



St Stephen's News

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Year 10 - Work Experience - Round 2!



Year ten students are sampling another round of work experience to inform their future work choices. Deborah Hermanus (above right) is undertaking work experience at Mission Aviation Fellowship. Kyrah Johston (below right) is at the Mareeba Gymnastics Centre and Lucia Puglisi (above right) is with the Hands on Healing Veterinary Clinic in Mossman.

networking
engagement independence stepping stone
exceptionally useful personal development decision making training
interpersonal skills communicating initiative cv boost
confidence
project management
great opportunity career development
raising employability skills team working
responsibility inspiring experience career plan interview ideas



NOTICES



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday 14 September

FNQ Surf League

Friday 15 September

St Stephen's Day

Monday 2 October

Queen's Birthday

Tuesday 3 October

Constitutional Convention 2017

Tuesday 3 October and Wednesday 4 October

RSA Training

Wednesday 4 October

Year 12 - First Aid Training - Science in Practice

Friday 6 October

Year 8 Community Day

Friday 6 October

Year 9 Geography Excursion

Saturday 7 October

Year 12 Formal

Monday 9 October

Year 11 Geography Excursion

Wednesday 11 October

Year 7 and Year 10 - Immunisations

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 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

"We judge ourselves by our intentions and others by their behaviour." Stephen Covey

As we reflect on term three, the above quote is quite relevant. While most of our students would have the intention of being active learners, taking responsibility for their learning and working hard to achieve the best possible outcomes, the reality, as judged by their results, may be a very different scenario. Although sickness has contributed to high absenteeism this term, which in turn, may have affected students' performance, not all students are working to capacity. The upcoming break is an ideal time for students to consider the effort that needs to be expended in term four for improvement to occur. Over the past few weeks, I have had the pleasure of teaching Mr Fenner's year eight Mathematics class while he is on leave. For the most part, the students in this class genuinely wanted to do well and invested time to study key concepts so that their results would reflect their intentions. Staying motivated to keep doing one's best is the challenge that needs to be overcome.

Education is not just about teaching and learning in the classroom environment. There are many lessons to be learnt through interactions with others in a variety of environments. The students who are visiting our sister school in Japan will learn about the importance of fostering positive relationships when language and cultural differences present a challenge. All students who participate in the St Stephen's day celebrations on Friday 15 September will benefit from the teamwork, sense of fun and humour, commitment and gratitude which this day's activities will bring. I thank in advance all parents who are actively supporting this day by ensuring their children are in attendance until 3 pm.

I would like to extend my gratitude to our students, staff and parents for their patience, acceptance and tolerance of changes to teaching staff which we have experienced this term. It is a well-kept secret that we live in the best part of Queensland. Unfortunately, the message has not filtered to our counterparts down south. As a result, when staff go on well-earned leave or need to cope with family emergencies, the pool of relief staff which we may draw upon is very shallow. Our teachers work very hard to assist students to achieve their best and also to maintain their well-being.

To overcome the shortage of staff, we have all taken on extra classes where this was possible. This is what makes St Stephen's a good school. It comprises professionals who are ready to take on extra duties to ensure students' well-being.



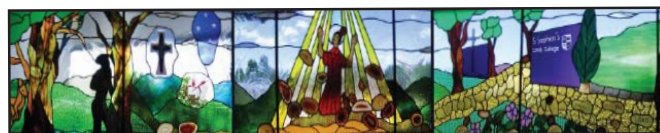
Loyalty to a place of employment is rare in the modern workforce. We have been very fortunate to have Mrs Lynette Dawson as our receptionist since 2008. In that capacity, she has demonstrated warmth, empathy, consideration and care for parents, students and visitors to our college. Mrs Dawson has decided to retire and will finish on 15 September. We wish her the very best in her retirement—she will be missed. Our Visual Art teacher, Ms Todd, is taking parental leave at the end of the term and we wish her the very best for the birth of her baby. Art teachers are not easy to find and we are very fortunate to have Mrs Josie Lowerson take Ms Todd's classes in term four.

Congratulations to the year twelve OP-eligible students who were conscientious in their engagement with the Queensland Core Skills Test in week eight. They are almost at the end of their marathon and are strongly encouraged to stay motivated and work hard until the very last day of testing in term four. While their formal on 7 October is foremost in their minds, there are still several weeks of active learning that needs to be completed before their graduation.

It has been a privilege to lead the school in term three and I thank the staff at St Stephen's, all students, the College Board, the P and F Association and our families for your support. I wish you a rewarding time with your children during the break and look forward to working with you in term four.

