

St Stephen's
Catholic College



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St Stephen's News

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-Welcome to St Stephen's -



On Monday 22 January, the college community welcomed 116, year seven students. While demonstrating mixed emotions of excitement and apprehension on their first day, this group of students has made a smooth transition to secondary school. As our largest ever cohort to arrive at the college, we wish them a rewarding experience and look forward to the significant contribution they will make to our community.

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NOTICES



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday 5 February
Opening Mass - 8.45 am

Tuesday 6 February
P and F Meeting - 5.30 pm

Thursday 8 February
QCS Writing Task

Friday 9 February
Year 12 PARTY Program

Monday 12 February
Year 11 Community Day
Year 7 Meet and Greet - 5.30 pm

Tuesday 13 February
Shrove Tuesday
Year 10 Parents Meeting

Thursday 14 February
Ash Wednesday Liturgy

Thursday 15 February
Year 9 Geography Excursion

Wednesday 21 February
Inter-House Swimming Carnival

Monday 26 February
School Photos

Tuesday 27 February
Year 8 Geography Excursion

Wednesday 28 February
Year 10 Geography Excursion
Year 7 Immunisations
Open Evening - 5.30 pm

Wednesday 7 March
Year 11 and 12 SIP Excursion
District Swimming Carnival

Thursday 8 March
QCS SR Task

Monday 19 March
Exam week commences

Monday 26 March to Wednesday 28 March
Year 12 Retreat

Thursday 29 March
Inter-House Cross Country
Easter Liturgy
Term one ends

Monday 16 April
Student Free Day

Tuesday 17 April
Term two commences

TERM DATES 2018

Term 1 ends: Thursday 29 March

Term 2: 17 April to 29 June

Term 3: 16 July to 21 September

Term 4 : 8 October to 30 November

Year 12 - 16 November

Student Free Days 2018

16 April and 22 October

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.

ABSENTEE E-MAIL

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

Students Requiring Medication

If your child requires medication to be taken during school hours, please contact Mrs Rhonda Smith to discuss the requirements of the College.

CHESS CLUB

with Mr Harnischfeger (Mr H)
Room: S5 - Every day during Recess 2.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



Maths Tutoring Available

Tuesday and Thursday

Recess 2 - MCR

(all students welcome)

Wednesday

3.00 pm - 4.00 pm - Library

Years 10 -12 only



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

Welcome to the 2018 school year. As we begin a new school year, I am reminded of the Chinese proverb that "a journey of one thousand miles begins with one step". That first step was taken in 2006 when St Stephen's commenced operation with a cohort of forty, year eight students. Entering its thirteenth year, St Stephen's now has a staff of eighty-four and 566 students.



One aspect which has not changed as the school has grown, has been the sense of family and a strong focus on respect, responsibility and confidence in a faith-based culture. Last Monday, our college welcomed the newest members of the St Stephen's family—116, year seven students. I am very grateful to the year seven Pastoral Leader, Mrs Salerno and the home form teachers for the caring manner in which they supported these students in the transition from primary to secondary school.

Continuing the legacy of academic excellence set by past cohorts, the seniors of 2017 achieved outstanding results. Not only did every student achieve a Queensland Certificate of Education, but 40% of OP-eligible students gained between a 1 and 5, placing the college on a par with high achieving city schools in South East Queensland. In the majority of cases our students received their first preference of tertiary studies. The college community is very proud of their efforts and wishes them the very best with their future studies or the world of work.

In keeping with the demands of the 21st century with its focus on digital learning, our year seven and ten students will benefit with the roll-out of a one-to-one device. Every student in these two cohorts should now have received the device and I encourage parents to contact the E-learning Leader, Mr Richard Baker, if there are still unanswered questions about the program.

During the summer break, major projects were completed. The new Music Block allows students to enjoy the improved facilities for instrumental music tuition, band and choir practice, as well as music studies from years seven to twelve. To cater for increased numbers in year seven, another break-out area near the library has been developed for student use at recess times. It is hoped that these extra facilities will enhance the students' experience of school life at St Stephen's.

Teachers have the greatest impact on a student's learning. We are pleased to welcome eleven new teachers and three non-teaching staff to St Stephen's in 2018. (Refer to the relevant section in the newsletter for information about our new staff.) On 12 February, there will be a "Meet and Greet" evening for parents and carers of year seven students. This is an informal event where parents can meet their child's teachers, as well as other parents. We are grateful to the Parents and Friends Association for hosting a BBQ on this occasion.

