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STATE HIGH SCHOOL



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Together we succeed

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Yeppoon State High School acknowledges the traditional owners of the land on which we work and learn: the Darumbal people.

We pay our respects to the Elders, past, present and emerging who share the lands' stories and teachings.

Yeppoon State High School is privileged to work and walk alongside the Darumbal people whose living culture and ongoing custodianship is the spiritual and physical bedrock beneath our local community.

We also recognise the special contribution First Nations Peoples have made that enrich and shape the cultural identity of this nation.





Yeppoon State High School strives to be a centre of educational excellence and central to this belief is the challenge we set ourselves to provide an innovative and inspiring curriculum. High quality learning experiences are purposefully designed to develop the attributes of life-long learners. In this way, each individual student will be equipped with the knowledge, skills, practices and aptitudes necessary to be an engaged, robust 21st century citizen capable of shaping their own career and employment options.

Whilst emphasis is placed on academic outcomes, we believe that the development of a holistic education through the teaching of values and ethics instils in our graduates a sense of decency and respect for others. They are well placed to contribute positively to society as self-aware and empathetic individuals. Teaching staff are enthusiastic in their desire to be experts in their curriculum fields and they embrace current trends in teaching practices. Our classrooms provide exceptional learning environments and resources.

Yeppoon State High School recognises the importance of strong parent and community partnerships. As the proud Principal of Yeppoon State High School, I welcome you and your family to our school. I wish you many happy years on the life long journey of learning.



James O'Neill
Principal

Our Vision

INSPIRE AND ACHIEVE
SUCCESS THROUGH
OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

WELCOME

TO YEPPOON STATE HIGH SCHOOL



Yeppoon State High School is committed to providing a learning environment that upholds the values of Spirit, Teamwork, Accountability, Respect and Safety. Students and staff work as a team to ensure academic and social learning outcomes are maximised for all. This is achieved by creating quality learning experiences and positive relationships, within a safe, inclusive and disciplined school environment.

Modelling values for the entire school community is central to the role of the Principal, all leaders and every staff member at Yeppoon High. Our values are captured within our STARS expectations and include:

SPIRIT

- Supporting and encouraging each other to learn, achieve and celebrate together.
- Attitude, Ambition & Active Participation

TEAMWORK

- Achieving our aspirational goals in sporting, academic and cultural teams.
- Commitment, Resilience & Pride

ACCOUNTABILITY

- Accepting responsibility for our actions and consequences.
- Responsibility, Reliability & Integrity

RESPECT

- Showing genuine respect for self, others and property.
- Courtesy, Consideration & Tolerance

SAFETY

- Following instructions to ensure our (and others) safety every day.
- Prevention, Protection & Wellbeing



From our participation in sporting, music, vocational and academic events state wide, it is our ability to work together that gives us our strength and allows us to achieve our dreams, because 'Together we succeed'.

OUR VALUES



Our mantra 'Together we succeed' reflects the collective and collaborative effort of teachers, support staff, students, parents and carers. We believe there is no "I" in TEAMS and that through genuine collaboration and team work together with a strong relationship with our Parents and Citizens' Association, we will succeed, and move our school towards our strategic goals.

Together
we succeed

OUR MANTRA



Our school provides varied pathways for our students to graduate as active citizens who take responsibility for their actions, engage in life-long learning and contribute to the stewardship of the environment.

Students are encouraged to achieve personal excellence in their academic endeavours, behaviour and appearance. Our school community values these standards. We have a strong academic focus, as well as an excellent reputation in the arts and sports. The school also offers:

- A range of Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualifications
- Instrumental music
- Japanese Excellence Program
- Performing Arts' Programs
- Rugby League and Netball Excellence Programs
- School musicals.

OUR SCHOOL



At Yeppoon State High School, students wear their badge to symbolise pride in our school. The badge is comprised of a Capricorn symbol and the school colours.

SYMBOL

Yeppoon State High School is located on the beautiful Capricorn Coast which is situated on the Tropic of Capricorn. The Tropic of Capricorn was named over 2000 years ago because the sun was in the constellation Capricorn during the December solstice.

A Capricorn is a mythological creature with the head and upper body of a mountain goat, and the lower body and tail of a fish. The mountain goat symbol represents ambition, resilience, success, intelligence, safety and steadiness. The fish represents passion, spirituality, intuition, and connection with the soul.

