2019 in review

Overall it’s been another solid year for the students maximising the opportunities the MEC has to offer. The majority of students have performed well in completing their practical and theoretical units. Remember, attendance is crucial when participating in the MEC program as each student is required to complete the minimum unit competencies and then strive to undertake extra practical experience, plus participate in work placement and complete schooling. So please remember that every day counts.

Year 11 report cards have also been forwarded to your child’s school.

If you do not receive a paper copy from your child please contact the MEC and it will be emailed to you.

Year 10 Try a Trade (Term 3 2019)

Once again the year 10 Try a Trade feeder program was a huge success with 60 students participating in the activities and site visits this year. The program provides students a taster of what a trade career may entail and assists in their selection of senior courses. Once again, great support from participating local industry and businesses ensures that this program is a success.

Tool Kit for Girls (June 2019)

This is a great program supported by our wonderful industry sponsors. It focuses on trade pathways for females students. The day allowed students to complete hands on activities, participate in a Q&A with guest speakers, visit local industry workshops and meet like minded females in the trade. We are looking to continue this program up in 2020 so if you would like to be a part of Tool Kit for Girls please contact the college.

Year 12 Graduates

I would like to congratulate all of the 2019 MEC students in completing another year of schooling but also being a part of the MEC. To the year 12 students the MEC wish you all the best in your future endeavours and offer an open invitation to keep in touch with the MEC. Our informal graduation ceremonies went well with engineering, electro-technology automotive students successfully completing their respective course units. See page 2 and 3 for photos. A big well done to the students who walked away with achievement awards and prizes. Congratulations to those year 12 students that have secured apprenticeships and to those that are yet to be offered one please keep applying. Keep checking the MEC Facebook page for opportunities and remember persistence pays off. Students looking to enhance their training and employment prospects may be able to access government funding at https://training.qld.gov.au.

New 2020 student information evenings

The information evenings held at the end of November were well attended by students and parents. If you were unable to attend please go to: https://mec.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Pages/Documents.aspx. This page on the MEC website has all necessary forms, calendars and information sheets (in particular the student equipment checklist) needed by parents and students to ensure everything and everyone is ready to go on their first day at the MEC next year. Starting dates are also listed on the 2nd page of this newsletter.


Anthony Puddicombe, Acting Head of College
2020 COMMENCEMENT DATES

ENGINEERING STUDENTS
Mackay Northern Beaches SHS Yr 11 & Yr 12  Monday, 3rd February
Mirani SHS Yr 11 & 12 & Pioneer SHS Yr 12  Tuesday, 4th February
Sarina SHS Yr 11 & Yr 12  Wednesday, 5th February
Mackay North SHS Yr 11 & Yr 12  Thursday, 6th February
Mackay SHS Yr 11 & Yr 12 & Pioneer SHS Yr 11  Friday, 7th February

AUTOMOTIVE STUDENTS
Pioneer SHS and Mirani SHS  Monday, 3rd February
Mirani SHS  Tuesday, 4th February
Sarina SHS  Wednesday, 5th February
Mackay Northern Beaches SHS and Mackay North SHS  Thursday, 6th February

CONTINUING YR 12 ELECTRO-TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS—WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY
NEW YR 11 ELECTRO-TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS WILL COMMENCE AT THE START OF TERM 3, 2020
An information evening will be held for new electro-technology students and parents/guardians during Term 2 (date to be confirmed).

The MEC is an Department of Education facility and it’s strength is dependent upon the support from industry and the community. We value the input from industry, business and organisational bodies in any of the following forms:
- Joining the MEC supporters network
- Industry visits for students
- Mentoring of teachers and / or students
- Collaborative industry projects
- Work experience
- Structured Workplace Learning
- Teacher professional development
- Possible use of the MEC to up skill existing workers and apprentices

Please contact the MEC if you require further information if you are interested in becoming a partner. More businesses and organisations are needed to ensure the ongoing sustainability of this great Mackay community and educational based project.