The 21st century is best described as an era of change and education is no exception. In 2019, the current year ten students will be the first to graduate under the new Queensland Certificate of Education system which is significantly different from the current system. To inform parents and carers of these changes, there will be a year ten information evening on Tuesday 13 February. As well as key members of the senior leadership team, we are very honoured to have Dr Judy Smeed from Education Outcomes in attendance.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

She will speak briefly about the ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) which will replace the current OP (Overall Position) score. Parents of year ten students will receive a letter about this evening in the near future and I strongly encourage everyone to attend.

To enhance our Catholic Identity, inspirational signs have been placed in the main teaching blocks to motivate our students to live the Mission Statement of the college. At assemblies, students are urged to adopt the PRIDE philosophy by demonstrating perseverance, respect, integrity, dignity and excellence in their interactions with the members of our St Stephen's community and beyond. While teaching and learning is the core business of the college, we are mindful of developing whole people who are compassionate, kind, emphatic, grateful and resilient, while seeing the face of Jesus in all those with whom they come into contact.

The success of any school is reliant on the positive relationships that are formed between teachers, students and their families. I value the feedback that parents provide to improve our practices and the opportunities for students. Their well-being is at the focus of all that we do. I thank you all sincerely for sending your students to school for the start of the year with all the necessary materials and invite you to be active participants in our college through the Parents and Friends Association which meets once a term.

We have had a great start to the school year and I look forward to working with you all in 2018.

With Trust in the Lord

Mrs Ida Pinese | Principal
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The 2018 Senior Leadership team from left to right: Miss Janai Sugars (Assistant Principal Religious Education), Mr Matthew Draper (College Leader Pastoral Care), Mr Simon Vaughan (Deputy Principal), Mrs Ida Pinese (Principal), Mr Rohan Priestly (Assistant Principal Administration) and Mr Hadyn Flynn (Business Manager).

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

It is with great delight that I write this introduction to the St Stephen's college community. My name is Simon Vaughan and I have the pleasure in undertaking the role of Deputy Principal at the college. With over ten years of experience in a leadership position at Sheldon College as Head of Faculty, I am excited about this opportunity.



My previous portfolio was primarily concerned with Business and Entrepreneurship education. However, I have also been responsible for the learning areas of Humanities and Technology. This professional experience over my career has provided me with opportunities to develop curriculum initiatives, a complete understanding of QCAA senior processes, knowledge of project based learning, reporting procedures and outcomes, developing community partnerships and developing and actioning strategic directions. Although my previous role has been aligned with curriculum, I have also previously undertaken pastoral leadership by being a Year Level Coordinator for years nine and twelve. Furthermore, my personal passion for sport has seen me establishing teacher/student relationships beyond the classroom with coaching roles in cricket, touch football and rugby union.

My key teaching philosophy is based on providing real world opportunities and experiences to the students to ensure that they are equipped to meet the challenges of a constantly changing 21st century world - a world which has seen significant changes in a short period of time. Therefore, I believe that our students need to be provided with the skills to make the right decisions based on a set of values and morals. The aspects of service, as well as combining an academic and spiritual journey, means that the students at St Stephen's will succeed in whatever pathway they decide.

Upon arriving at St Stephen's, it was refreshing to see a school that has expectations of not only the students, but also of staff; standards which align closely to my personal views. As an educator I also believe that teachers have an important role in modelling behaviour and mentoring students to assist in the development of the whole student. I hope that I can contribute to the development of the young people of St Stephen's and equip them for success both inside and outside the college.

I look forward to meeting all members of the St Stephen's community and should you wish to make an appointment to see me, please contact the Curriculum Officer, Mrs Rosie Rantucci on 4086 2506.

Mr Simon Vaughan
Deputy Principal
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MEET AND GREET EVENING: Year 7 Families

Date: Monday 12 February 2018

Commences: 5.30 pm

Venue: St Stephen's Catholic College

BBQ provided by P and F Association

RSVP: Thursday 8 February

Mrs Szerstuk on 4086 2500

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Celebrating the Year of Youth

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference has announced that the liturgical year of 2018 will be celebrated as the National Year of Youth. The national launch was held in Sydney at the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in December where twenty thousand young people gathered to share in prayer, music, liturgy and discussion about social justice issues.



St Stephen's Catholic College was represented at the festival by Miss Laita Nozaic and myself, along with students Paulina Bernhardt, Jamie Malcolm, Taylah Phelan, Zoe Quintieri and Brianna So Choy. Three more of our students Lauren Davis, Makala and Felicity Meaney attended with the Cairns diocesan group. The highlights of the festival included hearing the music of internationally renowned Catholic musicians Matt Maher and Father Rob Galea, Lauren Davis leading the crowd of festival participants in the rosary and Taylah Phelan meeting Sister Hilda Scott in the VIP area and receiving Holy Communion from Archbishop Anthony Fisher.