COLOURS

The Capricorn is shaded in Royal Blue, the school colour, and sits above a ribbon which includes the initials of the school (YSHS) as well as the school motto 'Together we succeed'. The tail of the ribbon incorporates the four colours of the school house groups.

FRASER - Red

LAVER - Green

ELLIOTT - Blue

DAVIDSON - Orange

OUR BADGE

STRATEGIC DIRECTION



Yeppoon State High School has two major strategic focus areas:

- Differentiated teaching and learning – Applying an evidence-based, whole school approach to pedagogy to create inclusive learning environments
- Positive Behaviour for Learning – Building a respectful, tolerant and inclusive learning environment that promotes positive social expectations for all in the school community.



DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION CENTRE



Yeppoon State High School creates an inclusive community to cater for a diverse range of learners. Supporting all of our students to engage in education is essential for our young people to thrive. Our whole school inclusive approach to differentiated teaching and learning recognises every student can realise their potential with reasonable adjustments and teaching strategies tailored to meet their individual needs. Yeppoon State High School sets high expectations, values and celebrates diversity by implementing high quality, evidence-based teaching practices focussed on success for every student.

Through focussed and intensive teaching addressing the individual strengths and challenges, we facilitate improvements in literacy, numeracy and access to the learning environment. This is achieved through:

- Embracing diversity as a key value
- Providing a challenging curriculum
- Providing a flexible curriculum delivery that responds to individual strengths and challenges
- Providing opportunity for students to learn alongside their peers
- Providing collaboration between staff, parents, students and external agencies.

Our Inclusion Team works collaboratively with class teachers, students, parents/carers and the wider school community to ensure all students are able to access the curriculum and actively participate in school life at Yeppoon State High School.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

Yeppoon State High School is accredited with Education Queensland International and our program offers a rich, multifaceted learning opportunity for students from abroad. Students from overseas countries including Germany, Brazil, Italy, Belgium, France, Spain, Nigeria, Chile and Japan enjoy full immersion in school life as well as participating in a wide range of extracurricular activities. Our international students develop friendships for life and add to the richness and diversity of our school community. The International Student Program provides our Australian students with the opportunity to interact with students from other countries, to learn about other cultures, and to participate in our Homestay Program. Our International Program provides outstanding opportunity for students to actively engage on a global level.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

There are a number of opportunities for students to show leadership within our school. Our Year 12 student leaders head up the Student Action Group who are responsible for enacting our student voice. Students from all year levels can join the Student Action Group.

The Student Action Group's Mission Statement is to provide support and strength to our student body and local community through encouraging and engaging in active service to others. In doing so, we strive to model and celebrate Yeppoon High School's Mission statement; "to inspire and achieve success through opportunities for all". We do this by living by our school motto; "Together we succeed".



ACADEMIC COACHING



Our students are exposed to a variety of career education programs from Year 8 which enable them to develop their Senior Education and Training (SET) Plan into a dynamic document, of which they have the opportunity to revise and reflect at various stages of their schooling. SET Plans are recorded electronically on 'One School' and can be accessed at any time by both students and their caregivers.

A student, like any good athlete, will benefit from the personalised support provided by a coach. That is why every student in the senior school will work with an Academic Coach. With the support of their Coach, we believe the likelihood that our students will transition into a successful pathway is very high.

The Academic Coach meets with the student to discuss their academic progress. Students are provided with a detailed analysis of their academic standing in relation to their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and ATAR progress tracking to understand where they are placed in meeting their goals. At these junctures, students also review their academic goals, set aspirational targets in relation to their academic achievement, and talk about pathway options and support measures that will ensure students can achieve success. Specialised programs also support students to work towards their QCE attainment.

Academic coaching is a distinctive quality of our support to our students and families and the students' results speak for themselves. We feel very strongly about these innovative programs, as do our students, and believe they offer holistic support for student success.

WELLBEING



Student resilience and wellbeing are essential for both academic and social development, and are optimised by safe, supportive and respectful environments. Schools share this responsibility with the whole community.