With Trust in the Lord

Mrs Ida Pinese | Principal
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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Girls' Night In

On Friday 1 September, female students from years seven, eight and twelve, gathered at the college for a Girls' Night In. This evening was a time for fellowship, fun and reflecting on the needs of the less-fortunate in our community and how we might make a positive influence in the lives of others. Students listened intently to Davina Dansie, Membership and Development Officer for the St Vincent de Paul Society who described the situations of homeless people, and also took part in practical activities which explored the needs of vulnerable members of our local community and action we could take to support them. Maddison Leonforte, Sabine Conolly and Codey Panetta (year twelve) also facilitated games and activities to foster positive peer relationships between students of various year levels. Thank you to Ms Van Hooydonk for assisting and supporting this initiative.



Girls' Night In

St Stephen's Day

St Stephen's Day is a great opportunity for our community to celebrate our Catholic ethos and sense of community. All students are expected to be in attendance on this day and parents and friends of the college are invited to join us for a college mass to celebrate the Feast of St Stephen at 9.00 am in the Undercover Area. Students are to wear their sports uniform on this day and should bring along small change if they wish to purchase items and partake in the fete. Students will be able to purchase items from the tuckshop during recess one only; however, some food items will also be available for purchase during the fete. The schedule for the day is as follows:

8.40 am – Home form

9.00 am – Mass for the Feast of St Stephen

10.10 am – Recess

10.45 am – St Stephen's Talent Quest

12.00 pm – College Fete (each home form to coordinate a stall to raise funds for St Vincent De Paul)

1.30 pm – Staff vs Senior Students Netball Game/ Year Seven - Nine Team Challenge Activities

2.55 pm - Dismissal

Mrs Laura Gilbert

Assistant Principal Religious Education

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FROM THE COLLEGE LEADER PASTORAL CARE

Uniform reminders

- Make up and nail polish are not permitted
- Boys to be clean shaven
- Students are to be in full school uniform upon entrance to the college and on exit
- Term Four - Year ten, eleven and twelve boys are not required to wear a tie
- All students are to wear their Pastoral House uniform this Friday to St Stephen's Day



Pastoral Challenge - "There are no secrets to success"

"There are no secrets to success" - It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure" Colin Powell 65th U.S. Secretary of State. While there may not be any secrets to success, there are definitely tools that can be used to generate success. One set of tools that can be used, is best described as a school PRIDE toolkit. On numerous occasions the challenge presented by Principal, Mrs Pinese, has been to make school PRIDE part of our everyday life at St Stephen's Catholic College. I would like to take this opportunity to share it with you.

"P" - The letter "P" in PRIDE is for perseverance – to continue in a course of action even in the face of difficulty, withstanding discouragement. Perhaps one of the single important factors in achievement in life is best summed up by Victor Hugo, a French poet and novelist of the 1800's, when he claimed "Perseverance... (to be) the secret of all triumphs".

"R" is for Respect – to show consideration and regard for others' rights, including all members the college. To speak about respect is one thing; to display respect to other people, place and property is the evidence of consideration.

"I" stands for Integrity – to display honourable conduct to fulfil an obligation or keep an agreement. Integrity in everyday terms speaks of doing what you said you would do, when you said you would do it.

"D"- the letter D in PRIDE is for Dignity. Dignity refers to the state or quality of being worthy of honour – and the challenge is to treat each other accordingly. Treating others with dignity in our relationships is exactly the community that St Stephen's strives to live. It is this attitude towards the treatment of others that encourages the building of successful relationships.

Finally, the he letter "E" – stands for excellence. This is not so much a result, as it is an attitude to all we do! The call to excellence is to inspire students to be the best that they can.

It is in showing school PRIDE every day that enables our students to be the best they can be. I trust you all enjoy the holidays and have a much needed break with your families.

Mr Matthew Draper
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St Stephen's Day



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATION

As we approach the end of term three, students are working hard to finish all assessments and the year twelve students worked hard during block exams and QCS testing. To finish the term, Mrs Gilbert and Mr Draper are busy organising St Stephen's Day. I hope all students look forward to the talent show and the fete. This is a great way to end the term.



Term four starts on Tuesday 3 October with year eight Community Day scheduled for Friday 6 October. This is a short term with year twelve students finishing in week seven and all other year levels in week eight.

I wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday.

Ms Anja van Hooydonk
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FROM THE MIDDLE LEADER CURRICULUM - E LEARNING

It has been a busy time with e-Learning this term. Students in year nine have started a pilot programme using a learning management system. With this useful application, students can track lessons, assignments, communicate with teachers and each other to collaborate in real time learning. This pilot has been run in preparation for the devices being rolled out to the current year nine students next year. The combination of a touch screen Windows 10 device with a robust learning space for students, will ensure that the programme will be successful in 2018.



