**Vision**
A community supporting young people to realise their potential: forever learning, forever teaching, in the service of humanity.

**Mission**
To provide a unique, learning-centred environment that progresses young people through an integrated and developmental approach to education.

Through meaningful student engagement in learning, we aspire to develop interpersonal, intrapersonal, physical and cognitive competencies, empowering young people to lead purposeful, fulfilling lives.

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**SILKWOOD DREAMING FESTIVAL – 2016**
**Thursday, 15 September – Prep to Year 11**

A celebration of indigenous culture - in particular honouring the Kombumerri and Yugambeh peoples and their countries - to welcome in the new life and growth Spring brings. Stories, songs, bush lore, dance, art, games, food and ceremony, will engage the jarjums in a unique Silkwood dreaming...

Prep-Year 5 jarjums will need to wear black shorts/pants and boys wear their red school t-shirt and girls wear their yellow school t-shirt – to keep in theme with the Aboriginal flag. Years 6-11 students are to wear standard uniform. This Festival will be conducted during school hours.

If you would like to visit throughout the day’s program, please be patient and respectful of parking and road rules – parking attendants will be directing traffic.

**PROGRAM IN BRIEF:**
8.45am – 9.25am – Opening Ceremony (welcome and student performances)
9.25am – 10.00am – Performances by local indigenous artists
10.00am – 10.30am – Activity Rotation
10.30am – 11.00am – Morning Tea
11.00am – 1.00pm – Three Activity Rotations.
1.00pm – 1.45pm – Lunch
1.45pm – 2.25pm – Activity Rotation
2.30pm – 3.00pm – Closing Ceremony

Normal after school pickup procedure and school bus service

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**QUICK SCHOOL CONTACTS**

**Student Absentee Notification**
P: 5655 0300 before 8.30am
E: attendance@silkwood.qld.edu.au

**School Fee Account Enquiries**
E: monique.berriman@silkwood.qld.edu.au

**Outside Hours School Care – Bookings/Enquiries**
P: 0475 824 342 E: silkwood@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

**Class Matters**
Contact your Class Teacher or Syndicate Learning Manager through the School Portal.

**ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL**

Parents are asked to telephone the School before 8.30am on the morning of absence on 5655 0300 or email attendance@silkwood.qld.edu.au.

Unexplained absences will be investigated. The School requires a medical certificate when a student is absent due to illness for three or more consecutive days.
WHAT’S COMING UP AT SILKWOOD?

Friday, 9 September
Parent Introductory Course
9.30am – 12.00pm in Year 7 Room

Thursday, 15 September
Spring Festival Prep – Year 11
Last Day Term 3

UNIFORM SHOP
2.00pm – 3.00pm  Monday to Friday
Pre-Order items through Qkr! phone app:
1. Download Qkr! app
   Register – select your country of residence as ‘Australia’ and follow the steps to register
2. Or visit http://qkr.mastercard.com/store
3. Find our School – SILKWOOD
If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

BOOK CELEBRATION DAY
Silkwood celebrated Book Celebration Day this week. There were lots of imaginative and innovative costumes and it was great to see so many students getting involved.

Classes had the opportunity to attend Dream Jar and Roald Dahl character workshops that were held throughout the day as well as visits to the Library. Visiting author, Vacen Taylor and the Silkwood Book Club provided many engaging ways to encourage the love of reading and writing.

Together, over $700 was raised for the Library Fund through gold coin donations to wear a costume, $2 pizza slices and the sale of old books. These funds help us purchase new books that fulfil both the children’s love of reading and provide a range of books to meet literacy needs.

We send a big thank you to Lauren, Sonja, David, Mel, Elena, and the Book Club team for all their help in making the day such a huge success.

We can’t wait for next year.
Thanking you for your support,
Kate and Fiona

CARDBOARD CHALLENGE
Silkwood’s Day of Make and Play

This year our annual cardboard challenge will be held in the first week of Term 4 (date to be finalised). Parents are welcome to join us for a day of make and play. This will be our 3rd cardboard challenge, which has proven to be something the children across the school really look forward to.

We are on the lookout for donations of cardboard tubes, big and small, but not too heavy. If you know of any businesses in the community that can donate these, please let me know. I would be happy to pick them up. Over the course of the term, we have been saving boxes of varying sizes, however, if your children have a particular cardboard project in mind, please save some boxes and store at home ready for the day.

