



Gladstone

State High School

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Dear Students of 2010, Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to Gladstone State High and thank you for considering our school, and for giving my staff and I the opportunity to be involved in your education, or in the education of your student.

We are very proud of our school and believe we have excellent programs, which give both students and parents/caregivers many opportunities to be involved and become a valued member of our school.

As Principal, I am charged with the responsibility of leading a team who will provide:

- A Quality Education
- A Safe, Supportive and Challenging Learning Environment
- Quality Curriculum Programs
- Excellence in Teaching Practices, and
- Access to Technology in this Information Age.

This will enable all students enrolled at the school to achieve their best educational outcomes.

I want students at Gladstone State High to be able to lead morally responsible and productive lives in their own local community and the global society, beyond this community.

I recognise that it is the productive partnership formed between the staff, the students, parents and the community that will make this difference for the students at Gladstone State High.

To the Students:

I want you to be an active member of our school community. I want you to take advantage of all the activities made available to you by the school.

I want you to be a part of the team and make your special contribution to our school. Remain positive. Be proud of your school. Take responsibility for your learning and always exhibit behaviours that will help you to learn.

At Gladstone State High I expect you to:

- Enjoy your Education
- Achieve the best educational outcomes possible
- Live in harmony in the school community, and value diversity
- Wear a clean neat school uniform
- Uphold the School Community Rules
- Be well prepared for class, be punctual and regular in attendance, and
- Demonstrate consideration for others.

As a result of attending Gladstone State High and giving total commitment to the school and all it offers, you will be able to:

- Work effectively in a team environment
- Accept responsibility for your future
- Appreciate that you have unlimited potential
- Tread new paths, and realise that success is in your hands
- Accept responsibility to work hard and plan to accomplish your dreams
- Accept and set daily challenges for personal development
- Hold down a job
- Find solutions to problems
- Continue your learning where necessary
- Enjoy life and be able to have a laugh

Welcome to Gladstone State High. You are in the 'pilot seat'. Your attitude is everything and will determine your success at our school.

As principal of Gladstone State High, I am charged with the responsibility of building a cohesive school community where people are our most valuable resource and all stakeholders are enrolled and engaged in the opportunities made available at the school.

Every parent contribution makes the school richer in some way, and as a result makes us more able to provide quality curriculum programs responsive to the needs of every student in the school.

A school will never reach its full potential without involvement from its parent body.

Throughout my career, many of the most valuable lessons I have learned, have occurred working alongside parents and the subsequent networks that have been established. I have often engaged in healthy debate about children and the most effective way of managing these children.

I hold close to my heart the opportunities made available to me by these parents and their ensuring insights, and I look forward to the same opportunities with you, as we provide a safe, supportive, challenging learning environment for your child.

Gladstone State High is a learning organisation where parents and caregivers are valued for the difference they make to the education of their child, and others when they become involved in the achievements of the school.

Gladstone State High enjoys the support of a number of committed parents and caregivers. The school seeks to provide opportunities for parents to connect to our community and we encourage you to take advantage of these connection points.

Parents/Caregivers are important partners in our school and as such we commit to keeping you well informed at all times.

As part of this partnership we ask you to:

- Ensure your student complies with the School Dress Code
- Support the School Community rules
- Ensure your student attends school regularly and arrives on time
- Become involved with your child's education
- Read report cards
- Provide the best learning environment possible
- Visit or contact the school if concerned
- Talk with your child about what they are learning
- Help them set daily routines and schedules
- Monitor progress
- Encourage and support extra-curricular activities
- Share realistic expectations, and
- Support the Parent Contribution Resource Scheme.

I look forward to sharing our school with you as you become a valued member of our learning organisation.

Finally on behalf of the administration team of the school, I welcome you to the school. We look forward to speaking to you personally, and trust that our partnership will be very productive, providing the best educational outcomes for your child.

Yours sincerely



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