All students at Yeppoon State High are assigned a care class teacher who plays a crucial role in monitoring student wellbeing and attendance along with class teachers. In each sub school, Junior (Years 7 & 8), Middle (Years 9 & 10) and Senior (Years 11 & 12) a Head of Department works with staff, students and families to monitor wellbeing, behaviour and academic progress.

Our Student Wellbeing Team provide proactive and supportive programs to improve student engagement and learning outcomes. This collective group provides a holistic range of support services for all students and consists of:

- Community Education Counsellor
- Guidance Officers
- Guidance Officer- Student Wellbeing
- Industry and Vocational Training Officer
- School Chaplain
- School Based Youth Health Nurse
- Youth Support Co-ordinator
- Youth Worker.

A whole school approach to student wellbeing involves all parts of the school working together and being committed to creating a safe, supportive and inclusive environment. A whole school approach is evidence-based and tailored to the individual needs of the school community.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



Yeppoon State High School recognises the importance of educating the 'whole child' and provides an extensive range of extra-curricular activities including:

- Excursions of educational and cultural significance
- Instrumental Music Program, which includes, music ensembles, strings, orchestra, percussion ensemble, big band, concerts, competitions and performances
- Math competitions and math team challenge
- Opportunities to compete at district, state and national levels in selected sports
- Robotics
- School camps
- Student Action Group
- Student leadership opportunities.



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC



At Yeppoon State High School, Instrumental Music isn't just a subject—it's a vibrant, integral part of our educational journey. We believe in nurturing the musical potential of every student through a dynamic and supportive environment where creativity and discipline thrive. Our comprehensive Instrumental Music Program offers a diverse range of opportunities, from classical to contemporary, ensuring that each student can explore their unique musical interests.

Whether you're a budding virtuoso or a curious beginner, explore your potential and make your mark with the power of Instrumental Music at Yeppoon State High School.



SPORT



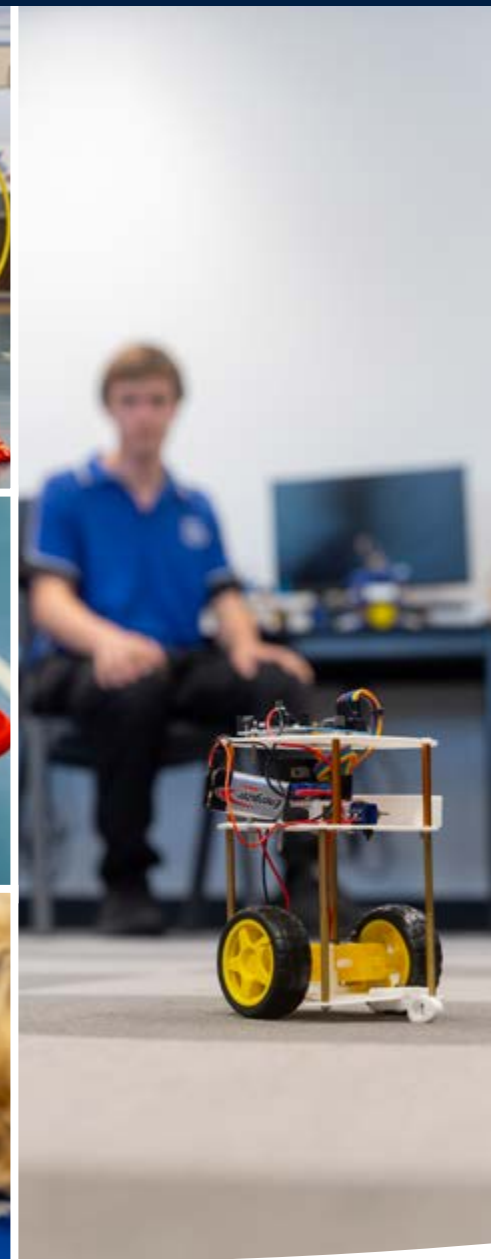
The school has a proud tradition of offering students opportunities to pursue their sporting passions. We aim to provide students with knowledge and experiences that they can use throughout their lives, in order to be healthy and active. Through dedication to sporting pursuits, students learn self-discipline and perseverance, gaining self-esteem and confidence.

A variety of sports are offered through either curriculum or extra curriculum opportunities including (but not limited to) athletics, basketball, cross country, football, netball, rugby league, rugby union, soccer, Australian rules football, swimming and volleyball.

