A challenging term for Year 12 students making decisions about their future beyond school. The misunderstanding about the value of comparing a predicted low OP to the advantage of a Rank score continues to be a source of frustration with staff at Benowa trying hard to best position students to study beyond Year 12.

When all of the evidence indicates that a student is profiling to achieve an OP score beyond OP 15 we look carefully at the value of shifting to a Rank score. Often this shift is associated with the completion of a VET certificate which places a student in a position of advantage over what would have been their likely OP score.

I would ask parents of Year 11 students to look carefully at their student’s semester reports and consider that whilst passing all subjects at SA level is commendable and will certainly support the achievement of a Queensland Certificate of Education, a stark reality is that it may also lead to an OP of 20 or more which is of no advantage to a student seeking to study at University or TAFE. Mr Wolski (Director of Studies) will identify students and assist in an analysis of their achievement levels to develop a number of OP outcome scenarios. I encourage students and parents to take this opportunity if there are any concerns.

Please consider accessing this opportunity to seek advice on how best we can personalise the learning for your student to ensure that we can achieve the best possible transition beyond secondary school. We are committed to our ‘Many Pathways - No Limits’ school vision statement and seek to work in partnership with families to provide students with the most accurate and timely advice about their academic position.

Best wishes,

Mark Rickard
Executive Principal
Are you riding a rollercoaster at school? Rollercoaster study is where you stay up late doing last minute assignments, then you take it easy for a while and do very little, then panic again when something is due and have to spend huge amounts of time at the end completing the work. If you plan ahead and are prepared, you will find school much less stressful and more rewarding.

Here are the top tips for thinking ahead:

1. **STUDY NOTES:** If you know that you have a test at the end of each topic or examinations approaching, then on the nights you do not have much homework start working on your study notes and summaries. File them in folders at home so they are ready to go when you need them.

2. **ASSIGNMENTS:** Always start the assignment the day it is given to you, even if it is just a little bit. Make sure you understand the requirements and if you don’t ask your teacher straight away the next day. Brainstorm the steps the first night and do a rough plan of when you will do each step.

3. **ASK FOR HELP EARLY:** There is nothing more frustrating than a student who says ‘I haven’t understood anything we did in the last 3 weeks’. Ask for help as soon as you have a problem. Keep a list of questions for your teacher on a post-it in your textbook or sticky notes on your computer or a list in your phone. Don’t let problems or issues build up, ask for help early and often.

4. **THINK ABOUT WHO YOU SIT NEXT TO:** Choose wisely who you will sit with in class. This can make a world of difference to your results. If you sit with someone where it is a productive relationship, you encourage and help each other and stay on task in the classroom you will understand your work better and have less to do at home.

**CONSIDER YOUR WEEK:** Plan ahead for busy times. If you know you have nights where you can’t do much work or a busy weekend, plan ahead and get things done early. Always look ahead for possible times where you could be caught short of time and make plans to avoid problems.

Learn more this year about how to improve your results and be more efficient and effective with your schoolwork by working through the units on [www.studyskillshandbook.com.au](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au) - our school’s access details are:

username: benowashs
password: 68success
More Cyber stuff…. 

Your child is not you

The majority of the times, young people are using social media and communications technology well. However, we still need to educate and continually remind them of their ethical obligations.

There is a commercial on TV at the moment where a mother tells her children to go outside rather than play on their electronic devices. She then recollects her youth and the mistakes she made, changes her mind and instead encourages her children to stay inside and watch a movie. Your child isn’t you; they aren’t necessarily going to have the same childhood as you did so it’s important to help them develop into who they are as an individual, rather than as a younger version of you.

Take opportunities to discuss with your child the things that interest them online and help encourage them to pursue their talents, but find a balance with the other areas of their life. Children and young people will make mistakes, at times this is unavoidable, but making the mistake is only half of the issue. The other, and more important half, is learning from the mistake. Providing a safe and supportive environment for young people to learn from their mistakes builds resilience which will help them tackle challenges both now and into the future.

