

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Well another year has drawn to a close. As this is the last newsletter for the year, I would like to send out some warm thank yous. Thank you to all students for all of the joy, struggles and opportunity for growth they bring to us each day. Thank you to parents and carers who walk this path faithfully with us. Thank you to all of the staff who put themselves constantly in service to the development and unfolding of the children and give tirelessly and lovingly each and every day. Thank you to the PAFA team whose enthusiasm and drive has greatly enriched the social and community life of the school in 2017.

I wish you all a safe and blessed holiday period and look forward to seeing you all again when school resumes in 2018.

Some words to our graduating class...

Some of us this week have had the privilege of watching Class 12's final play production. Each one of them owned the stage in their own way with such presence, poise and confidence that it was very clear that these are no longer high school students – but young, emerging men and women of the world. I wonder if the world is ready for you!

Over your journey at Samford Valley you have been taught the content of disciplines - mathematics, English, art, science etc. – but more than that you have been offered experiences and encounters to awaken you to your unfolding humanity. Your teachers have tried each day to meet you in true relationship and reflect something of the world back to you through their own relationship to it. And through all of your schooling, the adults here have held a faithful imagination of your future and potential to develop as people, who through your own inner conscience and drive can work and give back to the world.

When the first group of Waldorf Graduates graduated in 1924, Rudolf Steiner said to the students -

"Your teachers think day and night about what your future will be like.....it will be a source of great strength for them to see you all prove yourselves as true human beings."



Dates to Remember

Friday 8 December
Term 4 ends

Monday 29 January
Term 1 2018 begins

I want you to know that your career choice is far less important for a life well lived than your approach to, and inner gesture towards, life, relationships and the world. So my wish for you today and for all of your tomorrows is that in whatever you choose to do, strive to do it in 'a good way' with good will and warmth of heart. I hope that you will use all the capacities you've had opportunity to unfold on this journey to do this. Face life with enthusiasm and with all of the imagination, commitment, courage, truthfulness, integrity and love that you can muster. Thank you for all you have contributed to the life of the school and go well.

Warmly, Pep

Before School Care to start in 2018!

Earlier this year we sought expressions of interest in a before school care service. Following the feedback we received, we are now delighted to announce that the school will be offering Before School Care from Term 1 2018.

As a school, we continually strive to meet the needs of our community and we hope this new service will help to support those who have to juggle early starts at work and school drop off.

Before School Care will operate from 6.30am to 8.30am, Monday to Friday. For more information, please contact Kylie Turner, OSHC Co-ordinator

Vacation Care December 2017/January 2018

Bookings are still open for Vacation care. Please see the booking form and program in the email body.

Kylie Turner, OSHC Co ordinator Ph: (07) 34309614, Email: oshc@samfordsteiner.qld.edu.au

NEW KINDY TEACHER

I am delighted to announce that in 2018 we will be welcoming Trudi Nordblum to our Early Childhood Team. Trudi has a Bachelor of Education and a Diploma of Early childhood studies. She has also undertaken training in Rudolf Steiner Anthroposophic studies at Sydney Rudolf Steiner College. Since 2015, Trudi has been working at Alice Springs Steiner School as Kindergarten and then Class Teacher. Trudi is an avid gardener who loves the outdoors, hiking, working with animals, theatre, singing and the arts. We know that Trudi will be a wonderful addition to our school community.

Trudi will be taking the Lillipilli Class in 2018 and I am sure that Star Gold Parents will be delighted to hear that Marilou will be returning to her role as Star Gold Teacher.

I would like to take the opportunity to warmly thank Astrid for the wonderful warmth she has brought to her work and the children in the kindergarten this year. We will miss you Astrid!

Warmly, Pep



On Thursday High School students and staff were welcomed with a surprise from the Class 12's – the classroom moved outside and all of the teachers hats gone missing – the staff got creative with their hats ☺

ASSEMBLIES AND CELEBRATIONS...



Class 12 Production – Ruby Moon

"In this Australian Gothic style play, we meet the eccentric neighbours of Ray and Sylvie Moon, each one seemingly a missing piece of the puzzle in Ruby's disappearance. But as we scratch the bizarre surface of Flaming Tree Grove, we realise that there is a very fine line between the real and the imagined...It has been a lot of fun to play with the different levels of reality and imagination which drive this modern-day fairy-tale.