Many teachers have endorsed the use of Canvas (our LMS at St Stephen's) and commented on how it brings many aspects of digital learning into one place that both staff and students can teach and learn. There are many exciting initiatives in store for next year to engage students to foster collaborative learning. The device rollout for years seven and ten next year is fully underway and more information about device type and expectations on use, will be forthcoming.

Happy e-learning!

Mr Richard Baker
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YEAR 11 LEADERSHIP DAY



FROM THE MIDDLE LEADER CURRICULUM - THE ARTS & LOTE

This term, year eight students are trying their hand at music production. They have analysed popular songs to see how recording artists create music and are now using the same techniques to record and mix their own. The students use digital technology to choose chords, instruments, create rhythms and melodies and record themselves on a live ukulele track.



Ms Janai Sugars
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Term three is always a very busy time for our Senior Art students as they work towards finishing all their assessments on time for verification. Despite these pressures, two of our year twelve Visual Art students, Leisl Askey-Doran and Chloe Cleland, submitted work for the annual Energy Exhibition which is being held at The Tanks in Cairns. This exhibition showcases the best work from Senior Visual Art students in the region and is the largest exhibition of student work in the state. Chloe Cleland was successful in being awarded the Peninsula Art Educators Association Encouragement Award for her exploration of body art and photography - a fantastic result! The exhibition is open seven days a week until the end of September and entry is free.

Ms Kendra Todd
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A sneak peak at the artwork that will be featured on the bookmark for the 2018 Student Record Book



FROM THE MIDDLE LEADER PASTORAL - YEAR 7

It is hard to believe that we have now finished term three. This semester, year seven students have been managing assessment tasks, studying for exams and becoming more organised. Students have been involved in many events such as the Mareeba District Athletics Carnival, chess, soccer, touch football, school band performances and the school choir performing at community events. These extra curricula activities assist the personal development and confidence of the students involved, and they deserve to be commended on their enthusiastic participation. A remarkable improvement has also been evident in students' approach to study and homework this term, despite the epidemic of the cold and flu season hitting our students hard. It is great to see the developing work ethic of many year seven students.

On Friday, we will have St. Stephen's Day and it is a fantastic day for our school community. Each homeroom has prepared and organised a stall for students to enjoy. Thank you to all the students involved with organising their stall and their home form teachers for their guidance and support with this event. Students from years seven to nine will be competing in a knockout tug-of-war competition between the four pastoral teams. I'm sure it will be a tough competition as students battle for the annual trophy. Which house will be victorious? Will Deacon continue to dominate this event with their muscles and strength?

It is important that students replenish their stationery items over the break as many year sevens are missing glue, scissors and correction tape, and it is essential that they are organised for each lesson.

In week seven, we had the excitement of camp at Camp Paterson. The year seven students were involved in a variety of fun and exciting activities which help develop different teaming-building skills. Many students demonstrated cooperation and helpfulness, and developed new friendships.

Some of the fun activities were archery, survivor shelter, the obstacle course, water wipe-out, canoeing, raft building, a damper making competition, tower building construction, disco, night spotting and many more. Students should be congratulated on their effort and behaviour during the camp. A huge thank you to Scott and Lyn Mahaffey and Tarah Alison from Camp Paterson for providing a fantastic venue, amazing hospitality and great activities. Also a special mention to Ms Stevens, Miss Nozaic, Ms Bernardi, Mr Baker, Mr Pelka and Mr Draper for giving up their time to be on the year seven camp. Their help and support was greatly appreciated and valued. Thank you to the school officers who assisted with camp during the day: Mrs Hubner, Mrs Dyer, Mrs Adil and Mrs Bulst, your help is greatly appreciated.



Moving into term four, it is important to continue the positive parent-teacher relationships which enables open communication for the benefit of students, parents and teachers. This partnership is crucial for successful learners.

Finally, enjoy the break and I hope families can spend quality time together enjoying the company of their loved ones. I know the year seven students truly deserve the break. Term four will be eventful, demanding and over before we know it. It is hard to believe that year seven students will be beginning year eight in only four months.

I look forward to seeing all students refreshed and ready to tackle term four.