Don’t watch out for warning signs

When we get in our cars and drive in dark, rainy conditions, we don’t wait until we pass a road sign that says “Slow down when wet” or “Turn on your headlights” to take steps to improve our safety. We turn on our headlights and drive to the conditions to ensure our safety, and the safety of other road users. Why is it, then, that when it comes to cyber bullying and sexting, many of us try to keep an eye out for early warning signs rather than teaching our child how to ethically navigate the landscape of digitally-mediated relationships?

From the moment your child picks up an electronic device, that is when the education ought to begin. Whilst many schools do a fantastic job in educating children and young people in cyber safety and security, many children are already using devices before they start school so it is important that parents start this education early and reinforce the messages delivered in schools. Encourage your child to think before they post, to manage their privacy, relationships and reputation, and to leave a positive mark on social media. Try and model these behaviours yourself and set a positive example for your child. Preparing your child to be an ethical citizen in their digital interactions may prevent some online issues from occurring in the first place, lessen the harm caused by these issues and make them more comfortable confiding in you if something does go wrong.

Excerpt from- ThinkUKnow e-Newsletter - Volume 5, Issue 4
Six reasons for headaches in school-age children and how parents can help relieve the pain

Many parents may start to hear their children complain about headaches. According to Nick DeBlasio, MD, a pediatrician in Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center's Pediatric Primary Care Clinic, about 10% of school-aged children and 15-27% of teens experience them from time to time.

Headaches can be triggered by a number of different things. Here are the most common causes of occasional headaches in children:

**Inadequate hydration.** Not drinking enough fluids is one of the biggest causes of headaches. This is especially true when the weather gets warmer and kids become more active outside and lose fluid through sweating. If this is the case, the cure might be as simple as having your child drink more water.

**Diet.** Does your child eat regular meals? Skipping one meal, like breakfast, can trigger a headache. It's also important to make sure that your child is eating a well-balanced diet with fruits and vegetables. Too much caffeine and certain foods can cause a headache as well.

**Sleep.** Kids in middle and high school typically need at least 10-12 hours of sleep a night. Not sleeping enough at night can cause a headache. And getting less than 10 hours isn't enough to feel well-rested.

**Stress.** We all experience stress from time to time, and children and teens are no exception. If your child is under a lot of pressure from school, or experiencing big changes at home like a separation or a big move, a headache can result.

**Vision problems.** If your child is unable to see what's happening at the front of the classroom, they might be straining their eyes to see far away, which can result in a headache. A vision test can give you a better understanding of whether or not your child's headaches are being caused by vision problems.

**Family history.** Your child is more likely to have headaches if a parent gets them as well. If your child has a headache, try giving her water and over-the-counter pain medication. Follow the instructions on the package for the appropriate dosage and do not give it to your child more than three times in a week. If it persists for a few days or worsens, see your doctor.

Fortunately the majority of headaches in children are not a cause for alarm. However, there are a few instances which require a little more investigation. If they become more frequent or severe, if they wake up in the morning or the middle of the night from it, or if the headache causes vomiting, it's best to see your doctor.

Source: Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Centre - The study was authored by Scott Powers, PhD and published in the Journal of American Medical Association (JAMA).

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**Child and Adolescent Oral Health Services**

Students in grades (10, 9, 8) have been provided with an offer of **FREE** oral health care examination card to take home. If your child is enrolled in one of the grades listed above or are new to the school and did not receive an examination card and would like to arrange for your child to receive oral health care please contact the Oral Health Call Centre 1300 300 850. Monday to Friday 8.00am - 4.30pm Excluding Public Holidays. If your child requires disability access please identify this requirement with the Call Centre Operator.

**Year 10 students are only eligible for a few more weeks.**
My name is Mrs Gabrielle Bert and from mid 2014 I will be coordinating our French Immersion Program. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and whole heartedly thank Nicole Davies for all her tireless dedication and effort that she has placed into this role during the last 26 years. Nicole has been fundamental to the development and extra ordinary achievements of this department and it’s many students.

It has been a busy year so far with our Year 8 students settling well into their secondary school environment and discovering not only a language and its culture, but also their specific subject content. In the words of one student “it is really challenging but putting in the effort is worthwhile.”

Year 9 students have returned from their exchange trip to France. They spent three weeks in the region of Alsace and also discovered Paris. It was a fantastic and enriching experience for all involved. The students have developed confidence in their speaking skills and the in-country experience has helped all the pieces of the language puzzle to fall into place!