John's wonderful set design has helped us to communicate the two-dimensional, caricature-like nature of the inhabitants of Flaming Tree Grove. The cast rose to the challenge to experiment with this unusual style of characterisation as they grappled with varying degrees of eccentricity, grief and creepiness! Congratulations Class 12!"
Michelle Carey



HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

For more than 12 years, since the imagination of a high school at Samford Valley Steiner School, we have been striving, growing and learning. Student numbers have grown gradually every year, from a pioneering 17 students in the "8+" class, to about 100 students next year. The very essence of a Steiner school is to keep the curriculum alive and relevant, while staying unwaveringly true to the underlying spiritual insights that give us understanding of developing human beings. I am grateful and full of respect to the many people who have contributed to this strengthening and growth.

About three years ago, the Qld State government directed our High School to offer Qld Curriculum approved secondary subjects (Class 11 and 12), which was a significant thing to encompass at the time - the question was: can we hold our authentic Steiner curriculum and meet the "mainstream" demands? I, like many in the High School faculty, have some years' experience teaching the seniors at SVSS, and those last two years (11 and 12) are the culmination of all the years of work that come before. We refused to let go of what had been developed here at SVSS, with so much good will and support over so many years. We began a journey to stay true to the inspiring, beautiful and important last two years - AND meet the constraints from the Qld Education system.

In this context, 2017 has been a huge year for our High School. Our graduating Class 12 this year are the first group in the twelve-year history of our High School to be awarded Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) credit for their studies in English, Mathematics, Science and Music, while still undertaking studying all the other subjects we believe are crucial in developing healthy and balanced human beings.

The High School teachers have faced the huge challenge of meeting the constraints of the state syllabuses AND meeting the needs of our students. The journey hasn't been perfect or without compromise, but I am proud of how well we threaded our way through these rocky shoals.

Next year will be the last group to follow this Qld Ed secondary pathway. SVSS has made a commitment to implement and offer the "Certificate of Steiner Education" (CSE) in Classes 10 to 12. The CSE is a New Zealand initiative, and is an internationally recognised secondary completion qualification, developed specifically to allow Steiner/Waldorf schools to teach out of our pedagogy and curriculum and also meet national and international "quality assurance" requirements. Assessment of student work is overseen and moderated by experienced Steiner teachers, and the CSE (at level 3) can be used as a secondary qualification for tertiary entry in most countries around the world. We are the first Steiner school in Australia to offer the CSE, and we are one of only a handful of Steiner schools in this country that are still delivering an authentic Steiner curriculum K-12, all the way to graduation.

"If we do not believe within ourselves this deeply rooted feeling that there is something higher than ourselves, we shall never find the strength to evolve into something higher."

— Rudolf Steiner

These next two years, as our High School transitions to the CSE as our leaving qualification, is the fulfilment of a long journey. I believe we can truly say we are meeting the societal, legal and bureaucratic forces that are seeing a widening gap between what we know is important for nurturing and developing children, and what is being done within the educational realm in most schools. We strive to give children time to grow into who they can become, rather than attempt to rush them towards academic achievement too early.

I want to say thank you to all parents and carers, and all of our dedicated teaching and support staff. We can only really be effective as educators if we work in partnership, and it is such a privilege to witness the students grow towards healthy ethical adults. I would also like to wish our class 12s all the best, we will miss you, but I am sure your journey from here will be extraordinary.

If you are interested in more information about the CSE, the web address is <https://sedt.co.nz>.

Tim Dunn

High School Educational Administrator

Any Luthiers out there?

Hello All,

My name is Dominik, from Class 11, and I am currently looking for a mentor who is a luthier (instrument maker) who is willing to meet weekly or fortnightly to instruct or help guide me in the right direction in building an electric bass guitar. If you're willing, please contact the school to notify me or if you're willing to meet immediately, my email is domhaala@hotmail.com.

Cheers, Dom



Class 9 Geomorphology Camp Last Week - Moreton Island

Has anyone walked the Kokoda Trail?

Dear School community,

I am Rosario Bin Masoud-Huelsewede and am a student in Class 11 at the Samford Valley Steiner School. In Year 12 we have the SRP or Senior Research Project, which involves the students, to go out and find something they are passionate about and research it. I have chosen to walk the Kokoda Trail, which is in Papua New Guinea. The Kokoda Track is a big part in Australia's history even though a lot of people don't really know about it or what happened.

