

St Stephen's
Catholic College



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St Stephen's News

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St Stephen's Day Celebrations - 2017



St Stephen's Day is a highlight for staff and students, when we come together to celebrate our college community.

St Stephen's Day

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NOTICES



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday 12 October

Year 10 Geography Excursion

Friday 13 October

Year 11 Geography Excursion

Friday 13 October

Arts Exhibition 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm

Monday 16 October

Student Free Day

Wednesday 18 October

St Stephen's Open Golf

Thursday 19 October

Mossman 7's Competition

Wednesday 25 October

Awards Night

Monday 6 November - Friday 10 November

Year 12 Block Exams

Tuesday 14 November

P & F Meeting

Friday 17 November

Year 12 Graduation Mass

Monday 20 – Friday 24 November

Year 11 Block Exams

Year 7 to 10 Exams

End of Year Mass

Maths Tutoring Available

Tuesday and Thursday

Recess 2 - MCR

Wednesday

3.00 pm - 4.00 pm - Library

Years 10 -12 only



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 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

"We all need resilience to live a fulfilling life. With resilience, you'll be able to take on challenges, to develop your talents, skills and abilities so that you can live with more purpose and more joy." (Eric Gretens)



With good intentions, parents may wish to protect their children from the ups and downs of life. However, a focus on resilience both in the school setting and at home will assist our students to overcome challenges and bounce back from inevitable disappointments which are part of everyday life. In the process of delivering the core business of schools, that is, teaching and learning, schools also play an important part in developing resilience in students.

The most recent visit by several of our students, Mrs Musch and Mr MacCallum to our sister school in Sano City, Japan, provided students with the opportunity to not only experience a different culture, but also to become more resilient. While host families extended great hospitality to our students, being placed in a different environment, where language may also have been a challenge, enabled our students to work out coping strategies which will stand them in good stead for the future. I congratulate our students on being excellent ambassadors for our college, town, region and nation and sincerely thank the accompanying teachers for their generosity in taking this group to Japan in their September break.

Another significant event for our seniors in the past week, was the senior formal. It was a wonderful occasion for families, staff and the year twelve students to celebrate the students' final year in a social setting. Without the great support from the Formal Committee, parents and the Year 12 Pastoral Leader, Mrs Crockford, this event would not have occurred. I hope that the teamwork skills developed during the planning process will benefit the students in their future endeavours, and that all students are grateful for the extensive amount of work carried out by the committee.

On the last day of term three, the college celebrated St Stephen's Day. For those who attended it was a very enjoyable event. I congratulate all students for their exemplary behaviour and engagement with activities on this day. It is disappointing, however, that there was a high level of absenteeism on this last day of term. The culture of St Stephen's values every day as an opportunity to learn and the last day of term is no exception. As evidenced by the beautiful mural that has just been completed in a quiet area of our college, service to others is the charism of our college. The funds raised by our mini-fete on St Stephen's Day will be distributed to the needy at Christmas time. When students enrol at our college, they agree to participate in all activities which are designed to develop them in a holistic way. In the twenty-first century, we need people with a variety of skills and the ability to work together for a common cause is one of them. I entreat parents to assist us in this regard by not taking early holidays before the end of term and not planning appointments in the last week of each term. In total, students have fourteen weeks of holidays each year and this should be sufficient time for non-school related activities.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is often unusual in the contemporary workplace to find employees who have been with the organisation for a considerable length of time. On Wednesday 11 October, we welcomed the Executive Director of Catholic Education Services, Mr Bill Dixon, to present awards to two long-serving members of Catholic Education in the Cairns Diocese, Mrs Tamara Schincariol and Mrs Françoise Nozaic who have clocked up twenty-five and twenty years of service, respectively. Congratulations to both these valued members of our staff for their loyalty to Catholic Education.

In keeping with the theme of strong attendance outlined above, I would like to remind parents and students that it is traditional at St Stephen's to conduct exams up until the last day of school on 24 November. Therefore, I ask all parents to support this practice by ensuring their children are in attendance up until 24 November. The finishing date for year twelve students is Friday 17 November at approximately 8.30 pm after the conclusion of the graduation ceremony at St Thomas' Church.

