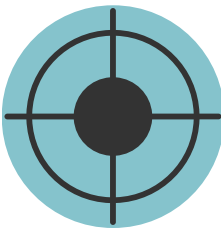


SPRINGWOOD SPOTLIGHT

Upcoming Events for August



- 7 August Pyjama Day @ SSHS
- 10 August **Ekka Public Holiday - school closed**
- 14 August Storm Cafe Ekka Specials
- 18 - 20 August Opera QLD Residency
- 24 August Book Week Parade
- 25 August Family Focus Session
- 28 August Brainstorm - Cyberia Incursion yrs 7 and 8
- 4 September **Student Free Day - school closed**



Family Focus for August - 5:30pm - 6:30pm - 25 August CYBERSAFETY

Cyber Safety Parent Information Session

The digital world offers incredible opportunities for young people to learn, connect and create, but it also presents new challenges for families.

Join us for a practical parent information session exploring social media, online safety, gaming, artificial intelligence, and digital wellbeing. Together, we'll share strategies to help parents navigate the online world with confidence and support positive, safe, and responsible online behaviours.

Parents remain the most important influence on their child's digital wellbeing. We invite all Springwood State High School parents and carers to join us – in person in the Administration Staff Room or online via the TEAMS link below, as we strengthen the partnership between home and school to help our young people thrive online and offline.

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/42831891941129?p=Nz3uVhouPMmFUDuCW9>

Continuous Opportunities

At Springwood State High School, we prioritise opportunities that enrich learning, foster belonging and help every student discover their passions. By providing diverse experiences beyond the classroom, we empower students to build confidence, develop future-ready skills and thrive in learning and life.



Breakfast Club
Gunya Meta
Instrumental Music



Drum Line
Family Focus sessions
Academies of Excellence



Year 12 Senior Yearbook

Students can send any photos they would like to include in the Senior Yearbook via email - studententries@springwoodshs.eq.edu.au

Purchase here:

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SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY - WE VALUE YOUR FEEDBACK

School Opinion Surveys have been sent direct to families from the Department. Check your email or use the QR code to access the survey. To access the survey, parents/caregivers need to enter the EQID of their eldest child at the school. EQIDs are validated to ensure that there is only one response per family. Please note that responses with an invalid EQID are not accepted during processing.



Culture, Cuisine and Connection - Our Japanese Study Tours



On the 16 of July, Springwood SHS was fortunate to have Kagawa Chuo High School from Japan visit us for the second year in a row. Kagawa Chuo High School is located on the Japanese island of Shikoku, the smallest island and a rural part of Japan. Although students from both schools were initially nervous, excitement took over and they spent the day together learning about their different cultures. Our students took on the role of experts when they taught our visitors about Aussie slang, Aussie animals and Aussie foods. They even participated in an AFL lesson in the morning before some serious international UNO competitions took place in the afternoon. A gift and certificate ceremony ended their day with us. We look forward to welcoming Kagawa Chuo High School back to Springwood SHS next year, as well as catching up with the Kagawa Chuo High School teacher Ms Miwako Kishishita and some of the students when we participate in an online lesson with them later in the year.



Name tags designed by year 9 students

Wooden boards made from a fallen eucalyptus tree at SSHS, engraved by our Manual Arts Dept.



On Thursday 23 and Friday 24 of July, Springwood SHS was visited by Nishou Gakusha High School from Tokyo, Japan. After some initial nervousness from both groups, our students quickly embraced their role as Aussie experts and spent their integration sessions educating our visitors about Aussie teen culture, Aussie slang, Aussie animals and Aussie foods.

Over the two-day visit, they also joined their Japanese buddies to learn how to play AFL and Touch Rugby. In the last session on Friday, UNO proved, as always, to be a universal game and the laughter emanating from the room was proof of the strong bonds forged during the visit. After the gift and certificate ceremony, and in between lots of tears and hugs, it was time to say goodbye to our new friends.

This tour concludes the Springwood SHS international study tour program for 2026. I want to take this opportunity to thank our Springwood SHS International Ambassador students for being so welcoming to our visitors and for fulfilling their buddy roles with patience, kindness, and respect. It is wonderful to watch our international study tour program continue to grow and we look forward to welcoming more Japanese study tours back to Springwood SHS in 2027.

Ms Kahl, Languages and Study Tour Coordinator.