Mrs Jayarani Salerno
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The Year 13 website

Year 13 is an online resource for post school options. It provides information on Jobs, Gap Year Programmes, Job Vacancies, Studying, Money Advice, Internships and more. The site has a 'Get Advice' section with many articles you might find interesting and informative. Visit the 'Study' section for useful information about industries and occupations. Visit: <https://year13.com.au/>



James Cook University (JCU) Updates

Information sessions - If you need help with your QTAC application or you want more information about JCU courses and where they can lead to, you are invited to attend an information session to be held from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm on Thursday 14 September 2017 at DoubleTree by Hilton Cairns, 121-123 Esplanade, Cairns City.

JCU has an Accommodation Service that can assist with on and off campus accommodation options. Applications for the on campus residential colleges and halls in Townsville and Cairns are open. Find out more on the Accommodation website: <https://www.jcu.edu.au/accommodation>

UQ Accommodation

UQ has ten residential colleges on its St Lucia campus and the Halls of Residence on the Gatton Campus. Interested students can organise a visit during school holidays. Most colleges provide pastoral care, academic guidance, tutorial programmes, community service activities and inter-college cultural, sporting and social programmes. Visit the Live UQ website for information about the colleges and to apply. It is important to apply early: <http://liveuq.edu.au/>

QUT School holiday tours

You are invited to visit the gardens Point and Kelvin Grove campuses on Friday 22 September 2017. On the day, you'll be able to take a guided tour of our Gardens Point or Kelvin Grove campuses, tour the Creative Industries Precinct at Kelvin Grove and hear from current students about their life at university. Find out more here: <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/holiday-campus-tours>

A reminder for Year 12 students about Tax File Numbers

Prospective university students are encouraged to apply early for a Tax File Number (TFN). Students who gain entry to a university course must have a TFN to be able to defer their fee payment through HECS-HELP, FEE-HELP or the VET Student Loan (to pay later through the tax system). There are several ways to apply for a TFN. Visit the Australian Tax Office website for details. You need to apply early as it will take some time to receive your TFN: <https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Tax-file-number/>

New video for teaching applications

Students applying for teaching degrees are required to submit a 1000-word personal statement in addition to meeting subject prerequisites. This new video has been developed to help students with their statement by showing them how to reflect on why they think they would make a good teacher. Students can upload their completed personal statements to their QTAC applications. See page 21 of the 2018 Year 12 Guide for due dates for submitting documentation for specific offer rounds: <http://www.qtac.edu.au/courses---institutions/teacher-entry>

Mrs Havva Murat-Maksuti

Careers Officer

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SSCC TOUCH FOOTBALL TEAM

Over the past eight weeks, fourteen (14) St Stephen's students participated in the Tablelands Secondary School Sport Interschool Touch Football competition in Atherton. There were eight teams in total involved in the junior competition this year, Herberton/Atherton combined, Malanda 1 and 2, Mareeba State School and Atherton 7's, 8's and 9's. This was a great competition with St Stephen's winning five out of their nine games. Congratulations to Isabella Cuda for being awarded best and fairest for the season. In the play off finals, St Stephen's were against our arch-rivals - Atherton 9's for the placing of third and fourth. We were victorious 11 - 8, finishing the season in third position and Logan Poggioli was the best and fairest for the final game. It was a great competition and we look forward to playing again next year.

Abi Vickary and Isabella Cuda

Congratulations to Mrs Jayarani Salerno for supporting, organising, refereeing and coaching this extra curricular sporting activity during term three on Wednesday afternoons in Atherton. These local sporting opportunities help students to build healthy habits and valuable social skills, which are pillars of our great school.

Mr Aaron O'Neill Middle Leader Curriculum - HPE and Activities



The St Stephen's Touch Football Team, front row kneeling: Abi Vickary and Katlyn Broad. Back row from left to right: Audrey Cant, Summer Hartwig, Isabella Cuda, Catriona Boyd, Joshua De Marzi, Thomas Cuda, Jett Prien, Ethan Backshall, Logan Poggioli, Joel Trimble, Jace Turner and Dylan De Marzi.

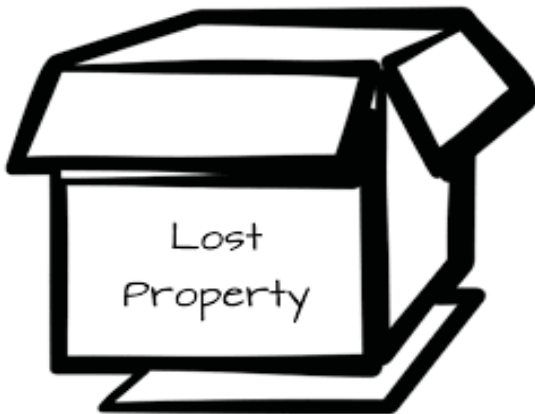
STUDENT SUCCESS STORY - HAYLEY SKINNER



Year twelve student, Hayley Skinner recently attended her last Interschool Horse Sports representing St Stephen's Catholic College and placed second overall in her age group.