I look forward to seeing the ways these students will enrich the college's faith life and social justice initiatives in 2018.

Sacramental Preparation

Any student who is interested in being baptised into the Catholic faith, or wishes to receive their First Reconciliation, Confirmation and/or Holy Communion is invited to register their interest with me by Friday 9 February.

Miss Janai Sugars

Assistant Principal Religious Education

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Australian Catholic Youth Festival Prayer

Loving God,
You call us to embrace the joy born of your Son Jesus,
May it well up in our hearts, and be lived through acts of mercy.
Help us resolve to trade in comfort, aspire to greatness,
And follow the path of the Cross as a courageous generation.
Inspire us to build upon the culture, tradition and beauty of the Church;
Nourish us as we dare to blaze trails that open new horizons.
Send us forth to be instruments of change and hope
In this great land of the Holy Spirit.
Like Mary, may we discern your call with faith and love:
Responding with great joy in our hearts.
In union with Jesus, our Saviour and friend,
We pray to be filled with your Holy Spirit
That we may be your witnesses
Through the Australian Catholic Youth Festival.
Amen.



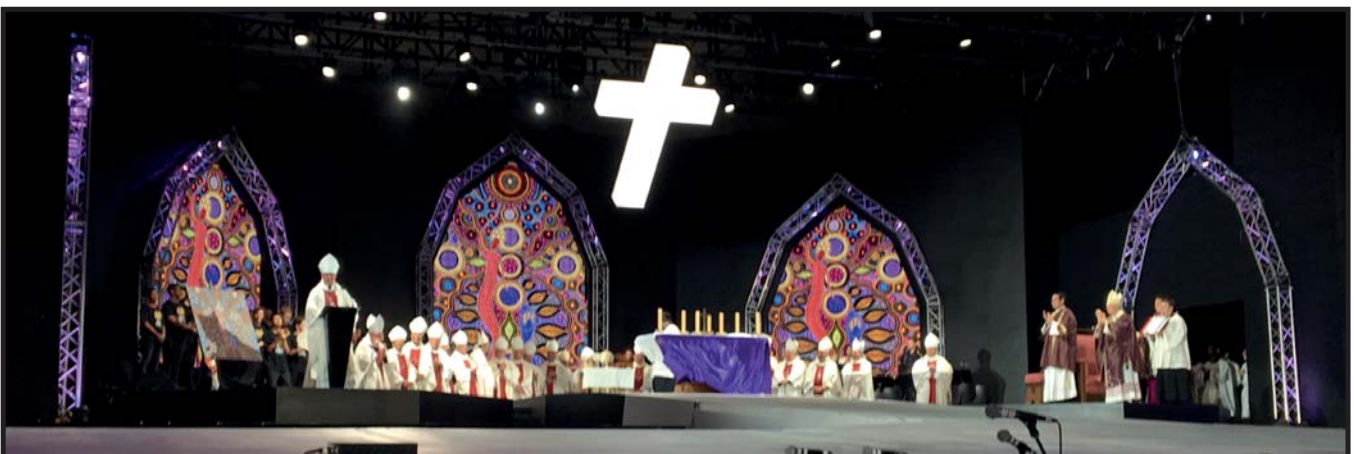
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Above left: Taylah Phelan with Sister Hilda Scott. Above right: Lauren Davis leading the Rosary.



Above (from left): Paulina Bernhardt, Taylah Phelan, Lauren Davis, Zoe Quintieri, Jamie Malcolm and Brianne So Choy.



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATION

This is my tenth year at St Stephen's Catholic College and it has been a wonderful journey over the past nine years both personally and professionally. It is hard to imagine what St Stephen's looked like when I first visited in late 2008 for an enrolment interview. Of course, there was a lot of construction occurring at that time and for most years since. The school has grown and continues to grow and being part of the St Stephen's Catholic College journey has been an enriching experience.



I am part of the leadership team at St Stephen's and my role is to look after the day-to-day 'logistics'. Simply put, I ensure that every class has a room, a teacher and students all in the right place and at the right time. I am very fortunate to be working with a great group of people, both teaching and non-teaching. I am also responsible for organising the schedule when special events or visits are occurring at the school. As part of my duties at St Stephen's, I am also taking years seven, nine and ten Japanese classes this year. I look forward to getting to know the year 7 students as they rotate through the electives. The year 7 students bring a wonderful enthusiasm that permeates through the school.

I wish everyone a great 2018 and will do my best to support students, parents, staff and members of our greater community.

