

Ironside State School

Welcome back to 2016!



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Dear Parents/Caregivers

This is just a very quick introductory note to welcome you back to the new school year as well as provide you some information on who I am.

Firstly, I'd like to express my feelings of privilege, optimism and deep responsibility having been placed as your school principal for semester one, 2016. As is the process within our system, permanent vacancies are generated from the incumbent's movements. As Dr Douglas makes her long term decisions clear, in due course the position of Principal (substantively) will be advertised and filled. Should the position progress to open merit, I can assure you that it is my intention to apply. I would be delighted to be able to make my next long term commitment to Ironside State School. I will certainly keep you, as the school community, informed of any events or changes that may affect your wonderful school.

Personally, I have been a career teacher and Principal. My path to the large school principalship has been through small schools (rural), medium and large schools back in the Metropolitan Region. These schools have been largely in the Ipswich and Western Corridor. For the immediate past 18 months I have been working in the Metropolitan Region as Lead Principal. This role is the supervisor/professional colleague for the regions 23 small schools and their Principals. It has been a major privilege and career highlight to be a part of the Regional Executive Team, working alongside 23 Principals and being invited into their outstanding schools and working in a role that I was passionate about.

That said – I am excited to back in the position of Principal, leading and applying the deep learning that I have been fortunate enough to experience over the last 18 months.

Previous Principal roles both substantive and acting have included; Boynewood SS, Eidsvold SS (P-12), Gayndah SS, (North Burnett Region) Redbank SS, Ipswich Central SS and Greenbank SS. Personally, my wife and I live in Karana Downs and have 3 beautiful children. Xavier is starting high school in 2016 with Ally and Leo heading back to our local school (Mount Crosby SS) for years 5 and 2 respectively.

To those that I have met already, I thank you for the very warm welcome to your school and community. To those I'll meet in the future, thank you for your patience as I get to process the many names, connections and faces of Ironside State School.

As a school leadership team and staff we have had a highly professional and productive week leading into the school year. It is clear to me why you have high levels of confidence in the staff that nurture, teach and support your children.

I look forward to meeting more of the community as the school semester progresses with all the events and 'things' that are Ironside State School. My door is always open to you. If there are any issues, queries, concerns or conversations you'd like to have, please make an appointment so I can give you and our conversation the time it deserves.

Welcome back to the 2016 school year. I'm sure it'll be a terrific one.

Warm Regards,
Damian Johnson
Principal