

INTRODUCING:



Lucy Wang

My name is Lucy Wang; I've come from Tianjin, North of China, a big city close to Beijing. I have been in Cairns for five months, and I'd like to tell you the difference between my home city and here.

In Tianjin, High school students are very busy. Everyday they get up early and go to bed later. Because the school start at 7:00am and finish at 6:00pm, we have nine lessons everyday. Everyone learns the same lesson, no choice. So I think Cairns students have more freedom. They have free time to do their own thing. This is very good. I like this life. My first week in SSHS, I felt very terrible, I can't understand what the teacher said, I felt lonely.

But now, everything changed, I'm enjoying my school life and I have confidence to do everything.

I forget to introduce myself. I like reading, writing, shopping, cooking and cross-embroidery. In the future, I want to become a writer or engineer. Oh! Maybe I will be a Math teacher, I'm good at Math and I really like children.

China



EQI Homestay

If you are interested, or know someone who may be, please contact Cassandra Quirk.

Why Host?

It is an interesting way to help the school, and the cultural exchange is an enriching experience for both the host family and the visiting student.

What is Homestay?

Homestay is caring for, supervising and accommodating an international student in your home for a period of between three and twenty-four months.

What do you need to provide for a student?

- ◆ Supervision and care
- ◆ Private bedroom with desk and wardrobe
- ◆ All meals

How do I become a Homestay parent?

Contact Cassandra Quirk

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Please note that it is a requirement that all household members over eighteen years of age hold a Suitability Card (Blue Card). Further information regarding this can be given at time of enquiry.

New Indigenous resource on-line now: ABS

Indigenous Statistics for Schools (ISS) - a new resource from the Australian Bureau of Statistics' (ABS) Education Services team - is now available from the ABS website at www.abs.gov.au/teachers or www.abs.gov.au/students.

The web pages provide easy to use data for students and teachers on Indigenous population, education, health, housing, work and more. Links to the original on-line data sources are also provided for those who want more information.

"We are sure that students from upper primary to senior secondary will find this a valuable resource," said Paul Taylor, the ABS Director of Education Services.

"As well, teachers will be able to

find current data about Indigenous Australians much more easily.

"By providing this resource, we also aim to improve students ability to appropriately and rigorously examine numerical data," he said.

The ISS web pages also covers general issues such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identification (including the history of the Census questions on ethnicity), how Indigenous statistics are collected and the importance of accurate Indigenous statistics.

This is a free educational resource and available from the education pages of the ABS website <www.abs.gov.au/students> or www.abs.gov.au/teachers.

For further information please contact Education Services on Free call 1800 623 273 or email

2009 Cairns Show Winner

Congratulations to Heather Black (Year 10) who won first prize in the photography section for her night photo taken of the ferris wheel at Southbank, Brisbane.



Well done Heather!



BAND NEWS! CD MANIA

Welcome back to everyone for Term 3.

Term 3 is the busiest term of the year for our bands. This term was kicked off with the Performing Arts Nights with both the Concert Band and Stage Band performing extremely well. These nights were a great experience for the upcoming CD production.

SSHS bands' fourth CD is perhaps the most anticipated CD release in history. This CD is shaping up to be the best as we have brought in a very talented conductor from Brisbane, Mr Mick Morgan. He will be fine tuning both the concert and stage bands in a three day workshop, which includes the recording of the album as well.

The Bands have already had a rehearsal with this talented conductor and it was clear he demands everyone's best efforts. It was exciting to hear the improvements made in one rehearsal and I am looking forward to seeing the end result on our CD.

Our latest production also includes solo and group performances by students in the music program. The Percussion Ensemble, a trumpet trio and solos by some of our amazingly talented senior students will be included.

The Concert Band and Stage Band will be recording in Q Block on Sunday 2 August thanks to Pegasus Studios in Whitfield. The individual and group performances will be recorded in the Pegasus Studio which will be a great experience for the fantastic students involved.

This week I would like to thank all of the junior students in the band. They are improving every week and it's great to see a lot of juniors in the band. Keep the good work up!

That wraps up this month's band news, keep a look out for the upcoming CD!

Have a great start to term.

Paul Hanlon
Band Captain

2009 School Yearbook

Orders are now being taken for the 2009 School Yearbook. Copies are \$20 each if ordered and paid for this term. Students are currently preparing this book for publication so if you would like a copy please contact the office.

YEARBOOK! YEARBOOK! YEARBOOK!

The year 12's are creating a yearbook for 2009!
We want YOU to design a cover!!



You can win a free yearbook!!

Hand entries into the library including your name and form class on back of entry.

Entries due by August 31st!!!!