

St Stephen's
Catholic College



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St Stephen's News

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Year 7 Camp - Building Teamwork



The year seven cohort are at Camp Paterson this week, where they enjoyed many team building and bonding activities. Camps and retreats are just some of the enrichment opportunities available at St Stephen's which help students develop socially, academically, emotionally, spiritually and physically.



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NOTICES



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday 14 August to Friday 18 August
National Science Week

Monday 14 August to Friday 18 August
Year 7 Camp (Girls 14-16 and Boys 16-18)

Wednesday 16 August to Friday 18 August
Year 11 Biology Excursion

Monday 21 August to Wednesday 23 August
Year 10 Camp

Tuesday 29 August and Wednesday 30 August
QCS Test

Tuesday 29 August
Year 8 Geography Excursion

Wednesday 30 August
Year 9 Science Excursion

Thursday 31 August
Year 10 History Excursion

Friday 1 September
Shake and Stir - Arts Council

Monday 4 to Friday 8 September
Block Exams

Monday 11 to Thursday 14 September
Year 10 Work Experience

Monday 11 to Wednesday 13 September
Year 12 Recreation Camp

Monday 11 September
Year 11 Leadership Day

Tuesday 12 September
RNQ Schools MTB Challenge

Thursday 14 September
FNQ Surf League

Friday 15 September
St Stephen's Day

CHESS CLUB

with Mr Harnischfeger (Mr H)
**Room: S5 - Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday and Friday at Recess 2 and
Thursday morning before school.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**



TERM DATES 2017

Term 3 : 10 July - 15 September
Term 4 : 3 October - 24 November
Year 12 - 17 November

ENROL NOW FOR 2018

All new students must have an enrolment interview. This includes those who already have siblings attending St Stephen's Catholic College. Contact the office for more information. Phone: 4086 2523

ABSENTEE E-MAIL

If your child is absent, please email
absentee@sscc.qld.edu.au

COLLECTION OF STUDENTS BY PARENTS

Please note - collection of student by parents during the school day:

- Parents are to report to reception
- Students are to report to student services
- Students sign out before meeting parents at entrance to reception.

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) 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 or phone 4086 2500.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends of St Stephen's

"People in a growth mindset just don't seek challenge, they thrive on it." (Carol Dweck)



Adopting a growth mindset is one of the key factors which will enable our students to achieve their potential. At the recent assembly, students were once again challenged to be actively engaged with their learning rather than being passive occupants of classrooms. With the right mindset, students can be motivated to raise their results, as well as achieving their goals. (Carol S. Dweck) A student's academic performance is recorded by a variety of measures, including school reports and national tests. The NAPLAN results which will be sent home to parents of years seven and nine are only one measure, at a point in time, of a student's progress. These results provide valuable feedback about areas for further development. While there are some students who express anxiety about this testing process, the experience of going out of their comfort zone and adopting a growth mindset will be of great benefit to them when they face future hurdles.

Not only is our athletics team to be congratulated for having a growth mindset and rising to the challenge of maintaining the status quo of winning the District Athletics Carnival, (for the fifth year in a row), but students who participated in the Australian Geography Competition also achieved outstanding results with Joshua Snell in year seven, awarded a High Distinction and the accolade of being in the top one percent in the nation! Our year seven Mathematics Team is also to be applauded for a fine effort in narrowly missing out on second place by half a point.

Our role as educators is to have a holistic approach to the development of individual students. Not only are we focused on academic outcomes, but we endeavour to foster spiritual, social and moral growth in our students. An area of concern is cyber safety. I strongly encourage parents to monitor their children's technology use at home. On many occasions, we are dealing with situations at school which have arisen from inappropriate use of technology outside of school hours. By working in partnership, teachers and parents can ensure that safe practices are observed.

I would like to thank all parents of years eight and ten students who attended the subject selection evening on 27 July. Our teachers were very appreciative of the overwhelming response, as we value our parents' interest and involvement in their children's education. I also thank the Parents and Friends Association for providing a delicious BBQ at this important event in our school calendar.