Creations made on the day will need to be small enough to be transported home.

We hope you’ll join us for a great day of make and play!
Lauren Weston
TAKING IT OUTSIDE – LEARNING IN NATURE!

We have super exciting activity happening with outdoor adventurous learning and landcare at Silkwood currently. With the council approval process completed for the High School site, thus begins the regeneration and planting on the new school site. There are five covenants across both properties and this means that all of our wildlife corridors will continue to be well cared for in years to come and the legacy long-lasting. Bushnuts Nursery and Restoration put in a successful bid to take on the restoration works for the covenant sites and in the coming months 22,000 native plants will be planted. This is great news for the environment and for our young people who will reap the benefit of so much green space.

Years 1 and 2 have been exploring the wonder and benefit of trees. How better to action this than getting hands dirty and planting in some natives. With the help of the Bushnuts restoration team, 500 seedlings were planted in a forest zone, home to our resident koala and other native animals as part of Planet Ark Tree Planting Week. Some High School students helped out too and what happy, enthusiastic planters we had out in the Silkwood bush trails!

High School Landcare students have been working on the Silkwood Bush Trails - mulching and creating paths, tidying, weeding and caring for the country with big smiles on their faces. They also cleaned up Shepherd Hill Lane. The litter collected is not from the school community – we found things like car batteries and parts, tyres, beer cans, fast food packaging and other items people can't be bothered disposing of responsibly. This was a great community service from our HS students. They spend an hour a week out in the bush working hard and they’re doing a fantastic job! Keep Queensland Beautiful

We recently hosted an Australian Association for Bush Adventure Therapy networking event at Silkwood in late July. It was wonderful to share food, converse and share experiences with diverse professionals, educators and students working in the field. We know it intrinsically and the research supports it – adventuring and connecting to self, others and place in natural environments is beneficial for those in the youth justice system, youth at risk and youth dealing with trauma. And, of course, it is beneficial to us all as an anecdote to stress and maintaining our equilibrium. Exploring and discussing how the brain functions; responds to stress and trauma; and potential for repair/rebuilding through adventure based learning and therapy was fascinating.

It is heartening to wander outside at any time of the day and see classes in outdoor ‘Learnscape’s’, community members walking along the bush trails and individual students undertaking inquiry linked to their project work. And right now, in the bush, there are late winter blooms and flowers everywhere! It’s so lovely to see the changing seasons as we walk up the Golden Path and Totem Trail to school every day. The Year 9 students have been excited to see their totem animal – the Glossy Black Cockatoo – flying around and eating the she-oak seeds in the trees over the past couple of weeks. These birds are endangered and we only see them a few times in the year. The latest pair of Glossy Blacks arrived just in time to greet our Mudgeeraba Special School visitors while we were taking them on nature explore adventures! We had our binoculars out and got a close-up look at their wings, feathers and faces too. Native bees are busy at work; there are birds all around, with an abundance of activity in the native environments reminding us that we’re all connected.

Kalindi

Email: kalindi.brennan@silkwood.qld.edu.au
CLASSES IN THE SPOTLIGHT THIS ISSUE...

YEAR 2 TALLOW NEWS

We have had some exciting and fun weeks at school. We had a full day workshop with Year 8 on engineering. This was a Kids Teaching Kids workshop. We divided ourselves into small groups and throughout the day participated in various activities and experiments that involved various types of engineering. This was a great day overall, thanks to Anna and her class.

Regrouping is the current Integrated Unit we are doing in class. This Unit tells the stories of two gnomes who assist numbers in place value, and adding and subtracting with regrouping. The class has learned the recorder song, ‘Oh When the Gnomes Go Regrouping’. We also love to play Hundreds, Tens and Ones – a movement game that requires quick thinking.

Currently, in Math, we have been learning about multiplication and are now learning about division, investigating sharing into equal groups, solving division word problems and representing division as an equation. We are using a lot of concrete materials, drawing and using play dough to represent these skills.

In English, the class is working on their final presentation of their persuasive writing piece – ‘Why I should win a golden ticket?’ I am looking forward to reading these and I may even have some golden tickets as well!

Excitedly, we have begun building our robots. The students have been very eager to start this. Currently we have the legs on and the motor on. We will soon start the testing phase. The class is looking forward to taking the robots home to show them to you.

