

St Stephen's  
Catholic College



Trust in the Lord

# St Stephen's News

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**Year 12 Formal - 2016**

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# NOTICES

## UPCOMING EVENTS:



### Arts Exhibition

Thursday 13 October 2016

### Natural Fertility Services - Years 9 and 10

Tuesday 18 October 2016

### National Futsal Titles

Friday 21 October 2016

### Awards Night

26 October 2016

### Year 8 Excursion - Sugar World

Friday 28 October 2016

### Year 12 Block Exams

7 - 11 November 2016

### P & F Meeting

Tuesday 8 November 2016

### Year 12 Graduation

Friday 18 November 2016

## TERM DATES 2016

Term Four: October 4 - November 18 (Year 12)

October 4 - November 25 (Years 7 - 11)

## CHESS CLUB

with Mr Harnischfeger (Mr H)

Room: S5

Monday and Tuesday Recess 2  
Thursday morning before school

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**



## MATHEMATICS TUITION

Students seeking help with their Mathematics may attend a tuition/homework class on Tuesday and Thursday lunch time in MCR. Mr Ellison will be in attendance on Tuesdays and Miss Sugars will be in attendance on Thursdays to assist students at both Junior and Senior levels with any difficulties they may be experiencing. All welcome!!

## ENROL NOW FOR 2017

All new students must have an enrolment interview; this includes those who already have siblings attending St Stephen's Catholic College.

Contact Mrs Denise Morrow to arrange an enrolment interview.

Phone: 4086 2523

## ABSENTEE E-MAIL

The college now has an absentee email address.

If your child is absent, please email  
[absentee@sscc.qld.edu.au](mailto:absentee@sscc.qld.edu.au)

## CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Please inform the college if your child has achieved success in an extra-curricular activity not directly related to school, so that the college community can celebrate these achievements. Please email Mrs Pinese ([principal@sscc.qld.edu.au](mailto:principal@sscc.qld.edu.au)) with any information and photos.

## CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS?

To ensure communication is received, please advise the college if you have changed your email address.

Please email the office  
[office@sscc.qld.edu.au](mailto:office@sscc.qld.edu.au) or phone 4086 2500.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends of St Stephen's

### WELCOME BACK TO TERM FOUR!

The celebration of St Stephen's Day on the last day of term three was a fitting end to the challenges which the college community had experienced. Not only was there strong attendance, but the enthusiastic and positive atmosphere contributed enormously to the building of culture. Students from our sister school in Japan were able to join in the variety of activities designed to celebrate what it means to be a student of St Stephen's. I thank parents who supported this important event by ensuring their children were present on this day. It is these types of occasions which students remember fondly, once the memories of the classroom fade.



During the September break, five teachers and forty-four students embarked on the New Zealand experience which also helped to create a sense of family and community. I acknowledge the generosity of these educators in supervising students during their break. A very different encounter was had by Mrs Nozaic and me with a pilgrimage to the Philippines. While it was an assault to the senses to visit slums, a school for street kids and other educational institutions at different ends of the spectrum, from the very wealthy to the struggling, the experience highlighted the significance of religion in the lives of the people. As part of the college's social justice focus, we hope to participate in an outreach project to assist a disadvantaged Catholic school in a rural area. By giving service to others, we find meaning and purpose in our lives, as well as fostering a sense of gratitude for what we are so fortunate to have.

The end of the school year marks the culmination of the students' efforts to achieve their personal best in many areas of college life. Last Saturday night we witnessed the glamour of the year 12 formal when it was wonderful to see students enjoying the company of their families and peers in a social event. From an academic perspective, the date claimer will be the annual Awards Night on 26 October where academic excellence and hard work is celebrated. As the year 12 students prepare for their graduation from twelve years of schooling, the year eleven cohort is preparing to assume the mantle of leadership with elections occurring in the next few weeks.

It is very important for all students to focus on the expectations of our college to try their best in all endeavours from the very start of the term. A solid foundation will assist them to progress to the next year level in 2017. Our goal continues to be one of forming the whole person by educating the heart as well as the mind and I thank all parents for their significant role in this partnership.

With Trust in the Lord,

**Mrs Ida Pinese | Principal**  
[principal@sscc.qld.edu.au](mailto:principal@sscc.qld.edu.au)



## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### St Stephen's Day

On Friday 16 September, our college gathered to celebrate St Stephen's Day, beginning with mass to celebrate the feast of our patron, St Stephen.

During the Eucharistic celebration, we reflected on St Stephen's great witness of faith, service to others and the forgiveness he showed to his enemies. St Stephen's life inspires us to live out Jesus' mission today, and St Stephen's Day once again provided a great opportunity to put this call into action.