With such a short term, it is important that students are focusing on their studies and working hard to achieve their best possible results. While students' efforts are affirmed at whole school assemblies and year level meetings on a regular basis, the purpose of Awards Night on 25 October is to celebrate excellence in a variety of school contexts. More information about this event will be communicated as the date approaches.

I thank all parents for their support of the culture of St Stephen's. We strive to provide a nurturing environment for our students where they are expected to work hard to achieve their potential, and become more resilient in the process. Parental input in this process is greatly valued.

With Trust in the Lord

Mrs Ida Pinese | Principal
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Pictured with Mr Bill Dixon, Executive Director of Catholic Education Services left: Mrs Tamara Schincariol and right: Mrs Françoise Nozaic.



TOM COSIC ART



Last term, St Stephen's Catholic College commissioned local artist, Tom Cosic, to design a mural for the wall located in the MCR area. We are extremely delighted with the end result.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - CURRICULUM

Planning for 2018 is well underway. In term three, students in years eight and nine were asked to submit subject preferences for elective subjects. These preferences have been collated, and the information used to construct subject lines within the college timetable, to accommodate the majority of preferences. Difficult decisions regarding the viability of running some courses, where student interest is low, have been made. Parents and students will receive notification shortly detailing the curriculum offerings for 2018, confirmation of student's selections, and an invitation to re-select subjects where preferences have not been met.



Year ten and eleven students interested in enrolling in a certificate course offered by an external Registered Training Organisation (RTO) in 2018, are encouraged to finalise applications as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Course details are advertised regularly via daily notices and outside the VET Officer's room in S Block. Please contact Mrs Julie Goleby for further details.

For our year twelve students there will not be any reports prepared by St Stephen's. The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) is responsible for issuing the year twelve results and these can be accessed online through the students' learning accounts on 16 December. Hard copies of tertiary entrance statements, senior statements and Queensland Certificates of Education will be posted a day earlier by the QCAA. All year twelve students have been informed of the process which needs to be followed for the electronic access of their results.

The completion of tests will be staggered with year twelve block exams occurring from Monday 6 to Friday 10 November. As the last day for attendance by this cohort is Friday 17 November, results must be collated for submission to QCAA as soon as tests are concluded. For the remainder of the school, the final week of term four has been scheduled for testing, with year eleven block exams taking place from Monday 20 to Friday 24 November. It is very important for parents to note that ALL students have a test on Friday 24 November and attendance on this last day is compulsory. Failure to complete tests will have a detrimental effect on a student's level of achievement for semester two.

We rely on your support to ensure that students are able to achieve the best possible results. If you have any enquires about end-of-term tests, please contact me at the college.

Ms Andrea Chiesa
Deputy Principal (Curriculum)
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Ms Chiesa, along with Elena Pilat (year eleven), were recently invited to attend the opening of the newly-constructed playground at the Mareeba Hospital. This year's Wheelbarrow Race team donated their fundraising to the Mareeba Friends of the Hospital Foundation. Elena presented the cheque to Committee President, Ms Ida Portella.



Ms Chiesa and Elena Pilat

FROM THE MIDDLE LEADER CURRICULUM - MATHEMATICS

Australian Mathematics Competition and ICAS Mathematics Competition

Fifty-three students from years seven to twelve, competed in the Australian Mathematics Competition on Thursday 27 July. Two High Distinction awards were awarded to Sam Daniell (year eleven) and Riley Bloore (year eight) with both students achieving in the top 2% of the state for their year level. St Stephen's also had 12 distinction award recipients as well as 27 students who will receive credit awards.



Riley Bloore



Sam Daniell



UNSW Global

HIGH DISTINCTION AWARDS

Year 8 – Riley Bloore
Year 11 – Sam Daniell

DISTINCTION AWARDS

Year 7 – Joshua Snell, Nicholas Fogale, Sage Stevens and Jordan Conn
Year 8 – Mackenzie Stankovich
Year 9 – Loralie Hinchcliffe, Abrianna Hinchcliffe and Aarin Ryan
Year 10 - Deborah Hermanus
Year 11 – Travis Cummings and Mackenzie Elms
Year 12 – Aaron Bryce

Certificates for these students will be awarded at the next whole school assembly. We are still awaiting the results of the ICAS Mathematics Competition which was also held last term.

Mathematics Tutoring

Mathematics tutoring is available to all students on Tuesdays and Thursdays during recess two 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 Mathematics Subscriptions

All students at St Stephen's have a subscription to online learning sites for mathematics. 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 Mathematics 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.