Kyra

YEAR 9 NEWS

INDIGENOUS SOCIAL JUSTICE – Integrated Unit Studies

Leading up to the Silkwood Dreaming Festival, students are building on their knowledge of Australian history and further exploring the realm of social justice through the indigenous lens. With new perspectives and the nature of inquiry, students are developing informed opinions and ideas about topical and relevant concepts. Having spent the last two weeks learning about historical events that shaped our nation, they now have the opportunity to drive an investigative analysis into an area of interest to gain a more in depth understanding of the multifaceted idea of social justice both locally and globally.

PERFORMING ARTS

Year 9 has been working on comedy scripts in drama this term as part of their performing arts. After weeks of laughter in drama games and improvisations, the students have been creating and practising scripts, as well as developing characters and plots in situational comedies. There has been song writing, filming, and all sorts of strange dancing going on. We look forward to seeing their polished performances for their peers in Week 10.

We also look forward to developing some performances next term with the ZEAL THEATRE Company.

QUESTACON SMART SKILLS WORKSHOPS!

Students from Years 8-11 participated in a Wind Tunnel Workshop with Questacon to unleash the inner inventor, designer or engineer. The session involved creating protostorms (prototypes and brainstorming) of objects that would sink, hover, fly or get stuck in a wind tunnel. The challenge was for the group to make 70 in ten minutes. Our students were so creative that they managed to smash the record with a whopping 100+ prototypes in each session! The groups investigated how wind tunnels work and had a look at how the human body must move in an iFly wind tunnel. The students then had to apply their knowledge of movement within a wind tunnel to a finished product that would hover for at least 10 seconds. Once again our students beat the record and managed to hover for over 30 seconds. All students were genuinely engaged and extremely welcoming to the Questacon crew.

Students of Silkwood are also offered the opportunity to attend the Invention Convention held on the Gold Coast in the school holidays, from the 27 to -29 September, for students interested in creating prototypes and innovating in the engineering and design industries

Nicola and the High School Team
YEAR 11 NEWS

Year 11 have an exciting end of term. On Wednesday we were invited to Brisbane to experience a creative, collaborative work space called Little Tokyo Two. Jock Fairweather is the brains trust behind this idea and I am keen for the students to feel the reality of 'work anywhere anytime'. In the evening we attended a business workshop and networking event with an app developer to hear how he is taking his idea from A to IPO.

On Thursday, the majority of the class participated in the external, standardised test called STAT (Special Tertiary Admission Test). Using our unique, non-OP approach to University Entrance, this test (combined with a Cert 3 qualification), will allow our students to achieve a Tertiary Rank of up to 82. This is more than enough to get them entrance to a vast array of courses. It is a general knowledge, problem solving test rather than subject/content knowledge. Good luck Year 11!

We are kicking goals on the individual front as well. Izzy is now an Ambassador for the Surfrider Foundation and has completed her first short film for them (see the High School Facebook page for a link). Waimarie has completed her first highly successful cultural exchange day with five very happy Japanese school children. She is using the income generated to fund a nutrition coaching course she wants to do next year. Awesome goal! Jacob is in court this week observing a criminal trial as part of his USQ Law unit – what an opportunity! He has also started his traineeship with FSG in Southport which is also going to take him a LONG way. Well done to all of you.

In the last week of school, we will be trekking into Southport to donate blood to the Australian Red Cross Blood Service! For the Year 11s this will be their first time and I am SO proud of all of them for their bravery and commitment to help. Sadly, I am unable to join them as I lived in the UK during the mad cow scare and this makes me ineligible. I am genuinely gutted, as I was a regular donor before that ☹️

Look at the HS Facebook page for photos and updates!

The last week of term also sees Briody heading north to go to residential school at Central Qld Uni for her unit on Applications of Environmental Science. Can’t wait to see what she gets up to there! Thanks to mum Suzette for enabling this opportunity.

Loving this Year 11 life 😊

Alicia

SCREEN SAFETY TEAM UPDATE

The Silkwood Screen Safety Team was formed earlier this year and is a group of interested parents and staff working together to empower Silkwood students to make responsible and healthy choices when using technology. As part of the Silkwood Community Care Association (SCCA) we are focused on:

- raising awareness among parents and carers of some common issues that can occur when children use technology, and
- providing practical tips and strategies to help you guide your child(ren) toward making responsible and healthy choices around technology

There are many issues to consider when children use technology. At present we are addressing

- cyber safety
- screen time
- posture and touch typing
- wifi, bluetooth, blue light, EMF exposure

We are not anti – or pro – technology. We are interested in supporting our kids to find safe ways to interact with it when needed. As a Silkwood parent or carer, what information and support do you need on this?