In my last newsletter, I referred to changes in Human Resources due to long service leave and sick leave. Mr Frank Vaughan has resigned due to ill-health. His classes in term three are being covered by existing teachers, including members of the Leadership Team. I thank you for your patience as we work through these staffing challenges.

With Trust in the Lord

Mrs Ida Pinese | Principal
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FROM THE COLLEGE LEADER PASTORAL CARE

Uniform reminders

- Students are to be in full school uniform upon entrance to the college and on exit.
- Make up and nail polish are not permitted.
- Boys are to be clean shaven.
- It is expected that students who have a variation to their uniform will provide an explanatory note from parents/guardians.



Student Welfare

As College Leader Pastoral Care, student welfare is core to my role. In attending to the welfare of students, it is important that any issues are dealt with in a timely, respectful and supportive manner. Over the next two weeks, Mrs Salerno (year seven and eight Middle Leader Pastoral) and Mr MacCallum (year nine and ten Middle Leader Pastoral), will be involved in the running of camps, and as such, will be off site for a limited amount of time. In their absence, any matters that are of a significant nature will be attended to by myself.

Pastoral Challenge - A Good Role Model

That guy Zacchaeus is one of my heroes. He was a little guy. Maybe he was pushed around much of his life by bigger people. The “in crowd” looked down upon him. Despite this, Zacchaeus had guts. He couldn’t see Jesus, so he climbed a tree. His job as a tax collector also gave him the power to abuse people, but he told Jesus he would repay people “four times over” if he had treated them unjustly. He also had great wealth but pledged to share it with the poor.

Religious people were shocked that Jesus would dine with Zacchaeus. Although Jesus, unlike them, saw Zacchaeus’ heart and scolded onlookers for judging him. Zacchaeus can be our role model too. I bet if you look around, you’ll see Christians just like him. I have friends who constantly go out of their way to see Jesus’ spirit in people I write off. They remind me of Zacchaeus. I have friends who will quickly admit their wrongs and make things right. They remind me of Zacchaeus.

I bet if you look around your school, parish, family, or local community, you’ll see Zacchaeus. I bet people see some of Zacchaeus in you too. Don’t sell yourself short. So many times in a single day we are given the chance to share the love of God, but often we are so afraid of what others may think that we put it aside. We let our thoughts get in the way of actions.

Pastoral Challenge - What action are we called to take?

A commons is a place where the people of a city or the students of a school experience who they are as a community. A commons gives us a visible picture of a concept important to Catholic Social Teaching – the common good. The common good is a duty each of us shares to make life possible for all. When Zacchaeus becomes Jesus’ friend, he gives half of his belongings to the poor. The common good, not just his own good, concerns him. Catholic Social Teaching values the individual. Every human person is sacred, made in God’s image. What can we do this week to embrace and promote the common good in the places where we study, work and live?

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATION

As we approach the middle of term three, students are working towards finishing assignments and preparing for exams. It has been a busy term so far with District sporting events such as the District Athletics Carnival and Cricket, as well as Natural Fertility Services and National Evangelisation Team visits for year eight and year nine.



OP-eligible students participated in all day QCS practice trials on Thursday 27 July and Monday 7 August. This was a great opportunity for year twelve students to improve on their written task after the feedback they received from Ms Carol Richardson earlier in the term, and to prepare them for the QCS test on Tuesday 29 August and Wednesday 30 August. All senior teachers participated in professional development with Dr Judy Smeed on the Monday 24 July to help senior students to maximize their outcomes for year twelve. Parents should also be aware that in week nine, all year twelve students will be on block exams.

The rest of the term is shaping up to be just as busy with year seven students attending Camp Paterson this week and year ten students going to camp in week seven at Tinaroo. The year eleven Biology class will undertake field studies during their camp at Holloways Beach this week, and year twelve Recreation Studies will participate in a camp at Fitzroy Island later in the term.