Mr Rohan Priestly
Assistant Principal Administration
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FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Welcome back to all families for the 2018 school year. I hope all families had the opportunity to have a relaxing break.

Diocesan policy is for school fees to be sent out during week two of each term.



Although we try our best to be 100% accurate, sometimes errors can appear in the first run of school fees for the year. Items that can be inadvertently missed are sibling discounts and bus charges.

If you have another child attending a Catholic School in the Diocese you are entitled to a 15% discount off your tuition fees. If there are two younger siblings at a Catholic school then the discount increases to 30% off tuition fees. Therefore, it is important that the office is informed of any sibling information.

Families that travel on the Dimbulah, Kuranda, Mossman, Atherton and Tolga buses are charged a \$20.00 per week bus fare via their school fees. Therefore, we need to know the occupants of each bus.

In 2011 the College Board approved a 5% discount off total fees for families who pay their entire fees upfront at the beginning of the year. This will continue to be offered in 2018.

If you have an existing direct debit occurring, you must ensure that it will be enough to cover the full amount of fees across the year. You may need to increase the regular payment amount, especially if your child is moving from junior to senior. Our aim is to have all families with a nil balance owing as at the end of the school year. When you receive your fees and you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact Pina directly by telephoning 4086 2508 or via email gmenniti@sscc.qld.edu.au

Whilst the College has been in holiday mode for staff and students, it provides a gap for much of our maintenance and construction work to occur. Over the Christmas break we had the painters in to touch up all classrooms, carpet cleaners to clean all floor surfaces and pest control completed for all buildings. I would like to thank our Facilities Manager, Mr Sam Bozzo for his untiring work ethic over the holiday period.

Building work was also completed on our new Music Centre. We thank the crew from Osborne Construction for their meticulous workmanship.

Mr Hadyn Flynn
Business Manager
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Student Welfare

Welcome back to all our parents and students. I am looking forward to continuing strong partnerships with parents and students this year, building on 2017. As College Leader Pastoral Care, welfare of students 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. Pastoral care of students is fundamental to developing positive student wellbeing, at the heart of our mission statement and essential to sustaining the established, safe, nurturing learning environment at St Stephen's Catholic College.

It is with this in mind that the process of attending to issues is clearly outlined. Any issue of a minor nature that is class-related is to first be brought to the attention of the class teacher, who is best positioned to provide a timely response. If a matter is persistent or of a more significant nature, then the College has in place the position of Middle Leaders Pastoral (MLP) who will attend to such matters in relation to their year cohorts. Parents wishing to contact or make an appointment with an MLP, can do so via our school office or emailing the MLP directly. Contact details can be directly accessed through the school's website.

- Years seven and eight - Mrs Salerno
- Years nine and ten - Mr MacCallum
- Years eleven and twelve - Mrs Crockford

If a matter is unresolved, persistent or of a serious nature, then I will be directly involved to ensure the matter is attended to swiftly and respectfully.

Restorative Justice

Restorative Justice continues to be the model the school adopts when resolving pastoral matters. It is a way of viewing conflict and wrongdoing that focuses first on the harm these cause to relationships, and the obligation to repair that harm. The practice of Restorative Justice does not in any way excuse the wrongdoing or minimise the responsibility of the need to put things right; more so there is an emphasis on maintaining high standards of conduct. Therefore, the high expectation of students' conduct and the consistent application of restorative practices at our college sets the moral benchmark that expects all students to *act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with (their) God. Micah 6:8 (NIV).*

This verse, wholly applied to our lives, provides the very foundation for successful relationships, built on mutual respect and conveys the optimum setting for our students to achieve their personal best.



A life of "Worth"

Students at St Stephen's are challenged to become skilled, educated, inquisitive life-long learners who have a passion for knowledge. Whilst excelling in studies is the ultimate educational aim, the development of "morally autonomous" students who have an awareness of God's presence has by far the greatest impact on the life of our students, preparing them for a "life of worth not just a life of work".

Student Leadership

With the start of a new year comes the excitement of servant leadership. It is of great importance that our student leaders in 2018 operate in a Servant Leadership mode. The job description for Leadership may not read as expected. The focus for our student leaders is:

- It is not about profit, gain or glory.
- It is about relationship, service and humility.
- It stems from being faithful to who you are.
- It means following the example of Jesus.

Uniform and Grooming Matters

College expectations regarding "uniform and grooming" are outlined on pages eight and nine of the Student Record Book (SRB). It is expected that students who have a variation to uniform will be accompanied by an explanatory note from parents/guardians.