Students belong to one of four sporting houses; Laver, Elliott, Davidson and Fraser. Sporting carnivals are held throughout the year including swimming, cross country and athletics.



DIGITAL PEDAGOGIES



In the rapidly evolving landscape of the 21st century, digital technology plays a pivotal role in shaping secondary education to better prepare students for the workforce. At Yeppoon State High School integrating digital technology into the curriculum enhances learning by providing access to a wealth of digital resources and interactive tools that cater to diverse learning styles. This accessibility fosters critical thinking and problem-solving skills, essential for navigating complex work environments.

The implementation of QLearn at Yeppoon State High School and other online learning platforms facilitate personalised learning, allowing students to progress at their own pace and focus on areas where they need improvement. Tools such as adaptive learning software and online assessments assist our exceptional staff to tailor instruction to individual needs, promoting more effective learning outcomes.

The use of digital technology introduces students to real-world applications and industry-standard tools, bridging the gap between academic theories and practical skills. Exposure to programming, robotics, drone flight, digital communication, digital media, and data analysis prepares students for careers in a tech-driven economy. We use collaborative platforms and virtual environments to enable students to work on group projects, enhancing teamwork and communication skills crucial for modern workplaces.

We believe embracing technology equips students with the digital literacy and adaptability required to thrive in an increasingly digital and interconnected world.

CURRICULUM



JUNIOR SECONDARY



Junior Secondary Schooling includes Year 7 and 8. The focus of our Junior Secondary program is to provide education that meets the needs of our students as they transition through the early years of adolescence. A variety of elective subjects are offered through four semesters allowing students to enrich their learning experience exploring diverse interests to develop a range of skills for future subject pathways.

In our Junior Secondary Schooling, we provide:

- Bring your own device (BYOx) program
- Supportive transition program to enable student success when entering high school
- Japanese Excellence Program
- Rugby and Netball Excellence Programs.
- Leadership opportunities through the Student Action Group
- Specialised enrichment and extension programs.
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) program to promote problem solving and communication skills
- Support programs such as Shine, Rock and Water.

MIDDLE SECONDARY



Middle Secondary Schooling includes Year 9 and 10. The focus of middle schooling is the development of students into the future leaders of our school, while preparing for a successful transition into Senior Schooling. Students will also develop a strong sense of belonging and responsibility through leadership activities including sporting, cultural and community events.

The Year 10 curriculum is designed to prepare all students for a smooth transition into Year 11 and 12. Students have the opportunity to participate in a range of curriculum subjects (including certificate courses) over the course of the year, as well as an extensive career education program which includes work experience and links to local industry and employment. Year 10 is the official starting point for Senior School.

In our Middle Secondary Schooling, we also provide:

- Programs and events to build a strong sense of connection and belonging within cohort
- Community engagement projects to support connection with local businesses and organisations
- Engaging career development program including career expos, industry talks and work experience opportunities
- Intensive tracking, identification and support processes for academic achievement and mental health and wellbeing
- Range of support staff and services to support student success and engagement
- Extensive range of subject offerings to engage all learners
- Bring your own device (BYOx) program.

SENIOR SECONDARY



The Senior Secondary curriculum at Yeppoon State High School offers students a broad range of pathways to their future career.

The vision driving our School is “Together we succeed”. To achieve this vision, it is our aim to support all students to best address their educational experiences to effectively facilitate their pathways into further education, training or employment.

Senior secondary schooling will assist students in achieving this shared vision by facilitating involvement in programs that include Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) General and Applied courses as well as Nationally recognised certificate courses, and university programs.

Yeppoon State High School is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) and this registration enables the school to deliver certificate qualifications across a number of curriculum areas.



FUTURE PATHWAYS



Students can choose from a diverse selection of nationally recognised Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses designed to enhance practical skills and knowledge.

There are three modes of delivery for VET:

- External VET offerings
- School-based Apprenticeship or Traineeship (SAT)
- Yeppoon State High School.

In addition, we have established partnerships with training providers who deliver on site at Yeppoon State High School.

We have access to a range of Certificate I courses through to Diploma level within various fields of study.

We provide state-of-the-art facilities and teachers with extensive industry experience, ensuring a real-world learning environment.