It is great to see so many activities available to help our students develop in their understanding of themselves, as people, and to develop hands-on knowledge in their subjects.

Ms Anja van Hooydonk
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A poster for a daffodil fundraiser. The top part features a yellow banner with the text "GROW HOPE" in a red circle on the left and "HOPE FOR A CANCER-FREE FUTURE" in green on the right. Below the banner is a field of yellow daffodils. The text "\$1 a Daffodil" is written in large white font across the middle. At the bottom left, it says "Friday 25th August" and at the bottom right, "Pre-order before next Friday. Selling Daffodil s first & second recesses until Thursday 24th".

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Australian Geography Competition

Geography students from St Stephen's Catholic College tested their geographical skills and knowledge against students from all around Australia in the 2017 Australian Geography Competition. The college received the results just a few weeks into the term, and it was pleasing to see how the students had performed. We have some student geographers at our school who performed to a very high level with three gaining high distinctions, two distinctions, and ten credits. Joshua Snell received an outstanding result finishing in the top one percent of entrants in Australia in the year seven level of the competition. 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.



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Year Nine - Geography

As part of our study on biomes and food security this term, year nine Geography students walked around our extensive grounds examining natural and human-made features. They also observed how people have altered the natural environment to suit their wants and needs and how they had achieved this. Students engaged in detailed discussions about their observations and identified our local biomes.

Mr Lee Xhafer

Geography Teacher

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Making Meaning in Modern History

Recently, the Senior Modern History class attended the 2017 Modern History Student Seminars supported by the Queensland History Teachers' Association. In a first for Far North Queensland, with Cairns as the venue, Dr Brian Hoeppe an acclaimed historian and former university lecturer presented two seminars: Nazi Germany – Lessons from a Dark Past and Terrorism. Both topics were highly relevant to both the history curriculum and a contemporary global context. Comments made by several students attest to the impact of the seminars:

'A very thought provoking experience.' Tulani Lea'uaanae
'We developed a deeper understanding of modern world issues.' Mackenzie Elms

'Dr Hoeppe challenged us to think.' Tarryn Steele
'The seminar on Terrorism addressed the importance of acceptance and inclusion of others as a preventative measure against the radicalisation of young people.' Ellana Spena

Miss Patti Crothers

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FROM THE MIDDLE LEADER CURRICULUM - MATHEMATICS

Year Seven and Eight - QAMT Mathematics Quiz

St Stephen's Catholic College sent two teams to compete in round one of the Year Seven and Year Eight QAMT Mathematics Quiz, which was held at Atherton State High School on Thursday 3 August. Team 2, which consisted of Riley Bloore, Elijah Zammataro and Kali Freeman, finished in third place on 14 points, narrowly missing out by half a point on advancing to the next round. Team 1, consisting of Maya Freeman, Sage Stevens and Alannah Falvo, competed well and finished on 11 points.



Kali Freeman, Riley Bloore and Elijah Zammataro at the QAMT Mathematics Quiz

Year Nine Mathematics Camp

Year nine students Arosh Heenkenda, Gordon Yates and Connor Askey-Doran were selected to participate at the Tablelands Year Nine Mathematics Enrichment Camp, which was held at Tinaroo Environmental Education Centre (Black Gully) from 24 to 26 July. The trio joined other year nine maths enthusiasts from Tablelands schools to participate in maths challenges, which covered concepts beyond the year nine syllabus, as well as various outdoor activities including canoeing, orienteering, high ropes and the 19 metre high giant swing.



Maths Tutoring

Maths tutoring is available to all students on Tuesdays and Thursdays during second recess in the MCR. After school tutoring for students in years ten to twelve is available on Wednesday afternoons, in the library, from 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm.