Mr Chris Ellison

Middle Leader Curriculum - Mathematics

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SOCIAL SCIENCE AND BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

The year nine Civics and Citizenship class will be undertaking a debate in class on Thursday, 12 October 2017. The topic is "Media should be more responsible for the way they portray social groups." Our term topic is "Stereotyping in the media". Two teams have been formed of three speakers each. The affirmative team will argue for the statement. The negative team will argue against the statement.



There is exciting news from the year nine Economic and Business arena, as students are participating in the \$20.00 boss programme offered by the Foundation for young Australians. Teams of four to five students have banded together and will come up with a creative business idea by the end of next week. This is a unique and exciting opportunity for students that enables them to:

- Participate in an immersive learning experience where they create a real-world business
- Build skills that make them enterprising, including:
 - * Motivation, confidence and resilience
 - * Financial and business literacy
 - * Creativity and courage to experiment
 - * Teamwork and communication
- Understand that businesses can have a social or environmental purpose, and that business is a powerful tool for making the world a better place
- Be inspired to consider self-employment and other entrepreneurial career choices

The students will be trading their products or services during weeks six and seven at school and/or in the community or online. All profits generated will be donated to a local charity. We hope the students, staff, parents and the community support the Economic and Business students in their business ventures.

Mrs Julie Goleby
Business Teacher



There is plenty of theory to be learned in the subject of Business Management, but putting it into practice is much more fun. Year eleven students are using their new leadership qualities by leading teams instead of just managing them, in an experience known as the 'Marshmallow Challenge'. The aim was to build a structure that holds a single marshmallow but using limited resources. Students competed against each other in teams to build the tallest possible structure. It then had to be capable of holding a marshmallow on the top. This is just one of many activities used to allow students to develop their theoretical knowledge into practical skills, thus enhancing their future working career.



Ms Catie Peters
Business Teacher

CRICKET - FNQ 20/20 SEMI-FINAL

St Stephen's Catholic College recently competed against St Augustine's College in the FNQ 20/20 Semi-Final. Results from the day, as follows:

St Augustine's College - 3/134 runs off 20 overs
St Stephen's Catholic College - 6/78 runs off 20 overs

Wickets

Joss Cleland (bowled) caught Mason Blaney
Arosh Heenkenda (bowled) 1/17 off 4 overs
Damian Avolio (bowled) run out

Batting

Mason Blaney 14
Jett Prien 11
Braydon Olufson 11
Logan Poggioli 13 not out
Arosh Heenkenda 11



Jett Prien

XC - DAVIES CREEK SCHOOLS PONY XPRESS



St Stephen's Catholic College competed at the XC Davies Creek Schools Pony Xpress last term. Hosted for the first time by St Stephen's, a total of 123 riders competed across six race categories.

Congratulations to our students placing third at the event. From left to right: Travis Cummings, Matthew Crane, Brandon Green and Eli Lynch-Simmons.



FNQ SURF SPORTS

Students from St Stephen's Catholic College competed at the FNQ School Surf League at Yorkeys Knob last term and placed aggregate third on team size. Congratulations to Jake Priestly, 16 year boys Age Champion, and Alaina Smith, 13 year girls runner-up Age Champion.



From left to right, standing: Alaina Smith, Kallum Ramscar, Moses Hannett-Wade and Jayden Brittian. Kneeling: Elena Pilat and Jake Priestly.



Moses Hannett-Wade, Jayden Brittian, Kallum Ramscar and Jake Priestly: Winners of the Cameron Relay.

DR MARK BESTMANN MEMORIAL SHIELD

On Tuesday 24 October 2017, St Stephen's Catholic College and Mareeba State High School will compete in the inaugural Dr Mark Bestmann Memorial Shield. Cricketers from both schools will participate in a 20/20 match, commencing at 11.00 am. The game will take place at Firth Park, Mareeba (near the Mareeba Leagues Club).