I have been very interested in the Kokoda track since I was in year 7. Now that I have this opportunity, I would love to do it. I am 17 and so were the young men who went into the Papua New Guinean jungle and fought the Japanese. I want to experience what they went through by walking the track.

I am still looking for a Mentor. Someone who has walked the track or has experience in this subject. I would also need to have some help with funding because it is not a tour you can do without a guide.

Please get back to me. Mobile Number- 0410402171, Email – f1rosario@hotmail.com

Thank you

Rosario

ADVENT CELEBRATION IN THE KINDERGARTEN



SHELTER PROJECT

A home provides shelter and protection, but it is also a place where we nurture ourselves, creating a safe place apart from the world. As the third grader continues to move through the nine-year change and the experience of separation from the world, an inner need arises in them to build their own sanctuary. Creating a shelter allows this impulse to find an outer expression. If you have been down to our 'village' behind the Primary School garden, you will have seen how this impulse has come to life.

During Main Lesson, we explored the practical and historical side of shelters, learning about different cultures, past and present and the homes they have built. Following this, we began to prepare for the shelter model project. Each child was to choose a traditional shelter from the different cultures studied and design their own dwelling. They also had to write a sentence describing the kind of people or family that lived in their dwelling, and write a list of materials that they might need to make it. The lists went home and the materials came to school where the children would engage in the experience of creating for themselves. We had a little bit of help from our lovely parents, but the children made their own models themselves. It was a joy from start to finish...

Stefi, Class 3





FROM THE SHED

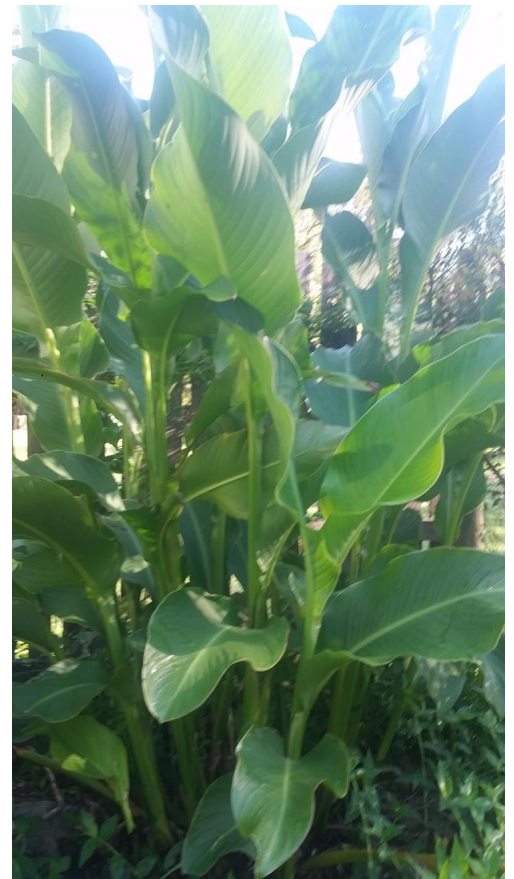
Well here we are at the end of another year and, yes, I will join the chorus exclaiming how quickly it has flown. Methinks life is like that: drawn out and sometimes perhaps a bit trying as it happens; yet fleeting and perhaps somewhat sombre in hindsight. Let this be an adequate reminder that we must seize each moment and make it the most excellent for all involved. The best way to do this of course is to get out into the garden and grow some tucker.

One of the challenges of teaching gardening and managing a garden in a school is the imposition of holidays. Not that I mind of course, but it does require some thought as to what can be left alone during the breaks without too much attention. Though the beds may look a little blank at the moment, over the holidays we should have a good crop of corn, basil and cucumber powering on from the seeds we have planted, especially if this moist weather keeps up. These plants should be bearing abundant fruit and foliage in the first few weeks of term one when we return in 2018.

The start of next term should see another exciting gift waiting for us. The couple of months that we are away will give the worms lots of time to chew through the material in the compost heap which should be ready for spreading on the beds. I think we will start the year with a good planting of leafy greens and alliums.

While I was away sailing across the briny deep of Moreton bay with my class elevens last week, Simon and class 5 did an excellent job of harvesting some arrowroot and placing it on the new compost heap.

