourage curiosity, participation and respect, while giving students the opportunity to learn about and celebrate the many cultures that make up our school.

Over the coming weeks, we will share more information about how students and families can get involved. We encourage students and families who would like to share aspects of their culture through music, dance, dress, food, language or storytelling to participate. If there is something you would like to share with the school during Culture Fest, please contact Head of Department - Student Culture, Alicia Edwards on aspan14@eq.edu.au

As we move into Harmony Week, we also remind students that kindness is reflected in the words we choose and how we treat others. Respectful language and genuine curiosity about others' cultures help create a school where everyone feels safe, valued and proud to belong.

Week Ahead – Week 8, Term 1

Monday 16th March

- ◆ NAPLAN Conventions & Language, Y7-P1 / Y9-P2
- ◆ Harmony Week
- ◆ SC Schools Netball Competition Rnd 3, Fishermans Road Maroochydore, after school
- ◆ 5/6 EDGE Development Program 3:30- 4:30pm
- ◆ 11-12 QCIA Adventure Ed. Mt Coolum/Coolum Beach, 8:40am-2:40pm

Tuesday 17th March

- ◆ NAPLAN Numeracy, Y7-P1 / Y9-P2

Wednesday 18th March

- ◆ NAPLAN Catchups, Y7-P1 / Y9-P2
- ◆ Yr 11 Exams (PED/PSY)
- ◆ 9L ICL Adventure Ed, Crummunda Park 8:40-11:10
- ◆ Yr6 Rugby League Development Day 1, 3:15-5:30pm
- ◆ 8 Hobbies: Bushwalking 1:30-2:35pm
- ◆ 8 Hobbies: Mountain Biking 1-2:40pm
- ◆ Bu'ran'dou Leadership Program (7-8: P3, 9-10: P4)
- ◆ 9 Rock & Water, P4

Thursday 19th March

- ◆ NAPLAN Final Catchups, Y7-P1 / Y9-P2
- ◆ National Close the Gap Day

Friday 20th March

- ◆ Lockdown Practice – 12:50-1pm
- ◆ Yr 7 2027 Scholarship & Rnd 1 Horizons Application Close
- ◆ Bu'ran'dou Leadership Program (11-12: P3)
- ◆ 6, 11&12 Dance Extension Workshop

Year Level Parades

Year 7 – Monday - Resource Centre
Year 8 – Friday - Resource Centre
Year 9 – Tuesday – Student Centre
Year 10 - Wednesday – Student Centre
Year 11 – Thursday – Resource Centre
Year 12 – Tuesday – Resource Centre



QUICK LINKS

Administration Office Open Hours
Monday to Friday 8:00am to 3:30pm

Finance Office Open Hours
Monday to Friday 8:00am to 12:30pm

Attendance:
attendance@caloundrashs.eq.edu.au

School Contacts
Main Office: 5436 8444

Absence Line: 5436 8400

[School Website](#)

[Facebook Page](#)

[11 & 12 Wednesday Exam](#)

[Schedule](#)

Uniform Shop Operating Hours

Tuesday - Friday
Closed on Public Holidays

7:30am to 8:30am

Order online via Qkr!

The P&C Meets each month on the 2nd Monday at 5.30pm.