Mrs Margie Bestmann with the newly designed memorial shield is pictured with College Captains: Ashley Greenwood, Amelia Aitken, Tulani Lea'uanae and Matthew Cheesman. Mrs Bestmann spoke to the college at assembly on Monday regarding mental health and the impact it has had on her family. In recognition of Dr Bestmann's passion for cricket, the idea of a cricket match between both schools was raised by Mr McLennan from St Stephen's in company with Mr Ralph from Mareeba State High School.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Peninsula events for this term include: 11-12 year boys and girls Aquathon, 13-19 year boys and girls Triathlon and 13-19 year girls Softball. Students should register their interest as soon as possible (details are read during notices and information is available at Student Services). The Mossman 7's Competition (Rugby League and Netball - years seven to ten) will be held next Thursday 19 October 2017.



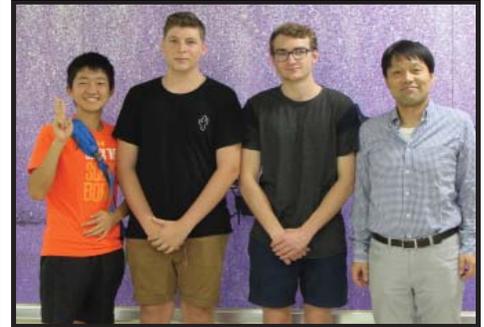
ST STEPHEN'S DAY - FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2017



On Friday 16 September, our college gathered to celebrate St Stephen's Day, beginning with mass to honour our patron, St Stephen. Following mass, students and staff participated in the St Stephen's Day Talent Quest with John Tomerini winning the open category and Augustine Pastoral House winning the House Act. The fete was a great success with a variety of stalls on offer, with fundraising totalling \$2,182.85. The day ended with the yearly student versus teacher netball game, with the year twelve students beating the teachers 10-8. McAuley Pastoral House was victorious in the years seven to nine tug of war competition.

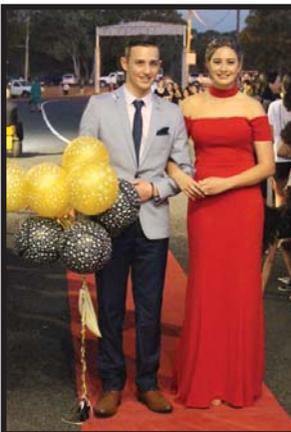


JAPAN TRIP - SEPTEMBER HOLIDAYS





THE
OSCARS



Above left: Sara Liaver and Marco Soncin, below left: Anthony Cuda and Amelia Aitken. Above from left to right: Emma Hole and Ashley Greenwood, Claire Schermer and Victor Bernhardi and Emily Ernst.

STUDENT SUCCESS - JAMIE HEWITT-TOMS



During the school holidays, Interschool Queensland and Equestrian Queensland hosted the 2017 Marcus Oldham Australian Interschool Championships, which were held in Toowoomba. Queensland was victorious in winning the Overall Trophy. Jamie Hewitt-Toms competed at the event representing Queensland and she is now the National Interschool 110cm Showjumping Champion and was part of the winning Queensland Team. She also received a fourth overall in the 100cm.



STUDENT SUCCESS - KATIE VOHLAND

Congratulations to Katie Vohland, who was awarded the Australasian High Point 1D Champion for 2017. This is a massive achievement for Katie, considering her age. The competition was held at Capella located in Central Queensland and the event was hosted by the Australasian Team Roping Association.



The buckles Katie was awarded at the Championships.



STUDENT SUCCESS - GOLD COAST CHAMPIONS CUP



Several students from St Stephen's Catholic College attended the Gold Coast Champions Cup during the school holidays with the team winning the under 14's cup. The players competed with teams from across Queensland and New Zealand. Back row: Steve Salmon, Peter Ius, **Deane Alterio**, Justin Kattenberg, Saifu Savage, **Tyler Ius**, Ray Guest, Kaine Salmon, Genio Quintieri and Luch Avolio. Middle row: **Logan Acha**, **Liam Haendel** and Stephen Doctor. Front row: **Milan Quintieri**, Billi Piro, **Damian Avolio**, Josh Loporati and **Daniel Rossi** (*students from St Stephen's are in bold*).



GREAT BARRIER REEF MARATHON FESTIVAL

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**FRIDAY
13TH OCTOBER
4:30 TO
6:30PM**

AT ST STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE



St Stephen's Catholic College
proudly presents our annual

**Awards
Night**

Wednesday, 25 October 2017
Arrive: 6.45 pm for 7.00 pm
Mareeba International Club