Senior Drivers

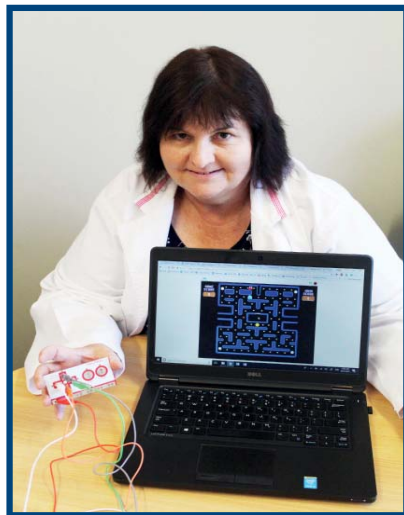
Any student wishing to drive to school, transport siblings and park in designated student parking on school grounds is to complete the "Senior Driving Permission Form" and return it to school prior to accessing the school site. For more information regarding this, students are to contact Mrs Stacey Crockford.

Mr Matthew Draper
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FROM THE MIDDLE LEADER - SCIENCE

Stepping up STEM at St Stephen's Catholic College

The new school year started early for myself and for two of our year twelve students. I was fortunate enough to be selected to attend the STEM X Academy in Canberra in the week before the student free days. STEM X is a professional learning experience for teachers of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), held over five days at the Australian National University. I was one of only 70 teachers chosen from almost 400 applications to attend STEM X, and my fees were fully paid by the sponsorship of Engineers Australia.



STEM X is organised by the Australian Science Teachers Association, in partnership with the CSIRO and Questacon. We participated in activities designed to improve our skills in and confidence to design, develop and implement our own STEM activities and resources back at school. The entire week was jammed packed with presentations from scientists, learning to create and use a Makerspace, working with a research scientist to develop problem solving strategies and visiting some of the best science facilities our country has to offer – Geoscience Australia, the Mt Stromlo Observatory and the ARC Centre of Excellence for Translational Photosynthesis, to name but a few of those we visited. The highlight of the week was being one of only twelve people given a personal tour of the Electro Optic Systems laser telescope at Mt Stromlo by the CEO, Dr Ben Greene. His company has developed innovative solutions in the tracking, monitoring and management of space debris, and these solutions are used globally.

STEM X was the most rewarding professional learning activity I have attended, and I would like to thank my sponsors Engineers Australia for giving me this opportunity. I am looking forward to working collaboratively with other STEM teachers at our college to help ignite the STEM spark in our students!

Keeley Mason and Dylan Cappella also attended a learning experience at the Australian National University in their school holidays, and they have provided their own recount.

Mrs Pepita Ison
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Our NYSF Experience

In 2017, we were both fortunate enough to be selected by Rotary to attend the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) in January 2018. The NYSF is a twelve day program in Canberra held at the Australian National University (ANU), where we were able to live on campus and completely immerse ourselves in STEM laboratory visits, lectures from renowned scientists, learning about year twelve and university life, and tours around the campus facilities.

Dylan's Story: I expected to arrive at the Australian National University to a scene of 200 incredibly bright students and go with them to some lectures about 'science' things, see some fancy laboratories and maybe even come to a decision about what I want to do when I leave school. My expectations were completely thrown out the window when I got to the NYSF. We were all given name tags called wouches; a pouch with a wow factor they told us. This was a life saver because



FROM THE MIDDLE LEADER - SCIENCE

learning 200 people's names is quite the challenge. It also made starting a conversation and making lots of new friends easier. I should probably add a disclaimer here because we, the NYSF Alumni, were sworn to secrecy to preserve the experience of future NYSFers, so I cannot give you the finer details. Instead, I will tell you about my favourite part of my experience. Although I was placed in a physics interest group, every student got to see the Australian War Memorial.

This visit spoke to me the most, not just because of the fantastic advancement in warfare technology tour we received, but because of the vast array of primary sources on display. It was just so fascinating to see all the artefacts and read the stories of men and women who have died for Australia since the early 1900's.

The experience was incredibly hard to describe in words. In closing, the NYSF was THE MOST amazing, fantastic, inspiring experience of my life and it has left me with plenty to think about this year. If you have an interest in Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths (STEM) and are in year eleven this year, I would strongly encourage you to apply to the NYSF because you will not regret attending.



Keeley's story: I was selected to be in the Ecology, Sustainability, and Environmental group with fourteen other STEM enthusiasts. One of my favourite laboratory visits, without giving too much away, was travelling to Canowindra to dig for trilobite fossils and learning what it takes to become a palaeontologist. The session was led by Alex Ritchie, who discovered the *Gooloogongia loomesi* fish fossils, believed to be 360-370 million years old. We also learnt the importance of vegetation on livestock sites and what are the biggest impacts to the erosion of soils.