Please consult our curriculum handbooks for our course offerings. Handbooks are located on the Yeppoon State High School website - www.yeppoonshs.eq.edu.au.

VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Work Experience, School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships



Our Work Experience Program offers students the opportunity to gain hands-on experience across various work environments, helping them make informed career choices. Workplace experience is invaluable for building confidence, self-esteem, discipline, and teamwork.

School-based apprenticeships and traineeships are available to students in Years 10, 11, and 12. These programs combine paid work with off-the-job training, leading to a recognised qualification that contributes to the Queensland Certificate of Education and is recorded on their Senior Statement. Often, school-based traineeships and apprenticeships pave the way for post-school employment opportunities.



UNIVERSITY STUDIES AT HIGH SCHOOL

Students have the opportunity to combine Year 11 and Year 12 with university-level study. They can choose from a range of units from bachelor degrees, gain an authentic insight into university life, and start university early. Students can undertake study through a variety of different programs offered by a broad range of universities.



INGEBORGM ELFRIEDE LEIBNITZ SCHOLARSHIP

Each year, Year 12 students may apply for the Ingeborgm Elfriede Leibnitz scholarship to assist them in their tertiary studies. The scholarship is designed to support students with social or financial hardship.

The bursary was the legacy of Mr Graham Page who worked tirelessly across the school for many years supporting fundraising and student tutoring. Mr Page left his estate to his wife, Inge, who in turn left her entire estate to the school. Inge worked at CQU and was studying a degree when she passed away.

To honour Mr Page, Yeppoon State High school students on the 15th August 2008, delved into the astrology charts and registered a star in the universe that was not named, to show the school's appreciation of the tireless work of Mr Page.

Details of the scholarship and how to apply can be found on the school website - www.yeppoonshs.eq.edu.au.



The Graham Page School Oval



HEALTH HUB CAPRICORN COAST



Health Hub Capricorn Coast is a health training facility that provides students with the opportunity to complete relevant health related qualifications. This program is designed to prepare students for a career in the healthcare sector by offering practical experience and training. The facility supports the local health workforce by developing individuals who can contribute to the region's healthcare needs.

Students complete certificate qualifications and further studies in fields such as nursing, paramedicine, and health. These programs serve as stepping stones that can lead to direct entry into university. This approach often provides students with foundational knowledge and practical skills, making them well-prepared for higher education in their chosen field.



MUSIC EXCELLENCE



The Music Excellence Program is designed to enhance students' theoretical knowledge and performance skills. Previous experience is required and acceptance is by audition only. This subject is an elective which runs outside of the timetable allowing students from Year 7 through to Year 12 to achieve AMEB levelled progress throughout their schooling. This class is designed to encourage the pursuit of excellence through the perspectives of music history, instrumental music and aural skills. It will also help students to develop a sense of professionalism and discipline in all their future endeavours.



LANGUAGE EXCELLENCE



Our Japanese Excellence Program offers a unique and enriching opportunity for students in Years 7 – 12 to develop advanced language skills and intercultural understanding. This program includes exclusive extension opportunities and interactions with our sister school in Saitama (Wako Kokusai High School) and Hiroshima (Akiota Middle School) in Japan, fostering an authentic cultural exchange.

Students can participate in an optional study tour to Japan in Year 11 or 12, exploring the country's rich heritage and modern innovations. Additionally, students are able to apply for State Scholarship opportunities which provide for a fully funded immersion program in Japan, providing an unforgettable cultural immersive experience.

Being bilingual in Japanese cultivates essential 21st century skills such as tolerance, empathy, and a deep appreciation of diverse cultures and customs. These skills are highly valued in the global workforce, opening doors to international careers and opportunities. Our program prepares students not only for academic success, but also for a future in a connected and culturally diverse world.

STEM PROGRAM



STEM collectively refers to science, technology, engineering and mathematics. It is part of everyday life and increasingly part of the contemporary work environment. The STEM program is based on the design process with students devising effective solutions to complex problems, while developing 21st century skills in collaboration, critical thinking and creativity. Students with STEM capabilities are able to effectively engage with contemporary issues in constructive, considered and reflective ways, making them very attractive to future employers across a wide range of occupations.



