Cranebrook High School (together with YOU) are Working for Student Success!

Late in Term 2, a number of staff members joined parents; Alyson and Brad Kezic, Yvonne Zakulis and Vicky Banks, Jobquest, School Industry Partners and regional personnel, at a Cranebrook HS Working for Student Success Action Team planning conference.

Together the team decided upon the inaugural projects to improve student outcomes and add value to our school’s current plans and existing programs through the involvement of parents, teachers, and business and community members.

The Projects

*Innovative 21st Century Learning Space*

A division of our Action Team for Partnerships is currently working with design students from Kingswood TAFE to redesign Room 1 into a flexible, engaging, highly functional and creative learning space. In this area, students and teachers can work in a stimulating and technologically integrated way.

“How can I get involved?”

We hope to start work on the room during Term 4 this year. We are looking for painters, builders, and people to help cleaning and clearing the room. Also, if you have connections in hardware, furniture, furniture design, upholstery and building supplies please let us know.

*Expanding Horizons*

A division of our Action Team for Partnerships is preparing a number of work skills related workshops for students and parents to begin in Term Three this year. Building on the strong work of our Careers Department, these seminars will be targeted to the needs of young employees and people seeking work. Covering interviews, resume writing, organisation techniques and other essential employability skills, these workshops would benefit from YOUR contribution.

“How can I get involved?”

If you work in local industry, manage your own company, or regularly interview for new positions we’d love to hear from you.

*Cranebrook Learning Community Maths Deadlys*

A division of our Action Team for Partnerships will be starting a Numeracy Competition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Primary Schools in the Cranebrook Learning Community will form teams of 4 from Years 5 and 6 to compete in a range of numeracy activities. Games will include Timetable Killer, Problem Solving, Jeopardy, and Fast Money with prizes awarded to the winning team. Our inaugural Maths Deadlys competition was held in Week 8, Term 3 and was a huge success. Ask now how YOU can be involved in our next event in Term 1, 2013.

“Sounds great. How can I help?”

We need parents and community members to help out both in preparation for the event and on the day. So, if you want to help by recording point scores, assisting with activities, lunch, donating ‘goodie’ bags or prizes, and by generally creating an exciting atmosphere on the day, please get in touch. If you have contact with any ‘celebrity’ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people that could attend and act as a role model we’d also love to hear from you!

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“I have a keen interest in Mathematics. It’s something my Dad passed on to me. I’m really glad to be involved in the [Maths Deadlys] project”

- Glen Bootle
Parent
Parents or other family members are essential members of our Action Team for Partnerships. You can provide ideas on topics that are important, design ways to involve our community, and recruit families to lead and implement activities and encourage wider community participation in our school.

Community & Business Partners are a key element of the Action Team for Partnerships. Community and business partners can contribute human and material resources, share innovative ideas, and give perspectives that result in improved school programs and expanded learning experiences for students.

We Want YOU!

We are looking for eager and enthusiastic parents and community members who want to get involved with our Action Team. If you want to be involved, especially if you have a particular area of expertise, we’re certain that your unique contribution will aid the success of any of our projects. If our current projects don’t match your skill set you can still be involved and perhaps have a greater involvement in our next projects.

Please contact either of the Co-Chairs or even pop along to our next meeting for more information on any of our projects or if you’d like to volunteer your time.

From October, we will meet regularly: 3rd Tuesday of every month @6pm.

We hope to grow on the fantastic start that our core action team has made!

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I am a parent of 2 children at Cranebrook High School with another child still to attend there in a few years. I believe that in conjunction with our High School, every parent should get involved with their kid’s education. Your child’s education is not up to our schools to provide solely. There are many things we as parents can get involved in that will help in guiding our children into the workforce after their schooling has finished. Action Team for Partnerships is providing Cranebrook High School with the tools to help get parents and local businesses involved as well. With the help of the greater community we can guide our children in the right direction!

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