Do you know of any helpful strategies, conversation starters or resources that might help other parents? We want to hear from you!

Please email dennzom1@bigpond.com or just come along to Term 4’s Screen Safety Team meetings:

**Tuesday, 11 October**
**Tuesday, 22 November**
9.00-10.30am at the View Café, Hinze Dam

All welcome 😊

Watch this space for regular tips from the SCCA Screen Safety Team - providing practical advice and strategies to help you guide your child(ren) toward making responsible and healthy choices when using technology.

**CYBER SAFETY TIP #1**
(brought to you by Silkwood Screen Safety Team)

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SCCA NUTRITION TEAM

Oat Bikkies
Simple for your child to make! Freezes well if desired! Encourages them to pack their own lunch box!

- 300 g rolled oats
- 100 g coconut sugar or your choice of whole brown sugar or sweetener (you could also use a combination of coconut or brown sugar and molasses)
- 60 g your choice of milk – dairy, coconut, almond etc
- 3 eggs
- 150 g Seeds, nuts, dried fruit or combo of this

Preheat oven to 190˚C
Option 1 - with a blender:
- Add oats to blend and give a quick blitz ie. 3 seconds
- Add sugar, milk and eggs. Blend till mixed.
- Stir through or lightly mix in the seeds/nuts/fruit

Option 2 - in a bowl:
- Mix all ingredients, adding one at time in the order of the ingredient list.

Dollop onto a greased tray or greaseproof paper or spread over a tray (and later cut into squares - cool before cutting)

Bake 15 minutes.

All contributions/ideas very welcome
Julie Phillips
0417470799
mail@wisefood.com.au

Dear Helping Hands Families,
The time is fast approaching for booking your child into the fantastic Vacation Care program.

Please contact your Helping Hands service for more details and to find out how to book your child in.

Melissa-Ann Hropic
Helping Hands Silkwood
E-mail: Silkwood@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au
Web: www.helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

PARENT EDUCATION ARTICLE

Primary + Secondary School Topic

Tolerance: a vital ingredient for your child’s success
By Michael Grose

Kids who accept differences in others are setting themselves up for success in the world of diversity that they will enter.

Want your child to be successful way past the confines of the school gate?

Then you need to make sure your child is tolerant of individual differences and accepting of children and adults who look and act differently to them.

There’s no doubt that success in today’s world depends on the ability to understand, appreciate and work with others. The child who is open to differences is likely to have more opportunities in school, in business and in life in general.

Schools are diverse places

Walk into any school ground in Australia and you’ll witness diversity firsthand. You’re likely to see children from many different cultural, racial and family backgrounds. You’ll also see kids with different needs and diverse ways of expressing themselves. Some kids will wear their hearts on their sleeves, while others will be taciturn and quiet. Tolerant kids are accepting of these differences. They make friends with children and young people who may look and act differently to them.

Intolerance breeds bullying

Intolerance, or prejudice, is at the heart of a great deal of the bullying that occurs among children and young people. Kids who look and act differently or who are more isolated often experience bullying for no apparent reason other than the fact that they are ‘different’. Whole-hearted acceptance and even appreciation of differences is a preventative bullying measure that we can all support.

Tolerance starts at home

Kids learn attitudes such as tolerance from those around them. Children in primary school usually reflect the attitudes of their parents. While adolescents are strongly influenced by their peers, parental attitudes still have a significant impact on their attitudes to other people. In short, if you want your child to be accepting of differences – whether they are racial, cultural, behavioural, or in sexual orientation – then make tolerance a family trait.

Here’s how:

Help your child feel accepted, respected, and valued. When your child feels good about himself, he is more able to treat others respectfully.

Model acceptance. Kids learn what they live so make sure you welcome differences in others, and be sensitive to cultural or racial stereotypes. It also helps on a practical level to discuss prejudice and stereotypes when they occur in the media.