In Year 10 the students are working hard in order to enter the senior phase with all the necessary skills for success. At the end of Year 10, the transition to Year 11 is made easier as students have developed good study skills and the ability to overcome challenges.

Despite tough competition, Benowa State High School was the overall winner of the 2014 Language Perfect World Championships! Bravo! Other competitions we will participate in this year include the Australasian Schools Mathematics Competition and the Australasian Schools Science Competition as well as the annual Gold Coast Speech Contest at Griffith University – bonne chance à tous!
NEWS FROM OUR
SPORTS DEPARTMENT

2014 Homestead
Cross Country Results

Congratulations to all students who took part in this year’s Homestead Cross Country Carnival which was held on Monday 12th May at Sir Bruce Small Park.

The enthusiasm and talent on show on the day was great to see! Whilst the longer running distances in the Cross Country aren’t the preferred event for many students, it was fantastic to see so many giving their best for their Homesteads – and in many cases pleasantly surprising themselves with what they were capable of!

The overall Cross Country results saw Carnarvon Homestead win the competition with a 100 points gap from their nearest rival. (Carnarvon were the girls champions and Moreton were the boys champions). Congratulations to all Carnarvon students who made this possible!

The final results were:-
1st Carnarvon 321
2nd Girraween 272
3rd Lindeman 270
4th Moreton 262

Congratulations also to the 2014 Cross Country Age Champions:-

GIRLS
13yrs - Lucia Fildes 8X (Gir)
14yrs - Courtney Thwaites 9X (Gir)
15yrs - Meghan Kealy-Hawkins 10X (Gir)
16yrs - Emily Xavier 10Y (Mor)
17yrs - Chloe Walkerdene 12I (Car)
18yrs - Keiki Mataoa 12S (Car)

BOYS
13yrs - Ryan Larsen 8Y (Lin)
14yrs - Hunter Rutty 9X (Gir)
15yrs - Matt Gildea 10Y (Mor)
16yrs - BJ Leonard 11Y (Mor)
17yrs - Charlie Smith 12T (Mor)
18yrs - Dylan Donovan 12D (Lin)

# The top 10 runners in each Age Group represented Benowa at the Broadwater District Cross Country at the Runaway Bay Cricket Fields & Luke Harrop Cycle Track on Thursday, 22nd May.

In 2013 Benowa was the Champion School at the District Cross Country and we will be out to defend our title this year!

Good luck to all members of the school Cross Country team!
More Cross Country News

The Benowa Cross Country team were outstanding at the District Cross Country held at Runaway Bay on May 22nd. For the 5th year in a row Benowa became the Broadwater Champions!! This result means Benowa has won the District Cross Country in 7 out of the last 8 years – a brilliant effort!

This year for the first time in a very long time Benowa took out all 3 trophies – Boys Aggregate, Girls Aggregate and Overall Champion School!!

A fantastic team result!!

Congratulations to all team members who put in their best effort for the team!

(Benowa won the 13yrs Girls, 14yrs Girls, 16yrs Girls, 17yrs Girls, 13yrs Boys, 14yrs Boys and 15yrs Boys divisions – amazing results!!)

Special mention must go to Benowa students with Top 3 placings:-

13yrs Girls - Lucia Fildes 2nd, Charvon Ratu 3rd
13yrs Boys - Ryan Larsen 2nd
14yrs Girls - Courtney Thwaites 1st (by about 800m!), Tiarni Bryce 3rd
14yrs Boys - Alex Guillet 2nd
15yrs Boys - Jack Griffin 3rd
16yrs Girls - Katie Curtis 3rd
17yrs Girls - Chloe Walkerdene 2nd, Amy Griffin 3rd
18yrs Girls - Shannon Larsen 1st

These students plus another 23 Benowa athletes qualified for the South Coast Cross Country held on June 10th (results for the Regional Cross Country will be in the next newsletter).

Great work Benowa!!

MORE Benowa students selected in South Coast Sporting Teams!