TECHNOLOGIES



The Technologies Faculty boasts state-of-the-art facilities with modern equipment across 8 workshops and 4 kitchens. The curriculum and assessment is engaging with connections to traditional lifestyles, contemporary society and future possibilities, while examining a wide range of design and technologies concepts and capabilities. Subject offerings include hospitality practices, furnishing skills, engineering skills, and a variety of certificate based courses. The key focus is providing students with practical skills and theoretical knowledge in line with industry standards to provide every opportunity for success with future career goals and aspirations.



MATHEMATICS



At Yeppoon State High School, we believe in providing our students with a strong foundation in mathematics to prepare them for future success. Our dedicated team of mathematics teachers are committed to helping students develop their problem-solving skills, critical thinking abilities, and mathematical reasoning.

From the early years of secondary school, students will be challenged to explore a wide range of mathematical concepts, from algebra and geometry to statistics and calculus. Our curriculum is designed to cater to students of all abilities, ensuring that each individual can reach their full potential in mathematics.

Through engaging lessons, hands-on activities, and real-world applications, students at Yeppoon State High School will develop a deep understanding of mathematical principles and how they apply to everyday life. By studying mathematics, students will not only improve their numeracy skills but also develop important life skills such as problem-solving, analytical thinking, and logical reasoning. We are proud to offer a comprehensive suite of mathematics courses in Senior School.

All subjects will set students on the path to success in their academic and professional pursuits.

Please consult our curriculum handbooks for our course offerings. Handbooks are located on the Yeppoon State High School website - www.yeppoonshs.eq.edu.au.

AGRICULTURE



Agricultural programs are offered as part of the curriculum at Yeppoon State High School. Our onsite Agricultural farm provides outstanding training opportunities for students in agriculture, aquaculture and animal husbandry. Students engage in industry practice and interact with higher education providers through externally promoted programs.

There are also several extra-curricular activities linked to the subjects on offer, including excursions to Beef Week every three years, trips to the Gracemere Saleyards for firsthand experience of the selling and buying process for our cattle. Students are also encouraged to participate in the Yeppoon Show Society school competitions. These activities provide opportunities for our students to develop their skills and develop industry partnerships.



SCIENCE



Rapid advances in artificial intelligence, data analysis, climate science, energy solutions and healthcare are set to transform the jobs of tomorrow. Here at Yeppoon State High School, we strive to develop our students to become lifelong learners and to question their surroundings. Students benefit from a tailored approach to learning Year 10 science with introduction to senior subjects.

Please consult our curriculum handbooks for our comprehensive range of QCAA general, applied and certificate course offerings. Handbooks are located on the Yeppoon State High School website - www.yeppoonshs.eq.edu.au.

Students in Year 11 and Year 12 science often participate in excursions and camps to support their learning. These include camps to Konomie Island Environmental Education Centre, where students use the centre facilities as well as our own Rigid Inflatable Boat and fleet of small motor-powered boats. Students develop the skills to enable them to gain their boating licence through Aquatic Practices.

Extracurricular activities include the YSHS Astronomy Club where students have access to 10 and 12-inch Dobsonian telescopes to broaden their knowledge of the solar system. Teachers and staff in the science department build strong partnerships with the community, including industry and university partnerships.

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION



The Health and Physical Education curriculum is built around the school's 'STARS' expectations and the faculties 4 key pillars: Growth, Resilience, Integrity and Triumph. All students in Years 7 to 9 participate in core Health and Physical Education. The curriculum is designed to educate students on the importance of a healthy and active lifestyle.

The Health and Physical Education Junior Curriculum includes Netball and Rugby League focused classes. Students study the same theoretical units of the core classes but are able to focus on their chosen sport in a practical setting. Instructed by qualified teachers highly skilled in the particular sports, students are provided the opportunity to develop their performance abilities and tactical game-play exclusive to either Netball or Rugby League.

A range of courses are also available in Year 10 -12. Please consult our curriculum handbooks for our course offerings. Handbooks are located on the Yeppoon State High School website - www.yeppoonshs.eq.edu.au.