Challenge prejudice or narrow-minded views. Sometimes kids, knowingly or unknowingly, can say the cruellest things about others. As a parent, respectfully remind your child or young person about the impact that a narrow view can have on his or her own behaviour as well as on those it may be directed towards. Intolerance of diversity is an attitude that parents should make a stand against.

Answer kids’ questions about differences honestly and respectfully. Teach your kids that it is acceptable to notice and discuss differences as long as it is done with respect.
Respect individual differences within your own family. Your ability to accept your children’s differing abilities, interests and styles will go a long way towards establishing an attitude of tolerance in the children themselves. By valuing the uniqueness of each member of your family you are teaching your kids to value the strengths in others, no matter how diverse.

Modern Australia is such a wonderful culturally-rich place. This diversity is part of its magic. One way to make sure our children fully appreciate this richness is to fully embrace tolerance in everything we do.

Hello lovely Silkwood Community!

To market, to market, to buy handmade craft!
The end of Term 3 fast approaches and it’s Spring Market time!

We have a few unfinished crafty projects from the term that need a stitch here and there to be ready to sell, so we’d love you to pop along Monday to lend your helping hands. We’ll supply some free tea, coffee and cake.

Bring your little ones too as Vanessa is more than happy to guide the children with imaginative play.

The SILKWOOD HEART 2 HANDS ……SPRING CRAFT MARKET will be on Thursday, 8th of September, 8.00-11.00am – outside the Prep classrooms (under the sails).

Find us on Facebook:
http://www.facebook.com/SilkwoodHeart2Hands

And join us in our mailing list:
silkwoodheart2handscraft@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you all on Monday at 9.00am in Silkwood Playgroup area!

From your crafty team,
Mia & Maria

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

DISCLAIMER

The advertising sections of this newsletter have been submitted by individuals. Silkwood School does not take any responsibility for the content. The opinions expressed in the advertisements and notices do not necessarily represent the views of the school.

2016 PARENT BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Click here to view the current directory and to access an application form to advertise in the directory.

The Silkwood School has a Buy Swap and Sell Facebook Group where parents can sell or giveaway their second hand goods including second hand school uniforms. Please click on the link to join. This is an SCCA initiative.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/700798820062787/
CARPOOLING WANTED

UPPER COOMERA AREA
Carpooling wanted in Upper Coomera area, to share drop off and pick up. If you able to help please call or text Steph 0410 817 979.

SPRINGBROOK AREA
Looking for a lift home to near Canyon Lookout Springbrook for Year 5 student, willing to pay petrol for extra kilometres if further than your house. Please call Tania 0403 655 860.

WANTED – 2+ ACRES OF LAND
Our family of two adults, 5 kids, a dog, a cat, and some chickens are looking to move to the Mt Nathan area and build on 2+ acres. We realise sometimes locals know of things before they show up in real estate listings. If you have any good leads for us, please contact Rachel Herrington at racheljherrington@yahoo.de or 0411 260 685. Thank you!

RENTAL PROPERTY AVAILABLE
private rental lease - 2-bedroom house with amazing views in Arunta Drive, 3 mins from Silkwood School. If you would like more information contact Tania 0403 655 860

Homeopathy First Aid Workshop
Saturday, 8 October
10.00am – 2.30pm
Location – Silkwood School
When pain or illness occurs in the middle of night, we can get overcome with anxiety and worry for our children or significant other. This short workshop is to learn the basic skills of applying Homeopathy to first aid situations such as fevers, sore throats, headaches, vomiting, stings, bruising, tummy upsets and tooth pain.

COST
Full day workshop with Homeopathic Kit (20 remedies) $105.49
Full day workshop only (not kit) $42.79

What can/can’t I bring to the event?
As we are on private premises and on a weekend, please leave your children safely at home for this day. There is no supervision. Please bring water. Snacks will be provided (vegetarian /gluten free).

What is the refund policy?
Sorry, there is no refund on the tickets? If I cancel, 100% refund.

Do I have to bring my printed ticket to the event?
Please bring your ticket as this is your entry into the lucky door prize. Contact 0499 342 120

Email meganhomeopathy@gmail.com
Facebook page Megan Homeopathy

BUY TICKETS @ www.eventbrite.com.au

Questacon—The National Science and Technology Centre is encouraging young Queenslanders aged between 14 and 18 years with a passion for ideas, innovation and technology to attend the 2016 Questacon Invention Convention in the Gold Coast these school holidays, 27-29 September 2016.