Arrowroot is an interesting and very useful plant to have in the garden and grows like a weed with a bit of nitrogen rich fertiliser, such as chook manure, and a generous application of water. Its leaves and stalks have a very good moisture content, which in addition to their sheer abundance, makes them excellent bulk for the compost heap. They break down very rapidly and can also be used as a slash and drop mulch around larger trees. They are also useful as food. The crowns that form in groups at ground level are easily harvested and have a starchy manner not too dissimilar to potato. You can pulverise and soak the crowns to retrieve a flour or peel and roast or boil like a potato. Arrowroot chips are also palatable. The plants are dead easy to propagate through division and really do grow very easily in not much more than a pile of horse manure. They also make a useful hedge or screen with their thick lush leaves. Help yourself to a few crowns from the garden if you wish and take them home to get you started.



The beautiful and lush growth of a clump of Arrowroot



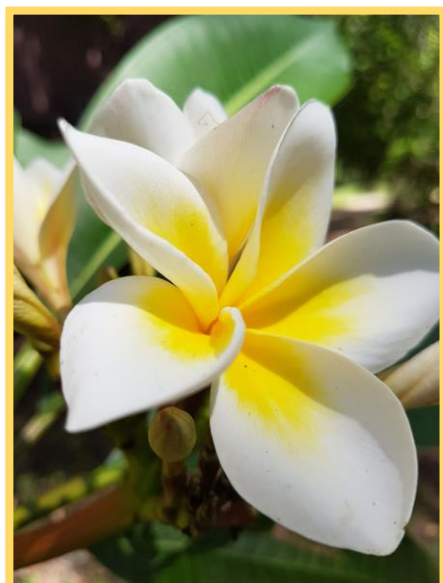
An image of the arrowroot clump out of the ground showing the fleshy crowns that are good for eating.



The same clump broken up into five healthy divisions ready for planting on.

Have a happy and safe holidays and take the opportunity to cast your shadow over the vegetable patch; the plants love it.

Cheers,
Dave Rule



A beautiful frangipani in bloom in our garden

A PASSIONATE SCHOOLING 47 - Christmas 2017

In the year that marks the death of Dr Alduino Mazzone, it seems fitting to finish our contributions with a meditation, which he himself used a great deal and held in great affection.

"I carry Rest within me,
I bear within myself
Forces giving me strength.
Full will I feel myself
With the warmth of these forces,
I will drench myself
With the power of my will.
And I will feel
How Rest outpours itself
Through all my being,
If I strengthen myself
To come upon Rest
As a force within me
Through this my striving's power."
Rudolf Steiner

Compiled by Tricia Scott remembering Dr. Alduino Mazzone (Alli to his friends)

Employment Vacancies

Hard Craft (Manual Arts) High School Teacher

Samford Valley Steiner School is seeking applications for a Hard Craft (Manual Arts) Teacher to commence in a part-time time teaching role in 2018. The right person will have a demonstrated ability as a craftsperson and good woodwork/manual arts discipline knowledge appropriate for high school curriculum. The successful candidate will deliver the Hard Craft Steiner Curriculum from Classes 8 to 12. This position is a one-year contract as a 0.4FTE position commencing in January 2018.

Applications close at 4pm on 15th December 2017.

For further information, please contact Tim Dunn via email tdunn@samfordsteiner.qld.edu.au

Site Management Officer – Samford Valley Steiner School

Samford Valley Steiner School (SVSS) is seeking applications for a Site Management Officer commencing late January 2018. The Site Management Officer will work in close collaboration with the Business Administrator to ensure the school is well maintained and is aesthetically pleasing. The role is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Grounds and Buildings at the School and the supervision of a 0.8 FTE groundsman plus the schools garden & cleaning contractors. This position also assists with the planning and execution of building projects. The position is 0.8 FTE, or 4 days per week. Applications close at 4pm on 4th January 2018

For further information, please contact Roger Craig via email ba@samfordsteiner.qld.edu.au

NOTE: Please refer to the role descriptions for these vacancies on the school's website: <http://www.samfordsteiner.qld.edu.au/employment-opportunities/>

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CRICOS Registration:

RSEGB T/A Samford Valley Steiner School **CRICOS 03326J**



Look at the array of dolls our dedicated band of doll makers has managed to produce!

We have been beaver away on Tuesday mornings - some of us making our very first doll under the tutelage of the more experienced among us.



