



### STEM School of Excellence Opens its Doors

With higher than expected enrolments, Baringa State Primary School has welcomed 280 foundation students.

The Sunshine Coast's newest school is located at the southern end of the Sunshine Coast, Aura – City of Colour, Australia's largest master planned community.

Teachers from as far as Mount Isa, Townsville, Mackay, Ayr and the Torres Strait Islands have been recruited as well as from local Sunshine Coast schools.

Being a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) School of Excellence, students in their first week can expect to participate in a STEM roadshow which will be rolling into the school to engage students' curiosity.

Baringa State Primary School is committed to providing each child with the best possible education that will serve as a foundation for their lifelong learning needs. Simply a place where students and community want to be.

Although the new school will have a STEM curriculum, it also supports and encourages students in all other areas of education - intellectual, physical, emotional and social needs.

One such student Li-lou Burns enrolled in Year Five is aiming to be a part of the 2024 Olympic Games for gymnastics.

Principal Mr Noel Baggs said Li-lou has already been selected in the Queensland team for Rhythmic Gymnastics and has competed at the Australian National Championships in June 2017, placing third.

"Li-lou has been identified by Gymnastics Australia as an international athlete and is part of the future development program that prepares young gymnasts for an international career."

The school hosted its first whole school assembly on Tuesday where students were inducted in Baringa's school rules – 'the 4C's' (Courtesy, Common Sense, Consideration, Cooperation). The 4C's are our commitment to proactively acknowledging appropriate behaviour.

Our school includes a robotics laboratory, recording studio and innovation hubs. Our great strength is the partnerships we forge between students, staff, parents and the wider community. These partnerships enable us to build on the strengths of innovation and performance and to live out our values and our commitment to providing a world-class education for every student. The school's Motto is – Imagine Discover Together.



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