This year's St Stephen's Day Talent Quest showcased a range of talents with Alex Phillips and Jake Powell taking out the open category for their rendition of Oasis' song Wonderwall and Deacon House winning the house act with an entertaining Bohemian Rhapsody style synchronized swimming skit. There were also special performances by the Sano-Nichidai students and teachers and the St Stephen's Teacher Band.

The St Stephen's Day Fete was a great success with stalls including Pokemon Throw, Mexican Nachos, Human Bungy, Cent Sale and many more, raising \$2,700.00 in an hour for a social justice initiative.

The day ended with a close contest in the student versus teacher netball game, with the year 12 students narrowly beating the teachers for the second year running.

St Stephen's Day 2016 was a highlight for staff and students and celebrated the great sense of community at our college.

### Relay for Life

This Saturday, 15 October, our Relay for Life Teams will be holding a carwash from 8.30 am to 11.30 am at Beaurepaires, Mareeba. Please come along and support our students.

### Muddy Soles Catholic Youth Conference

Students in years 10, 11 and 12 are invited to attend Muddy Soles Youth Festival which will be held on Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 November at Seville Mercy Centre in Cairns.



This weekend is an initiative of Cairns Catholic Youth Ministry focusing on leadership and social justice formation through workshops, keynote presentations, prayer, music and discussion.

Festival registration is \$50.00 per person, and includes all meals and dormitory style accommodation. The college is willing to sponsor a select number of students to attend this weekend. Interested students should see Mrs Gilbert for an application form.

For further information about Muddy Soles, please see Mrs Gilbert or Miss Sugars, or visit <http://muddysoles.weebly.com>

**Mrs Laura Gilbert**

**Assistant Principal – Religious Education**

# St Stephen's Day



**Year 12 students  
enjoying their last St Stephen's Day**

## FROM THE COLLEGE LEADER PASTORAL CARE

### Uniform reminders

- Students are to be in full school uniform upon entrance to the college and on exit.
- Boys to be clean shaven.

### Senior Drivers

All students intending to drive to school must first complete the “Senior Students Driving Private Vehicles” permission form. Students are not permitted to access senior student parking until they have first fully completed the form, as mentioned above. The form is to be submitted to Student Services prior to the students parking their private vehicle in school grounds.



### Pastoral

Who’s Outside Your Door? Life gets busy. I know some people who work hard all day and then spend the evening driving their kids to all sorts of sports and activities. I know young people who go to school all day and then spend the evening on homework, sports, part-time jobs, or school activities. In the “busyness” of our day, we need to look for the Lazarus in our lives. He or she may present as the lonely student at school. Jesus challenges us to care for him regularly. Make it part of your “busyness,” and not something you fit in when you find extra time. What action are we called to take? Here are some tips:

1. Ask God daily to show you the people others ignore.
2. Be observant to those at school and be perceptive of where they may need some assistance.
3. Reach out of your own world to someone who needs some care and compassion.
4. Connect with an organisation in your community that assists people who are living in poverty. This could be connected with your parish or some other agency that is seeking to help others. Get out and expand your circle a bit.

### Mr Matthew Draper

College Leader Pastoral Care

## FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The Social Justice Committee is commencing its annual ‘St Vincent De Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal’ in week two and is encouraging all students to support this project. The appeal provides assistance to families in need in our local community during Christmas. Through donations, our school is able to follow Jesus’ example of being of service to others. Students are encouraged to donate non-perishable food items, soft drinks, Christmas decorations and party goods. Each homeform will be receive a bucket to collect the goods, which, each morning, will be delivered to S8 by a representative. The goods will then be donated to St Vincent de Paul to be distributed amongst the community. Last year, our school generously donated 20 full boxes of items to those in need and we are aiming to surpass this number in 2016.

### Dannielle McCormack

Secretary of the Social Justice Committee

### Celina Spena

Treasurer of the Social Justice Committee



## FROM THE MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

### ICAS Maths Competition

In August, 56 students in years 7-12 sat for the 2016 ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) Maths competition. The following students received Distinction Awards for scoring in the top 10% of students in Australia for their year level.

#### Distinctions:

Riley Bloore (year 7)

Hayley Cek (year 8)

Travis Cummings (year 10)

Brianne So Choy (year 10)

Linda Emmerick (year 7)

Megan Crane (year 9)

Joshua Kievit (year 10)

Kate Wilcox (year 12)



In addition to the eight students who received Distinction Awards, there were also 21 students who received Credit Awards for scoring in the top 25% of the country. St Stephen's mean score for each year level was higher than the national average which is an excellent effort from our students.