These lovely dollies will eventually be sent to crisis regions around the world to comfort children in traumatising situations. They are our contribution to a project led by Bernd Ruf (member of the International Forum for Steiner/Waldorf Education).

You can read more about Bernd's work at this link:

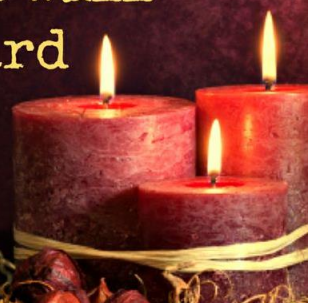
<https://www.readings.com.au/products/17462846/educating-traumatized-children-waldorf-education-in-crisis-intervention>



We wish you all
a very happy and blessed
Christmas and a wonderful
holiday period.

from the Admin team

Peace on earth.
Good will
toward
all.



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There is a flat \$5 charge for each advertisement and payment is required prior to inclusion.

Need to Borrow a Car

For a week from December 6 to 13. SVSS Parent looking to borrow a SMALL, AUTOMATIC transmission car. For personal use, short trips in the Samford to Chermside area. Safe driver with clean driving record and current Queensland DL. If you can spare your car during this time, please SMS Smitha on 0475 889 547. Very happy to pay a reasonable rental fee & fuel costs.

Selling

Stockmar crayons and Lyra pencils - all brand new, some in boxes, some loose.

It is Rosario and Santiago's oversupply, which they are not using anymore. Lovely gift for creative hands.

Please contact Portia, 0438134590

¾ Violin for sale

Lovely violin in great condition (in new case)

Bought new for \$260

Selling for \$190

Katrina (Primary School office)

Ph: 0400 025 044

Granny Flat for Rent

Fully self-contained Flat (The downstairs of an upstairs downstairs home) A few minutes from the centre of Samford Village.

Partially furnished with Washing Machine /Fridge /Lounge - sofa bed /Bar Stools.

1 bedroom /private sit out /own entrance. Suit single or couple.

Prefer healthy lifestyle. No smoking or parties. \$280 per week includes gas/electricity. Bond required. Call/Text 0417 143 981
Catch Janet at school

Northside Fitness News!

Two reasons to join us at Team NF!

SATURDAY CIRCUIT AT CAGED FITNESS

Caged Fitness is an awesome outdoor gym - 408 Mt Glorious Road (approx. 4km out of Samford towards Mt Glorious on right hand side).

We are now there every 1st and 3rd Saturday, 7.15am.

- Includes rope climbs, cargo nets and monkey bars.
- Post workout coffee/ refreshments at The Shack!
- Suitable for ALL FITNESS levels

Steiner Parents Special Offer - Come and try our Group Classes!

Complimentary first week + 3 extra classes with any Group Pack purchased (5, 10 or 20 sessions) + Free 45 min Holistic Health Coaching session (covering the 6 Foundation Principles of Health – Movement, Breathing, Nutrition, Sleep, Hydration and Thoughts)

CALL NICK TODAY 0434 990 572

Creative arts therapy: Sessions & Courses for Adults and Children

Creative arts therapy creates a space, where a difficult challenge or condition in the soul can be brought and explored in a gentle way. Using a range of artistic activities and arts practises, sand play, painting, drawing and form drawing, clay modelling, writing and conversation, an unravelling begins. This may happen over a series of sessions with both guided and more open activities. Art making generates inner warmth and nourishment, helping to restore balance where astrality presses too deeply on the soul. Reflective opportunities help to assist understanding, ultimately strengthening one's resolve to move forward by oneself.

This therapy is also most suitable for children. With the assistance and involvement of the parent/parents a series of sessions is structured to meet the child's needs. Drawing upon Rudolf Steiner's fourfold view of the human being a way is sought to support and lighten the unfolding challenges that have become a hindrance for the child. A therapeutic story or artistic reflection is offered to the child as a completion of the series of sessions.

Kate has had a background of many years working in the creative field, as a crafts and handwork teacher in the Steiner Schools system and is a qualified Creative Arts Therapist.MA (CreativeArtTherapies), Grad DipArt Therapy & Couns. MIECAT. Member ACA
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www.katesharpartstherapy.com

Looking for an Eco-Friendly Kitchen Renovation for 2018?

As a family within the Steiner Community, the team at Easy Living Kitchens would love to design and deliver a stunning New and Eco-Friendly Kitchen you'll be Guaranteed to Love.