The FREE workshop will bring together up to 20 students from around the state for three days of making, innovating and creating, at Griffith University, Gold Coast campus. Students will work with local experts to devise and prototype unique solutions to real-world problems using existing and emerging technology.

Register for the Invention Convention online on the Questacon website, www.questacon.edu.au, or by calling 1800 889 995 Be quick, places are limited!

The theme of this Questacon Invention Convention is REUSE, REPURPOSE, RECYCLE – it’s all about breaking down everyday things and building them into something new to solve a problem.

So get creative, learn some electronics ... even program some robots!

The Questacon Invention Convention is supported by the Ian Potter Foundation and IP Australia.
Term 3, 2016

Personal Development Young Warrior
Drumming Group
Silkwood School
Held for students 6 - 11 years old
(child must be in Year 1 or above)
Weekly school term program
Starts 1 August – 12 September 2016
Cost from $10 per week
Djembe Drums Provided
Small group member sessions
Book early to avoid disappointment
For more information or details
Please contact Jillianne
Mobile 0410 060 878
www.lotusdrumbeats.com.au
www.facebook/lotusdrumbeat.com
I am at school to supervise the children from 3pm
Meeting in front of LOTE room
Please make sure your child has an extra afternoon tea snack.
Thank You

Be the Change You Want to See in the World by Changing Your Energy Provider.

Viridian Energy Australia is making a difference. Their philosophy is an affordable, greener, cleaner, sustainable energy that is environmentally friendly.

Viridian is starting in Australia with a minimum of 50% carbon offset environmental credits attached to the products they sell (and that’s just the start!). Their intention is to source renewable energy so vote with your $$$ and make the switch to support the environment.

Prices will be similar or less than other energy providers and their aim is to be in the three most competitive price providers in your area. Affordable month to month billings with no lock in contracts; pay on time and pensioner discounts will also apply.

Contact Jo Douglas for more information on 0433 993 917 or jodouglas2@outlook.com or visit http://jodouglas.viridianenergy.com.au and select Become a Customer. It’s the little things we do that add up to making a difference.

VENTURE INTO THE WORLD OF ART

Afterschool Art classes in the Prep Starbright Room
Term Three
Children from Prep – Year 7
Tuesdays at 3.30pm – 4.30pm
12 July – 13 September (10 weeks)
Afternoon tea supplied each week
COME TO THE PREP CLASSROOM EACH TUESDAY
(children can wait at drop off and Maree will take them into the Starbright room at 3.15pm for the Art classes)
Cost: $20.00 per student per week
(or $190 for full term, if paid in first week)
If you are interested in enrolling your child/children or have any questions about these classes, please email me at harrisonjonesmaree@gmail.com or call me on 0466 3467 87
We will be covering this term, acrylic or watercolour painting on canvas, working with paper, sketching, rock painting, and lots of other interesting techniques.
So come along and have fun while you are learning all different creative techniques.

Warm Wishes
Maree Harrison-Jones & Summer Jones
ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAMS

Hi from your local Rotary Club: the e-Club of NextGen. We offer a number of youth programs and activities and there may be an activity below just right for you.

And what’s great is that you can get sponsored by your local Rotary Club for many of these activities without having to join. Just apply and turn up. Easy!

Rotary conducts an annual 2-day camp for 14 to 16 years olds in the Gold Coast Hinterland. Called RYPEN or Rotary Youth Program for Enrichment, it’s lots of fun as you can see from the photo below.

During the camp, as well as lots of games, we also undertake activities around leadership, self-esteem building, teamwork and knowing yourself.

For 17 and 18 year olds we have RYTS or Rotary Youth Transition Seminar, which is a week-long camp. It looks at issues around transition from school into post-secondary education and employment. RYTS provides practical advice on topics such as renting, budgeting, goal setting, career choice and self-confidence.

Then there is the Rotary Youth Exchange Program or YEP. If you are between 15 and 18 you can spend a year studying in an overseas country. Rotary arrange your trip and provide a little financial help and support but you need to fund most of your adventure.

Perhaps you have time to join/start an Interact Club at school. Interact is a club for young people between 12 and 18 who want to join together to tackle the issues in their community that they care most about. Through Interact, you can carry out hands-on service projects, make international connections, develop leadership skills and have fun!

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