I was also able to visit other areas of the university and interest groups through the STEM+ laboratory visits. Some of the things I learnt included the physics behind dancing; the "coldest Place" where Bose-Einstein condensate is made; and a lab tour around the quantum physics lab. Listening to so many humble scientists who are passionate about their work and research was truly inspiring. There was never a moment of relaxation as we were constantly kept on our toes by mind-boggling riddles or chants that the whole of Canberra could hear. Applying for NYSF was one of the most amazing things I have ever done and I'm so thankful for the experience as it has opened up an entire new world.

We both have gained so much from this experience like improving our public speaking skills, social skills, networking and the motivation to complete the tough year that is ahead of us. NYSF was truly life changing and we thank everyone who has helped us achieve this.

FROM THE LIBRARY

Welcome to the library for 2018

Our first big promotion in the library will embrace Library Lovers Day (Wednesday 14 February) and encourage students to choose a blind date with a book. This is a chance for students to borrow a book they might not have chosen themselves from the shelves. St Stephen's library is well stocked and the librarians more than ready to recommend great books to read.

Existing research shows that school libraries can have a positive impact on student achievement, student satisfaction and learning in general. There is evidence to show that a strong library program can lead to higher student achievement and a print-rich environment leads to more reading, and free voluntary reading is the best predictor of comprehension, vocabulary growth, spelling and grammatical ability and writing style. Please encourage your students to borrow from their library and maybe read a book together.

Textbooks have been distributed to all students. Please be mindful that all textbooks must be returned at the end of the year, in a reasonable condition. Students

must return the books borrowed in their name. Any book that is not returned will need to be paid for, so that replacement copies can be purchased for the following year. A letter will be sent home soon explaining the Textbook Loan Policy. Please sign the bottom of this form and return to Home Form Teachers.



Mrs Simone Gillies
Middle Leader - Gifted and Talented
Teacher Librarian
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**The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go.**

Dr. Seuss

FROM THE COUNSELLOR

As the school Guidance Counsellor, I am at school every day. This is my fourth year at St Stephen's Catholic College and I love my job.

This year, I have a new office in M Block beside the Pastoral Leaders. The services that counsellors are able to provide for students and families in Catholic schools include such matters as:

- Providing information sessions for classes on current topics such as bullying issues, healthy relationships, goal setting and organization, self-esteem and resilience.
- Working with small groups on issues such as anger management, self-confidence, resilience and assertiveness, grief and loss, positive thinking and stress issues.
- Discussions with parents and staff regarding concerns about student performance, behaviour or emotional well-being.
- Counselling sessions for matters relating to a broad range of issues such as, family dynamics, friendship

concerns, poor self-esteem, bullying concerns, behavioural concerns, grief and loss and general personal concerns.

Parents can access the Guidance Counsellor by making an appointment at the office or by sending an email to mhall3@sscc.qld.edu.au. My office is always open to parents should you wish to discuss matters relating to your children. Students can make an appointment to see me by coming to my office in the M Block Building or sending me an email. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the counselling services available at St Stephen's Catholic College, or if you have any concerns regarding the well-being of your son or daughter.



Mrs Michelle Hall
Guidance Counsellor
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FROM THE MIDDLE LEADER - YEAR 12

Welcome back to 2018 – the senior year for our year twelve students! It is such an exciting time for them, and the energy on Monday of last week was certainly contagious. I am very proud to be leading these fine young men and women to graduation at the end of this year, and I look forward to working with our year twelve students and their families once again.



I hope you all had a lovely, restful Christmas break. A lot of our students were busy over the holidays with part-time jobs, travel and social functions. Brandon and Layton Osborne and Sam Daniell travelled to America for basketball, Dylan Cappella and Keeley Mason have been to the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra, and the list goes on. Whether it be family holidays, part-time work or just relaxing at home, the extended Christmas break certainly is necessary for recharging of batteries ready for an action-packed year!

Our senior shirts arrived last week and were met with much enthusiasm by the students. It's always rewarding to see such a lengthy process finally come to fruition. I think they look great... wouldn't you agree?

Term one is shaping up to be extremely busy with excursions, the school swimming carnival and cross country, and the year twelve retreat at the end of the term. More information will follow in due course, but it is important at this stage for our seniors to remain focussed on their studies despite these interruptions, as graduation will be here before they know it! If parents have any concerns throughout the year regarding curriculum matters, please contact your child's subject teacher first, and with any pastoral concerns, please feel free to contact me at any time.

I look forward to a memorable year.

Mrs Stacey Crockford
Middle Leader - Year 12
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Senior students model the senior shirts!