Locally manufactured from local suppliers where available, with a commitment to eco-friendly and sustainable processes with a minimum negative impact on the environment using high levels of recyclables. Manufacturers that manage waste responsibly through numerous recycling programs including aluminum and metals, used oils and timber waste recycled back into energy. Easy Living Kitchens offer a great range of eco-friendly styles, finishes and functional solutions for any type of kitchen you can imagine or need.

To Book your Free Kitchen Design Consultation and have your kitchen renovation planning underway for 2018, contact us at <http://www.EasyLivingKitchens.com.au> or Call Us on 1300 650 681. Don't forget to mention "Steiner" to claim your Special Bonus as our way of saying Thank You...
Samantha (Class 3 parent) Easy Living Kitchens

Nature Tales Family Day Care in Dayboro

Steiner and Community based Family Day Care for children aged from 6 weeks onwards. Daily Program includes cooking and eating an organic morning tea, storytelling, singing, art and craft, painting, playing and having fun!

Govt. accredited, CCB and CCR available.
For enquiries and bookings please phone Emma on 0400 826 991.

Mon-Fri. Open during school holidays including casual care. Pick up available from Samford

Valley Steiner School some days.
Now Taking Bookings for January, 2017

Homeopathic consults

Cyena is a new mum at SVSS this year (daughter, Sage, is in StarGold) and is a Homeopath with over 8 years experience in practice. She works with families who prefer to use natural medicines to help with a wide range of ailments. Homeopathic medicine is completely non-toxic and acts gently, allowing children's bodies to recover without strain on their immune system. Homeopathy is holistic, taking into account the physical, mental and emotional aspects of the child's experience. Cyena practices classical homeopathy in conjunction with a naturopathic approach to health. Cyena offers consultations by phone, at her home clinic in Gaythorne or at the SOMA room in the Lifestyle Centre on Mt Glorious Road by appointment. Available for consultation throughout the Christmas break. Call Cyena on 0418792827.

Nature Tales School Holiday Workshop for Kids

Fantastic Fun! Make organic Christmas treats and learn about your astrology sign through painting, clay, music, and games.

Time: 9.30- 2 pm, Monday the 18th of December.

Where: Dayboro

Investment: \$30 per child, \$25 with siblings.
Extra \$10 per family for extended hours babysitting.

Bookings essential please call Emma Forsberg on 0400 826 991. Suits school age and up.

Rolka Creative Building Blocks

Rolka have been locally made for more than twenty years and are a great alternative to electronic devices. Boys and girls of all ages (adults too) will love creating all sorts of wonderful structures while developing fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, patience, imagination, interactive play and co-operation. The wooden blocks are educational, environmentally friendly, virtually unbreakable, no glue or attachments and have magical dimensions. Rolka are available in sets of 50,

100 or 150 and come in a calico bag with a fully illustrated Ideas Booklet. Call Richard on 3289 4505. www.rolka.net.au

Hello dear Friends,

My name is Clara and I just finished the Steiner School in Basel, Switzerland last year. Since I am doing a Gap year atm (where I used to work in the coffee shop of the Goetheanum, aka and travelling) I was wondering if there is any families that are looking for an Aupair? As I always wanted to travel to Australia and since I was working with an Australian and he told me a lot I really want to come. Thank you so much. Greetings from cold and snowy Switzerland.

You can contact me on here: 0041 (0) 76 464 0539; or email: clara@gedda.ch

NEW Estate House for Rent in Samford Valley - From January 2018

New and clean house
Partially furnished with Westinghouse Gas range and stove /Washing machine / Fridge / Lounge Sofa / Dinner Table & Chairs / Counter Bar Stool

3 bedrooms for shared mates or a family
Prefer healthy lifestyle. No smoking or pets.
Gas, Electricity, Water, and Internet are serviced and arranged by tenant(s)

Rent: \$350 / week single tenant, \$300 / week per shared tenant, \$580 per family

* One month Bond required
* One of the bedrooms is currently used as storage by the owner for short vacation visits in the winter months

Less than 10 minutes from Samford Village City centre and Samford Valley Steiner School
Please contact Kiko and Dan below for further information and to arrange a viewing.
Email: yukiko_stuntz@icloud.com / daniel_stuntz@mac.com Tel Dan: 0457 276 861