Since the last newsletter 28 more Benowa students have been selected in Broadwater District Sporting teams to represent the District at their respective South Coast Region Sporting trials and five more students have been selected in South Coast teams (as of 24 June)!! This brings the total to 54 Benowa students chosen in South Coast teams so far in 2014!

Congratulations to the following students on being selected in Regional sporting teams:-

U19 Boys’ Basketball - Callum Whelan (Yr 12) U19 Girls’ Hockey - Lauren Boothby (Yr 9)
U19 Boys’ Hockey - Matt Gildea (Yr 10) U19 Surfing - Liam O’Brien (Yr 10)
U19 Girls’ Hockey - Lauren Boothby (Yr 9) U19 Golf - Robyn Choi (Yr 12)
U19 Rugby Union - Zac Newton (Yr 12) and Zach Xenitoploulos (Yr 12)

Further updates on more Benowa South Coast selections will be in the next newsletter.
Benowa lead the way in South Coast Volleyball teams

Recently Benowa had a record **26 students** in South Coast Volleyball teams (out of 40 players in total) competing at the State Titles (Under 15s and Under 19s). This continues the strong Benowa representative Volleyball tradition!

An amazing 26 Benowa students in the South Coast Under 15 and Under 19 volleyball teams

5 Benowa students in Qld Secondary School Volleyball teams

As a result of their performances in South Coast teams during their tournaments 5 Benowa students have been selected in Qld secondary School teams! Congratulations to the following students:

**Qld Under 19 Secondary School Volleyball Team**
(to compete in the Trans-Tasman Tournament in New Zealand in June)

- Emma Burton
  Yr 12
- William Koskela
  Yr 12
- Abby Byrne-Hartmann
  Yr 11

**Qld Under 16 Secondary School Volleyball Team**
(to compete in the School Sport Australia Tournament in Adelaide in August)

- Cydnee Barnett
  Yr 9
- Tenika Stafford
  Yr 10
Two Benowa girls selected in Australian Schoolgirls’ Volleyball team

Recently Emma Burton and Abby Byrne-Hartmann played in the Qld U19 schoolgirls in the Trans-Tasman tournament held in New Zealand. As a result of their fine performances in the Gold Medal winning Qld team both Emma and Abby were chosen in the Australian Schoolgirls’ team. This team defeated the New Zealand team 3-1 in the annual test match at the conclusion of the Trans-Tasman Competition.

Congratulations Emma and Abby!!

Seven Benowa students to represent Qld at National Junior Volleyball Championships

In the last week of the recent school holidays seven Benowa students travelled to Canberra to represent Queensland at the Australian Junior Volleyball Championships. Congratulations to these talented students :-

Emma Burton (U19 Maroon), Franni Goldfinch (U19 Maroon), Grayson Walker (U19 White), Abby Byrne-Hartmann (U17 Maroon), Sabrina Lowe (U17 White), Cydnee Barnett (U15 Maroon), Lachlan Reardon (Qld Referee)
Thank you!!!

Benowa SHS P&C and Amart Sports Community Kickbacks Program

On behalf of the Benowa High students I would like to say a big thank you to the Benowa SHS P&C and to Amart Sports at Bundall and its “Community Kickbacks Program” for providing the Benowa SHS Sporting program with the opportunity to earn valuable credits to use for school sports equipment. Thank you also must go to all of the members of the community whose patronage of Amart Sports has resulted in the provision of a rebate for sporting equipment for Benowa SHS.

At this point in time we have used just over $300 of our Benowa rebate to purchase a variety of important sporting equipment to be used in our Wednesday sport programme. These items have included Touch Footballs, Basketballs, Netballs, Tennis balls, Soccer Balls, AFL Footballs, Rugby Union Balls and Volleyballs, with more to be purchased in the future as the “kickback” amounts continue to come in.

Thank you all once again for your support of our school sporting program. We look forward to gaining more of these valuable rebates in the future!

Kerry Styles
Director of Sport
Benowa SHS
Claudia Young
chosen in 2 Australian Volleyball teams

Claudia Young (11X) has continued on her amazing path to success in representative Volleyball. She recently competed in the Thai Junior (U21) Volleyball Tournament in Thailand in April as a member of the Australian Youth Team. The team finished 9th out of 25 teams and Claudia’s performance was very valuable to her team.