FROM THE MIDDLE LEADER - YEARS 9 AND 10

A warm welcome to all year nine and ten students and families.

As the year nine and ten Middle Leader Pastoral, I especially welcome new students and families to the college community. I hope the start to the 2018 school year has been positive and productive. By now, all parents/carers should have received an introductory letter via email from your child's Home Form teacher. An important element of a quality education is strong and open home-school communication. I encourage all parents/carers to email or ring to speak with me, Home Form teachers, subject teachers or other staff as necessary. As the Pastoral Leader, I work closely with Home Form and subject teachers, and other support staff to ensure a positive experience for students in years nine and ten. .



A Good Start! Thank you!

Although only week two of the term, year nine and ten students appear to have started the year on a positive note, quickly settling back into school routine. I thank you for your efforts in ensuring your children are organised for each school day with correct uniform, SRB (Student Record Book), necessary stationery and adequate food and water for both recess one and two (all essential elements for quality learning).

Student Achievement and Success

Please advise me (or the Home Form teacher) of any activities your child has engaged in outside school hours. It is always good to hear what students have been up to outside regular school activities (eg: The Arts, sport, community events, etc). Even if it results in a personal congratulation or conversation, or a more formal recognition at a Year Level Assembly, it is good to know that students are actively engaging in activities outside of regular school work. This is another means of creating positive student-teacher relationships.

Year Ten: One-to-One Laptop Program

Students in year ten received their new laptops last week as part of the new one-to-one program. I encourage any parents with further questions to contact the college for clarification.

Upcoming Events

For your planning and convenience, please note the following events that affect years nine and ten in term one:

- * Year ten Parent meeting - 13 February
- * Swimming Carnival - 21 February
- * School Photos - 26 February
- * Cross Country - 29 March
- * Holy Thursday Easter Liturgy - 29 March

Please ensure you keep up to date with school events via the college website and subsequent newsletters.

All the best for the fortnight ahead.

Mr Paul MacCallum

Middle Leader - Years 9 and 10

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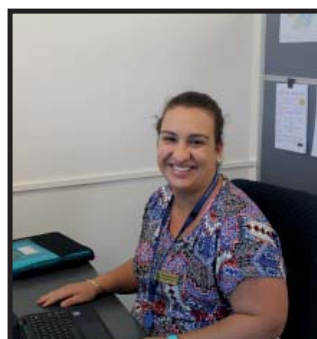
2018 NEW STAFF



New staff at St Stephen's Catholic College, from left to right: Mrs Carol Hault (Middle Leader: VET and Vocational Learning, Miss Hannah Zazzi (English and Religion), Miss Sandra Maxwell (Laboratory Assistant), Mrs Prudence Vaughan (Economics and Business, Business Management and Humanities), Mr Richard Rellis (Mathematics), Mr Richard Bassano (Mathematics and Physics), Mr Kieran Morley (Middle Leader: Sports and Activities), Mr Simon Vaughan (Deputy Principal) and Ms Karen Carlile (Religion, History and English).



Above left: Mrs Rhonda Smith (Student Services) and Mrs Pauline Bagic (Enrolments). Centre: Miss Emily Kitchiner (Religion and Music). Above right: Ms Emily Pensini (English and History).



Above left: Mr Gregory Thorpe (Mathematics).
Above right: Mrs Elizabeth Roberts (Learning Support Officer).