VISUAL, CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

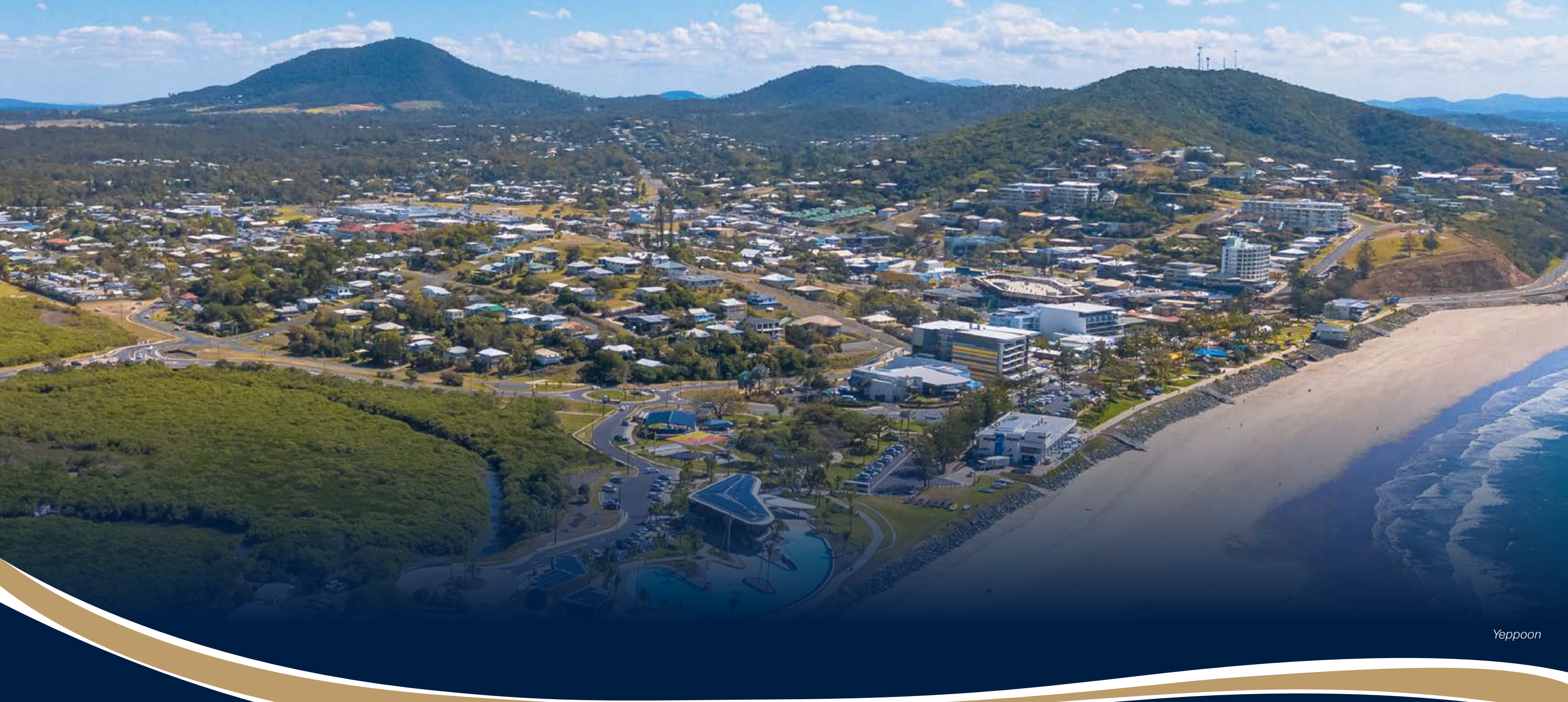


At Yeppoon State High School, we are dedicated to nurturing and celebrating the exceptional talents of our students in the Visual, Creative and Performing Arts. Our commitment to artistic excellence is a cornerstone of our educational philosophy, and the achievements of our students are a testament to their creativity, passion, and hard work.

Through engagement in our Visual, Creative and Performing Arts, students have the opportunity to:

- study traditional and contemporary genres and styles
- nominate in local, regional and national competitions
- use industry standard technology and facilities
- participate in a supportive and inspiring environment, where expert teachers help students reach their creative potential

At Yeppoon State High School, we take pride in the remarkable achievements of our students engaged in Visual, Creative and Performing Arts. Their successes reflect the strength of our programs and the dedication of our teachers. We invite you to explore our artistic community and witness the talent and creativity that define our students' accomplishments.



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