This wonderfully talented young lady was also selected in the #1 team to represent Australia in the FIVB World Under 17 Beach Volleyball Championships that are presently being held in Mexico. She and her partner are being coached by Kerri Pottharst (Beach Volleyball Gold Medallist, Sydney Olympics 2000).

The Australian teams travelled to California for training first, prior to heading to Mexico City to play tough games against the best Juniors in the world!!

Congratulations Claudia and good luck at the World titles!!

Chelsea Hodges
Qld Swimming Champion!!

Chelsea Hodges (8M) has continued to perform at an amazing level in swimming.

She was a member of the South Coast team that competed at the Qld Secondary Swimming Titles in March and finished with the following outstanding results:

13yr 100 Breaststroke - 1st in a new State record time
13yr 50 Breaststroke - 1st
13yr Medley Relay team - 1st
13yr 200 Breaststroke - 2nd
13yr 100 Freestyle - 5th

This was a fantastic set of performances by a talented young lady who is incredibly unlucky not to be chosen in the Qld team this year.

Congratulations Chelsea!

Zac Newton
Combined High Schools Rugby Union Invitational team

Congratulations to Zac Newton (12X) as a result of his performance in the South Coast Under 19 Team at the Qld titles in May in Toowoomba. This team played in a tournament at Suncorp on 17 May.

Over the last 12 months Zac has shown a great deal of talent and future potential in Rugby Union, being selected in the Gold Coast Under 16 Cyclones Rep side and being chosen in the ARU U17 Junior Gold Cup development Squad programme.

Congratulations Zac.

Courtney Thwaites
3rd at Queensland Schools’ State Cross Country Championships

Adding to her list of running achievements Courtney Thwaites (9X) came 3rd in the 14 Years age group at the 2014 Queensland School Sport 13-19 Years Cross Country Championships at Toowoomba on Sunday, 20 July.

Courtney has been chosen as a member of the Queensland State team to compete at the 2014 Australian Cross Country Championships in Albany, WA in August 2014.

Congratulations and good luck Courtney.
NEWS FROM OUR FINANCE DEPARTMENT

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

RESOURCE HIRE SCHEME 2014
Years 8, 9  $300
Years 10, 11, 12  $400

For those families who have taken up the instalment option the Term 3 payment of $100 – Year 8, 9 and/or $100 – Year 10, 11, 12 is **NOW DUE**.

1 TO 1 LAPTOP Program $190 for full year **NOW DUE**.

SUBJECT LEVIES **NOW DUE**:
- Marine Studies Yr 11  $275
- Marine Studies Yr 12  $185
- Multi Media Studies Yrs 11/12  $200/year

*Where participation fees listed above are overdue, the Principal has the discretion to exclude a student from an optional extra curricula school activity.*

*As stated in the Resource Scheme Participation document.*

P&C BUILDING FUND
This is a voluntary and tax deductible contribution. These funds will be directed this year to the air conditioning of 3 major teaching blocks. Contributions are:
- 1 student $50
- 2 students $80
- family $100 (maximum)

PAYMENTS
Payments can be made in person or by phone to the school cashier. Payments can also be made through internet banking using the following information.

BSB: 064-430
A/c Number: 00090630
A/c Name: Benowa SHS General Account
Reference: Student ID number + reference code (*example only: 1234567892XRes*)

Operating hours for the Cashiers Office are:
Monday – Wednesday 8.00am – 3.00pm; Thursday 8.00am – 1.00pm
**FRIDAY – CLOSED**

**Early School Leavers survey**

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 in 2013. The Early School Leavers survey is a brief, confidential survey that provides a picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school leavers in the year after they left school to understand why young people leave school early and to help early school leavers make positive career choices.

Between July and August, our students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician's Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate. Thank you for your support of the Early School Leavers survey in 2014.

For more information visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.

**IMPORTANT ENROLMENT INFORMATION**

**2015 Year 7 and 8 enrolments are now due.**
Enrolment packs can be collected from our Administration building. Please complete and return as soon as possible.
STUDENT DETAILS

It is vitally important, should parent/s, guardian/s or caregiver/s change address, telephone numbers (work, home or mobile) or email to advise Administration in writing as soon as these changes apply.