### Education Perfect

Education Perfect is a newly available resource at St Stephen's which offers students online help in maths, science, English and LOTE. Students in years 7 to 10 have been enrolled in Education Perfect classes and the response from students so far has been overwhelmingly positive. Students can access Education Perfect from a link which has been sent to them via their school email by their Maths teacher.

### Mathematics Tutoring

Mathematics tutoring is again being offered in Term 4 on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the MCR during recess 2. Years 10 to 12 students are also able to access help with their Maths at after school tutoring on Wednesdays from 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm in the library.

### Mr Chris Ellison

#### Middle Leader Curriculum



Students were presented with their Distinction Certificates at Assembly on Monday. From left to right: Megan Crane, Kate Wilcox, Brianne So Choy, Joshua Kievit, Travis Cummings, Hayley Cek, Linda Emmerick and Riley Bloore.

**Congratulations!**

## FROM THE SOCIAL SCIENCE AND BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

### Learning about World War II in Year 10 History has come alive!

Aaron De Marzi who recently visited Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, gave a very engaging presentation to his classmates about his 'Pearl Harbor experience'. Listening to Aaron's account of his tour and viewing his excellent photographs, provided a first-hand account that enhanced classroom learning.



### Australian Geography Competition

Geography students from St Stephen's tested their geographical skills and knowledge against students from all around Australia in the 2016 Australian Geography Competition. The college received the results just before the school holidays and it was pleasing to see how the students had performed.

We have a number of student geographers at our school who performed to a very high level in the competition this year with two gaining high distinctions, four distinctions and nine credits. Geography is an important subject which develops a student's understanding of the spatial interrelationships between people and place. It helps students appreciate the complex nature of social, economic, and environmental interactions at a range of scales.

**Mr Dwayne Miller**  
Middle Leader Curriculum



Students were presented with their Certificates at Assembly prior to the holidays. From left to right: Julian Gueho, Brianne So Choy, Megan Crane, Hayley Cek and Arosh Heenkenda.

**Congratulations!**

## FROM THE MIDDLE LEADER PASTORAL - YEAR 12

For the year 12's, 2016 is almost at an end and it is with great expectation that I sit and write the final newsletter for this cohort. What a very tumultuous year it has been. We have had the joys of sports' carnivals, the retreat, dance practice and the formal, which have helped this cohort to bond, as well as the realisation that life can be an all too fleeting thing. I have to congratulate the year 12's on how they have responded to the events of the year.



The St Stephen's Award Night will be held after this newsletter is printed, so I would like to say well done to all those who will be receiving awards and to those who have strived to do their very best all year. As the school year began, I asked the students to finish strong and not falter before the finish line that is matriculation. With graduation a few short weeks away, I would encourage the year 12's to continue with that mantra.

The journey that these students have been on for the last twelve years is almost at an end and the next chapter of their lives is about to begin. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents, care givers and teachers who have made this adventure possible. A special mention to the following homeform teachers: Mrs Jackson, Mrs Nozaic, Mrs Schincariol, Ms Peters, Miss Sugars and Mr Ellison, who have been a tremendous help to me this year.

The role of Middle Leader Pastoral for the last two years has been an enjoyable and rewarding one for me and interacting with this fine group of students has enriched me as a human being. We now look forward to graduation ceremony on 18 November.

In closing, I now steal a line for one of my favourite shows and say, "Goodbye, Farewell and Amen".

**Mr Giancarlo Veschetti**  
**Middle Leader Pastoral**



**Year 12 Formal**





## STUDENT SUCCESS STORY - SABINE CONOLLY AND KATE WILCOX

During the school holidays, Sabine Conolly (year 11) and Kate Wilcox (year 12), were fortunate to attend the Queensland Youth Parliament 2016. Both students have described this as an absolutely amazing experience. Sabine is pictured with the Hon. Yvette D'Ath, who is the Attorney General of Queensland.

**Congratulations Sabine and Kate.**



## STUDENT SUCCESS STORY - LAUREN BROWN

Lauren Brown (year 10) has just completed a very busy 12 months competing in her chosen sport of Touch Football, starting and finishing with the NQ Regional Junior Touch Championships held in Townsville over the long weekend in October. Lauren represented her home club, Cairns Pirates, in the U16 Girls competition, where they were unlucky to miss out on a grand final win, coming away runners-up 3-2 against Mackay. She also represented Cairns Pirates in an U20 Ladies team at the Qld Regional Championships held in Townsville over the long weekend in June.



In November 2015, Lauren started the selection process for a position in the NQ Cyclones U16 girls' team. Lauren was chosen at the Far North District Selection Trials to take part in three selection trial weekends in Townsville before the team announcement where she was at that time one of only two 14 year old girls to be selected in the team to compete at the Qld Junior State Championships held on the Sunshine Coast in August 2016. She was also selected in an U20 ladies team to attend the State Cup in Hervey Bay in July, but was unable to attend due to a prior commitment.