MAREEBA SHIRE - AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

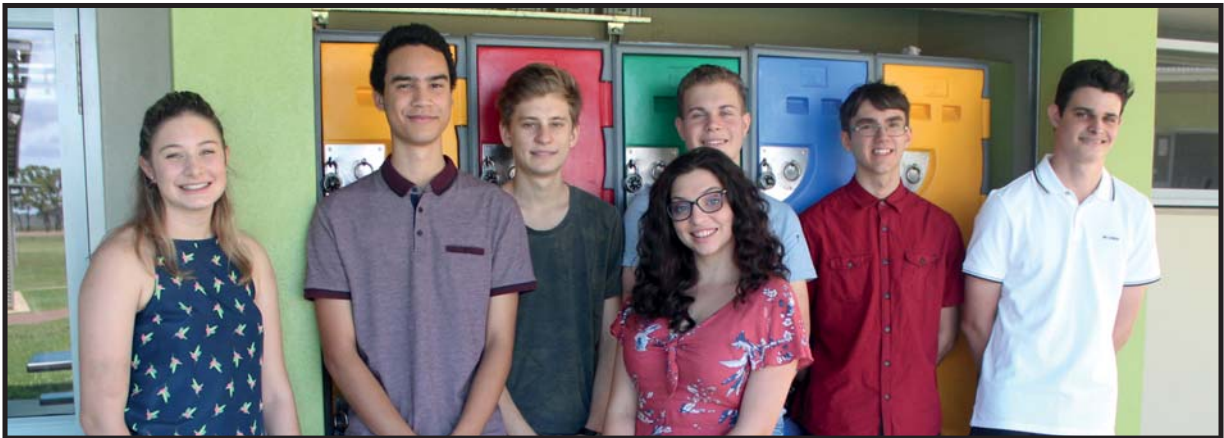


St Stephen's Catholic College is proud to present Elena Pilat (year twelve) and Jake Simpson (year seven), who both received highly commended certificates at the Mareeba Shire Council Australia Day Awards, held on Thursday 25 January.

Elena received highly commended for the Junior Community Service Award and Jake received highly commended for the Junior Excellence in Sports Award.

Congratulations to Elena and Jake!

2017 YEAR 12 STUDENTS - OP SCORES



Some of the year twelve students from 2017, from left to right: Amelia Aitken (OP2), Julian Gueho (OP4), Victor Bernhardt (OP2), Maddison Leonforte (OP3), Jarred Moreno (OP4), Aaron Bryce (OP1) and Marco Soncin (OP1).

Congratulations to Aaron Bryce who has also been awarded the National University Scholarship. The eligibility for this was based on converted ATAR's with the cutoff being a 99.90. This score placed Aaron in the top tenth of a percentile for Queensland and in the top fifty students for the year.

Congratulations to Aaron and the 2017 cohort.

Defence Work Experience Program

Newsletter – January 2018

Welcome to 2018! Outlined below is information about the Defence Work Experience Program in North Queensland for Year 11 and 12 students.

Work experience opportunities

Go to www.defence.gov.au/WorkExperience

Be sure to keep checking the website throughout the year as new placements are added.



HMAS Cairns Navy Overview: **28 February – 2 March 2018**

This placement will be on our website and will be closing fast!

It's a 3 day event held at HMAS Cairns that provides insight into a wide range of roles in the Navy.

Students will need to apply online by **14th February** at

www.defence.gov.au/WorkExperience

See Mrs Goleby in S Block Staff room for further information about the program and assistance with the application.

Contact details for application:

Julie Goleby
VET Officer
St Stephen's Catholic College
Mclvor Road, Mareeba Q 4880
Jgoleby@sscc.qld.edu.au
Phone: 0740 86 2500



Good Luck!

WANT TO LEARN SELF DEFENCE



Mareeba Rhee Tae Kwon Do

Is taking new enrolments NOW.

Classes - Monday & Thursday

6.30 – 7.30pm

Mareeba Shire (PCYC) Hall Walsh Street, Mareeba
(behind Mitre 10)

*Fitness *Self Control *Good Health *Integrity &
Courtesy

- Rhee Tae Kwon Do is an activity the whole family can do together. Men, Women and Children of all ages and fitness levels.

For more info contact Frank 0418 774824

2018 NETBALL REGISTRATION

WHEN

Feb 3rd 2018
10am-12pm

WHERE

Mareeba Netball Association

Train & Play @ Davies Park Sporting Complex,
6 Jasper Street , Mareeba

AGE DIVISIONS

Net 5-6 Year Olds

Set 7-8 Year Olds

Go 9-10 Year Olds

Juniors 12U Division 11-12 Year Olds
 14U Division 13-14 Year Olds
 18U Division 15-18 Year Olds

Seniors Highschool Age - Open

Males welcomed and encouraged to play

CONTACT

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www.mareebanetball.qld.netball.com.au

Facebook: Mareeba Netball Association



SAT COMP

9th Feb – 15th Sept
(incl team grading & finals)
NetSetGo & Juniors

29th April – 15th Sept
Intertown Comp

WED COMP

7th March – 19th Sept
(incl Come n Try & finals)
Seniors - Ladies

TRAINING

Wednesday & Thursday
Afternoons

COST

Net	\$90
Set & Go	\$160
Juniors	\$175
Juniors & Ladies	\$220
Ladies	\$210
Intertown Comp	\$65
Non-Playing	\$40

*Inclusive of annual NQ affiliation fee

St Stephen's
Catholic College



OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 28 February 2018

5.30 pm - 6.30 pm

Students entering Year 7 in 2019 and beyond!

- Display of specialist areas
- Information about the college culture, curriculum and expectations
- Enrolment Handbook
- Self-guided tour of facilities
- Scholarship information



College Captains for 2018, from left: David Bin, Joshua Kievit, Elena Pilat and Gabriella Cuda

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