During the next holidays, Hayley will be travelling to Toowoomba as she will be representing Queensland in the Quiz at the Pony Club Nationals. Then it is off to Roma where she will be riding in five (5) events representing Zone 18 (FNQ Region) at the State Championships.

LOST PROPERTY NOTICE



Lost property is located in the School Office at Student Services. Items found within the school are placed in the lost property box. To ensure that items are returned to your child, please label clothing and other property with your child's name. There is currently an abundance of school jumpers which are not labelled and cannot be returned. Please encourage your child to visit Student Services to reclaim any lost property.

ST STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE - ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Asha Hayes attended St Stephen's Catholic College from 2007 to 2011 and enlisted into the RAAF in January 2013.

Asha's story so far.....The highlight of my career so far has been working as an Operations Watchkeeper for Number 3 Security Forces Squadron at RAAF Base Edinburgh, Adelaide. During my time there I assisted in the planning, coordination and deployment of personnel for international operations, domestic exercises, and humanitarian missions. This included disaster relief to Nepal, Fiji, Vanuatu, and the Philippines. I was awarded a RAAF Bronze Level Commendation from Air Commander Australia for the establishment of operational functionality and ongoing support to operations, performing well above my expected rank. I am now completing the Medical Assistant course in Wodonga, Victoria. Completion of this course will see me graduate with Diplomas in both Nursing and Paramedical Science, as well as military-specific trauma and emergency skills. I have hopes to post to RAAF Base Townsville next year, and complete my Bachelors Degree in Nursing.



WELL WOMEN'S CLINICS - MAREEBA



Well Women's Clinics
(These clinics are available to Medicare eligible clients)

Mareeba Hospital
Thursday 21 September 2017
Telephone: 4092 9311

**Far North Queensland Dairy Youth
Presents the Inaugural
FNQ All Breeds Youth Show**

- 29th and 30th of September
- At Malanda Showgrounds



Friday the 29th 12pm is the Youth Challenge

- Is a competition involving judging, leading and clipping
- Consists of teams of 4 (2 over and 2 under 15 years)

Saturday the 30th 8:30 is the All Breeds Youth Show

- Young people aged 21 and under can enter
- Participants are welcome to enter their own heifer or contact one of the committee members to arrange one

Following the completion of the Youth Show, The North Queensland Holstein Spring Fair will be run

For more information and entry forms please contact

Anna Doull: 0497609886 Brie Bratfield: 0448245894

Henry Bevan: 0488001131 Owen Daley: 0438993938

Or email fnqdairyouth@outlook.com

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Everyone is welcome...
come join the fun!

NAIDOC COMMUNITY DAY

Our Languages Matter

What Community day for everyone to attend, prizes, community stalls and free sausage sizzle. Arts & crafts, a jumping castle and sports & games for the kids!

When Tuesday, 19 September
10:00am - 2:00pm

Where Arnold Park Mareeba

Cost Free!

Contact For more information please contact
mareeba@pcyc.org.au



Mareeba

PH: 4092 4231

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**Doors Open 1pm
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67 Greenslopes St, Edge Hill

Great Prizes ~ Raffles ~ Lucky Door Prize

Bookings available — Contact: Parish office 40531383

Commonwealth Bank Teaching Awards

Because a **great teacher**
can **change everything**



We're asking parents to help identify Australia's most outstanding teachers and principals!

Please nominate the outstanding principals and teachers you know, so they can get the recognition they deserve. Please also share this information with your fellow parents and teachers, and encourage them to nominate or apply. Nominations for the 2018 Commonwealth Bank Teaching Awards are open until October 12. These prestigious Awards have been created by Schools Plus and the Commonwealth Bank to celebrate and reward excellence in teaching and school leadership. \$45,000.00 Teaching Fellowship. In 2018, twelve outstanding educators will receive a \$45,000.00 Teaching Fellowship, comprising \$30,000.00 for a project at the Fellow's school, \$10,000.00 for professional development and a \$5,000.00 study tour to a high-performing education system. The Awards are open to teachers and school leaders from all Australian schools across the Government, Catholic and Independent sectors. To help spread the word about the Awards, check out this toolkit of materials, including posters for school staffrooms, suggested social media posts and a brochure. Visit teachingawards.com.au for more information or to nominate a great teacher or principal. This is a great opportunity to acknowledge the inspiring work that goes on in Australian schools!

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