Lauren said she loves playing touch football and travels to Cairns at least three times a week to play mixed, A grade ladies and junior competition games, as well as training sessions, and to Townsville at least once a month. "I am happy with how much I have achieved in only a year." She said all the travelling and expenses would not be possible without the support of her family and her boss who has given her time off to attend championships. Lauren's father, Peter, who has spent many hours travelling and supporting Lauren said, "Her commitment to her touch football, training, school and part-time job have been exceptional and to see her enjoying life makes it all worth it."

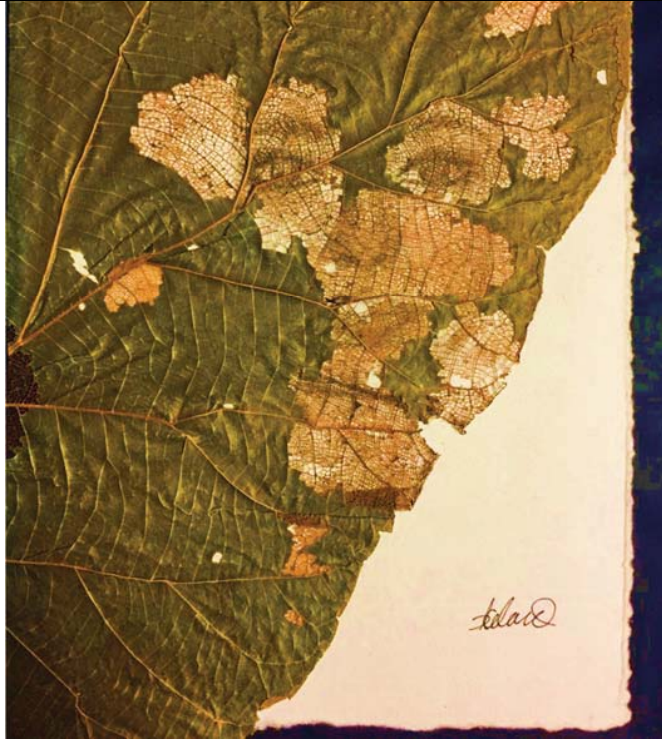
## STUDENT SUCCESS STORY - DYLAN CAPPELLA AND TYLER IUS

Congratulations to Tyler Ius (year 8) and Dylan Cappella (year 10) from St Stephen's Catholic College who received a Wingate Properties Bursary from the North Queensland Sports Foundation. Cr Nipper Brown, from the Mareeba Shire Council, presented the awards at a recent Council meeting.



Tyler Ius, Cr Brown and Dylan Cappella

# St Stephen's Catholic College



(Artwork by Chloe Cleland - Year 11)

## ARTS EXHIBITION

*Visual Art Display*

*Music and Drama Performances*

*Woodwork Display*

*Thursday 13 October 2016*

*4.30 pm to 6.00 pm*

*St Stephen's Catholic College*

*Mclver Road, Mareeba*

# -All Welcome-



St Stephen's Catholic College

# Annual Awards Night

**Venue:** Mareeba International Club  
Vaughan Street, Mareeba

**Date:** Wednesday 26 October 2016

**Time:** Arrive: 7.15 pm  
Start: 7.30 pm

*Note: Award recipients, school leaders and performers will receive a personal invitation to the event.*

# ST STEPHEN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS - 2016



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## STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES Semester 2, 2016



### Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a **school outside the Brisbane City Council** boundary?
- Does your family spend more than **\$33/week\*** on fares to and from school (\* \$25/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a **publicly available bus** not owned or associated with the school?

### Students With Disability

- Does your child have a **verified disability** that requires **transport assistance** to and from school?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's **travel capability rating** as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at [www.schooltransport.com.au](http://www.schooltransport.com.au) by **31 October 2016**.

Late applications cannot be accepted.



60TH  
ANNIVERSARY



**You are warmly invited to The Dimbulah Football Club's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

CELEBRATIONS START AT 4PM WITH  
DINNER AT 6:30PM

**Bubble Soccer**

Adults - \$35  
Children - \$20  
(5-15yrs)

**Crossbar Challenge**

**Photos throughout the ages**



**Music by DJ Nipper**

Bookings are essential – RSVP by 12<sup>th</sup> October with Rosina at Dimbulah Health & Beauty (4093 5350) or email: [dimbulahbarras@gmail.com](mailto:dimbulahbarras@gmail.com)



Spena's Service Centre

Easy Bobcat Hire

Thank you to our generous sponsors towards our fundraising efforts for this year's Tablelands Relay for Life. Your sponsorship is truly appreciated.