Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Come and meet the MyTED team on Thursday the 27th of August at 3.30pm in the Trinity Hall

“What do you want to do when you grow up?”

We all remember this question but do we remember the answer that we gave when we were between eight and ten years old? The answer is very important as it will inevitably inform our future and probably reappear somewhere during our career pathway. This concept is explored in a program called My Tertiary Education Day (MyTED) which has been specifically designed for this age group. MyTED encourages primary aged students to aspire, to wish or dream and explore possibilities for their future.

But why Year 4?

Research suggests that it is between eight and ten years of age that children begin to gain insight into their own aspirations and capabilities. These insights are guided by interactions with family and members of the wider community. It found that the choices made by children during the formative periods of development shape the course of their future lives. Such choices determine which future possibilities children nurture throughout the course or their lives, and which they consider personally unachievable. For example, becoming a sporting captain, moving up a reading level, owning a house or not following a career aspiration as they feel that such things as University are out of their reach. Programs, such as MyTED, that encourage students to consider their aspirations from a young age are seen to be more effective than ones aimed at traditional groups such as those in Year 10 onwards.

Throughout the term the Year 4 students have been participating in the MyTED program, awakening their aspirations for their future in primary school, secondary school and beyond. Students have been introduced to Edwina and her friends and explored her journey to reaching her aspirations. They have learnt what an aspiration is and started to consider their personal aspirations for their future as the complete a series of activities.
The MyTED program encourages parents and caregivers to participate in the program as they play a significant role in guiding and informing the aspirations of their children. Integral to fostering the imagination of their students, parents and caregivers are invited to **come and meet the MyTED team on Thursday the 27th of August at 3.30pm in the Trinity Hall**

During our meeting we will be discussing the program and show some of the activities that the students have been completing. The meeting will also discuss the excursion day to the University of the Sunshine Coast. During the excursion they will explore the different faculties, facilities including Engineering, Nursing, Sport and Exercise Science, Paramedics, Creative Industries and the Arts. The excursion is an integral aspect of the program as students become aware and are excited about the endless possibilities for their future.

We look forward to meeting you to find out what you wanted to do when you were in primary school.

Yours Sincerely,

The MyTED team