First Nations Camp - Building Connection Through Culture and Adventure

Our First Nations students recently had the opportunity to attend the First Nations Camp at the Gold Coast Recreation Precinct, where they enjoyed an exciting few days of learning, connection, and adventure. The camp was designed to strengthen relationships between First Nations students from Springwood SHS, build positive connections with their teachers, and provide a fun and supportive environment to develop confidence and teamwork.

Students participated in a range of culturally enriching activities, including traditional Indigenous Games, which celebrated the rich traditions and culture of First Nations peoples. They also challenged themselves with a variety of outdoor adventures such as archery, body boarding, high ropes, and team-building activities that encouraged communication, resilience, and collaboration.

The camp was a wonderful opportunity for students to connect with one another, celebrate their culture, and create lasting memories. It was fantastic to see everyone step outside their comfort zone, support each other, and embrace every experience with enthusiasm and positivity. A big thank you to the staff who supported the camp and helped make it such a rewarding experience for our students.



Year 7 Camp - Adventure, Challenge and New Friendships!

From 20–22 July, our Year 7 students headed to the Tallebudgera Recreation Precinct for an action-packed two-night camp filled with adventure, teamwork and plenty of fun! While the weather brought chilly temperatures and a few showers, it certainly didn't dampen anyone's spirits. Students embraced every challenge with enthusiasm, taking part in exciting activities including boogie boarding, high ropes, team challenges, and interactive games.

Throughout the camp, students were challenged and demonstrated incredible resilience and determination. Whether conquering the high ropes, working together to solve team challenges, or cheering each other on in the water, every activity helped strengthen friendships and build confidence.

The camp was a fantastic opportunity for our Year 7 students to settle into life at secondary school, connect with their peers and teachers, and create lasting memories. It was wonderful to see students grow in confidence, develop new skills, and enjoy every moment of this unforgettable experience. A huge thank you to our dedicated staff for their support and enthusiasm in making the camp such a rewarding and memorable experience for everyone involved!



UQ Visit

To prepare our Year 12 students for success beyond school, they attended a campus tour at the University of Queensland campus with tasters in Science and International Relations. An amazing day to expand horizons, and we know the UQ Chocolate Appreciation Society will be a few members stronger in 2027!



Our Year 12 Biology students were lucky enough to experience authentic, future focused learning when they joined peers from across Queensland, to participate in a full-day 'Experience Genetics' workshop with Dr Gurian Ang. This day unlocked many new opportunities.

Helping Students Thrive Online

Friday 28 August during Period 2



Brainstorm Productions will be presenting their student wellbeing performance 'Cyberia' for years 7 and 8. 'Cyberia' is a live theatre experience that explores issues such as (cyber)bullying, online safety and mental health. This interactive performance empowers students to stay connected, build resilience and seek help in a challenging and rapidly changing world. The issues are unpacked in a post-performance Q&A and can be explored further in the classroom through a series of curriculum-aligned activities and lesson plans.

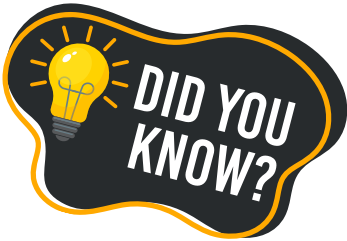
'Cyberia' is part of our student wellbeing curriculum and has been developed by education and mental health professionals. This engaging live show uses humour, movement, sound, audience interaction, relatable characters and real student experiences to spark conversations and facilitate further learning in the classroom.

Brainstorm Productions is one of Australia's most experienced and respected theatre in education companies, performing to over 260,000 students every year. Brainstorm Productions are endorsed by the eSafety Commissioner as a Trusted eSafety Provider. You can learn more about Brainstorm Productions by visiting their website brainstormproductions.edu.au or following them on social media @[@brainstormproductions](https://www.instagram.com/brainstormproductions) @[Brainstorm.Productions](https://www.facebook.com/Brainstorm.Productions) [linkedin.com/company/brainstormproductions](https://www.linkedin.com/company/brainstormproductions)

In keeping with this month's focus on Cybersecurity

Creating safe, confident, and responsible digital citizens is a shared responsibility. Throughout August, we are partnering with students, families, and external providers to strengthen cyber safety awareness and promote positive online behaviours that support student wellbeing both online and offline.

A reminder that parents and caregivers can review and change your student's media consent status by emailing us anytime at office@springwoodshs.eq.edu.au



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