Online Maths Subscriptions

All students at St Stephen's Catholic College have a subscription to online learning sites for maths. Education Perfect is used for students in years seven to ten, and students are regularly set tasks by their teachers to support the learning which occurs in class. Students in years eleven and twelve have a Maths Online subscription, which enables them to access online video tutorials as well as worksheets and diagnostic tests. Students are encouraged to make use of these valuable resources by making it part of their study routine.

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Connor Askey-Doran, Gordon Yates and Arosh Heenkenda attending the mathematics camp



FROM THE MIDDLE LEADER PASTORAL - YEAR TWELVE

Over the past few months the Formal Committee has met on a regular basis to assist with preparations for the formal.

- Tickets will be released for purchase in the week beginning Monday 14 August. The cost is \$60.00 per ticket. Students also need to pay for their ticket.
- Payment options include: cash, cheque or credit card (through reception). Tickets can be purchased from Student Services on nominated dates (students will be informed via daily notices).
- The number of guests is limited to five per student (this includes the year twelve student).
- When purchasing tickets, students may nominate their parents' preference for seating arrangements.
- Refer to tickets for dress code (students and guests).
- Meet at St Stephen's Catholic College Chapel at 5:15 pm (promptly), on Saturday 7 October, for a student group photo.
- Students will depart from the college at 5.50 pm enroute to Mareeba International Club.
- Arrival time: 6.00 pm to 6.45 pm for a 7.00 pm start.
- Conclusion of evening: 11.00 pm.



Once the evening has concluded, students are in the care of their parents. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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FROM THE CHESS COORDINATOR

AARON BRYCE WINS THE HARNISCHFEGER CUP

Aaron Bryce (year twelve) has become the third player to win the Harnischfeger Cup by taking out the final of the Semester One - 2017 competition. Aaron beat Brandon Osborne (year eleven) 3-1 in the final, to join some illustrious company on the perpetual chess trophy.

St Stephen's Chess team travels to Cairns on Thursday for the third and final round of the Gardiner FNQ Interschool Chess Competition. A top two finish will secure a place at the state finals in Brisbane. Good luck to the team and thank you to Amaroo Medical for their ongoing sponsorship of the chess team.



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Aaron Bryce with Mr Michael Harnischfeger, receiving the Harnischfeger Cup, for Semester One - 2017



FROM THE CAREERS OFFICER

Applying for university scholarships

Even if you think you may not get one, go ahead and apply for a scholarship. What do you have to lose? Scholarships tend to fall into one of the following categories:

- Academic
- Equity
- Indigenous
- Sports
- Field of Study (eg: Engineering, IT)
- International
- External (eg: sponsored by an organisation outside of the university)



Every university website has a scholarship web page with details about the scholarships available, the value of the scholarship, the selection criteria and the application process. The initial application for many university scholarships is online, followed by a submission of supporting documents.

Tips for applying for university scholarships

The following are tips to help you maximise your chance of gaining a scholarship:

- Apply for all the scholarships you are eligible for.
- Read the information on the university's scholarship web page.
- Follow the directions exactly and answer all parts of each question.
- Include all documents requested.
- Ensure that written applications are readable and provide examples to back up attributes and achievements.
- Start preparing your application early.
- Keep a list of personal achievements, extra-curricular activities you are involved in, both at school and in the wider community and any awards you have received.
- Collect ideas for your application over time – start with dot points.
- Do drafts of your application – get feedback (see your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor).
- Ask referees for supporting statements early, not at the last minute. They are usually very busy people.
- When required, include examples of personal attributes and achievements such as:
 - Awards gained
 - Leadership (including coaching)
 - Volunteering and other community participation
 - Teamwork (sport, work, etc)
 - Initiative
 - How you may give back to the university
 - Include your career aspirations and how the university course can help you achieve them
 - Submit your application by the due date

Selected Queensland tertiary institution open days in August 2017

20 August: University of Southern Queensland, Springfield campus Open Day from 10.00 am – 2.00 pm
Visit the [website](#) for more information.