ABSENCES

Please notify the school as soon as you know your child will be absent.

You may report an absence by:
• sending a text message to 0417 159 081;
• telephoning the absence line on 07 5582 7360;
• replying to a text message;
• sending a note with the student on their return to school.

When you report an absence please give clear and concise details - Student’s full name, year level, date of absence and a very brief reason for absence eg. appointment, sickness, family matter, etc. Unexplained absence/s will be investigated. Persistent absence may affect school enrolment.

Homestay families needed

Since 1990, Benowa High has welcomed hundreds of students to our International High School Programs. We are now seeking additional homestay families who:

• Are warm, friendly and caring and are willing to include an International student in their life.
• Have a spare comfortable room with a desk and wardrobe, fan or air conditioning.
• Are open to sharing new cultures.
• Are willing to include the student in family activities and outings.
• Will attend training sessions and meetings.
• Live within 4km of the school.
• Three month minimum stays.

Payment of $254.00 per week for approved homestay families.
Please direct expressions of interest to jgold88@eq.edu.au

CAR PARKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS
A REMINDER FOR STAFF AND PARENTS

ALL STAFF SHOULD ONLY PARK WHERE THERE ARE DESIGNATED SPACES AND STAY OUT OF TRAFFIC FLOW AREAS. PARENTS SHOULD RESTRICT ACCESS TO SCHOOL GROUNDS UNLESS URGENT OR NEEDED TO COLLECT SICK AND INJURED CHILDREN.

ALL CARS PARKED WITHIN SCHOOL GROUNDS ARE DONE AT THE OWNERS OWN RISK AND ARE NOT COVERED BY ANY DEPARTMENT INSURANCES.

For the latest school news and upcoming school events check our website - www.benowashs.eq.edu.au
P&C information

Introducing our current Executive Members for 2014
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Secretary: Mrs Donna Fraser
P&C Rep (QCPCA): Bindi Moore

Our exiting P&C Executive Members
Mark Rickard and the Executive Members would like to thank the exiting P&C Executive Members for all they did for our school.

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Carol Halton - Treasurer

Thank you ladies, you are three amazing women.

P&C meeting
The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday, 26 November 2014 at Emerald Lakes Golf Club. The meeting will commence at 6:30pm with dinner to follow. Could anyone interested in attending please RSVP Ann Swann on 55827351 by Friday 21 November 2014.

*** “Exciting News” ***
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Ann Swann
P & C Operations Manager

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It is a busy term and students are working towards their end of year assessment... *Good luck! Suerte!*  
がんばって！*in bocca al lupo!*  *Bonne chance!*

Did you know... A study from a Spanish University has shown that multilingual people are good at observing their surroundings. They are adept at focusing on relevant information and editing out the irrelevant. They’re also good at spotting misleading information. Is it any surprise that Sherlock Holmes and Hercule Poirot were skilled *polyglots*!

**FRENCH IMMERSION**

Here is a snapshot of some of the units Immersion students are currently studying.

In Geography, Year 8 students are exploring urbanisation and megacities. Year 9 students are developing the skills needed to write biographies in French and are learning about the lives of famous scientists, writers, film stars and singers. In Year 10 French students are focusing on healthy lifestyles, exploring some of the important health issues in our society.

In Year 8 Japanese Kane Bailey and Gemma Mackley received Highly Commended and in Year 10 Japanese Reyna Abe also received Highly Commended.

The Institute of Modern Languages at UQ (St Lucia Campus) offers a summer high school program in French, German, Spanish, Chinese and Japanese. This enrichment program is open to Year 11 and 12 students in 2015 (cost involved). Please let us know if you would like some further information or visit [www.iml.uq.edu.au](http://www.iml.uq.edu.au).

**STOP PRESS - Félicitations! Bravo! Super!**

We have just been advised that a group of talented Year 9 French Immersion students has been successful in passing their Diplôme d’Etudes de Langue Française (DELF) exams which they undertook recently at the Alliance Française in Brisbane. The results are excellent and we are proud of their success.

Mme Gabrielle Bert

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**LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT**

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