20 August: University of Queensland, Gatton campus Open Day from 9.00 am – 3.00 pm
Visit the [website](#) to register and download the programme.

FROM THE CAREERS OFFICER

20 August:- James Cook University, Cairns campus Open Day from 11.00 am – 3.00 pm
Visit the [website](#) to register for the day.

20 August: CQUniversity, Rockhampton campus Open Day from 9.00 am – 1.00 pm
Visit the [website](#) for more information and to register for local event updates and to go into the draw for the Open Day competition.

26 August: CQUniversity, Cairns Campus Open Day from 9.00 am – 1.00 pm
Visit the [website](#) for more information and to register for local event updates and to go into the draw for the Open Day competition.

QTAC's online application is live

QTAC's online application for tertiary courses commencing in Semester One 2018 was activated on 3 August 2017. This doesn't mean you must apply immediately! You need to do some preparation before you are ready to apply.

- Know your LUI. You will need this as part of your application so QTAC can access your results when they are released by the QCAA in December.
- Check your learning account to see if all your qualifications are there, especially if you have completed courses outside of school that are recognised by the QCAA.
- The application will ask if you want to authorise someone to represent you if, for some reason, you are unavailable to respond to a course offer. Most students nominate one of their parents. You will need your parent's full name, date of birth and contact details.
- Are you going to apply for QTAC's Educational Access Scheme (EAS)? If so, which category or categories are you going to apply under?
- How are you going to pay the \$42 application fee? By credit card (yours or your parent's), BPay or voucher?
- Select and order your course preferences. This means you need to research courses and make some decisions about what you want to apply for.

While 8 December 2017 is the last date to apply for the major offer round, on 16 January 2018, QTAC recommends that you apply by the Early Bird application due date on 29 September 2017 as this is the fixed closing date for some courses.

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FROM THE CAREERS OFFICER

University Accommodation for 2018

Students intending to relocate for tertiary study in 2018 should be starting to think about accommodation options. The links below provide information about on-campus and off-campus options for students at the major Queensland universities including fees and application deadlines, along with contact information if you are seeking further information about a particular college/accommodation option.

University of Queensland

UQ Colleges: <http://www.uq.edu.au/student-services/accommodation/colleges>

Queensland University of Technology (QUT)

<https://www.qut.edu.au/about/services-and-facilities/all-services/accommodation>

Griffith University

On campus accommodation: <https://www.griffith.edu.au/accommodation>

University of the Sunshine Coast (USC)

Student accommodation: <http://www.usc.edu.au/learn/student-support/accommodation-and-housing>

Central Queensland University (CQU)

On campus accommodation: <https://www.cqu.edu.au/student-life/services-and-facilities/student-residences>

James Cook University

Cairns and Townsville options: <http://www.jcu.edu.au/accommodation/>



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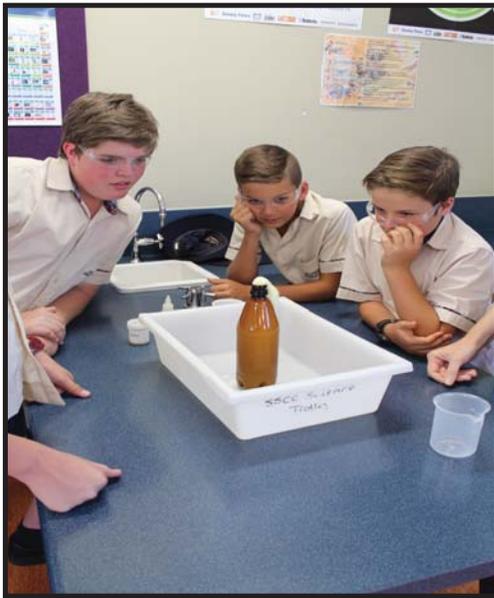


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SCIENCE WEEK AT ST STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE



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Science Week Recess Experiments
Making Elephant Toothpaste!

