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College Leader Pastoral Care: Mr Matthew Draper



Year 12 on Retreat!



In the final week of term one, year twelve students participated in the annual retreat with enthusiasm, deep engagement and great commitment. The students are to be congratulated on the positive manner in which they embraced all activities. The college community is also very grateful to their Home Form teachers: Mrs Schincariol, Mrs Ison, Mr Basanno and Mr O'Neill, organisers: Miss Sugars and Mrs Crockford, as well as HPE teacher, Mr O'Hallahan, for making the experience such a memorable one for all students.

NOTICES



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday 16 April
Student Free Day

Tuesday 17 April
Term two commences
Inter-house Cross Country

Wednesday 18 April
Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thursday 19 April and Friday 20 April
Natural Fertility Services (all year levels)

Monday 23 April
Assembly for Anzac Day
NZ Parent Evening

Wednesday 25 April
ANZAC Day - Public Holiday

Thursday 26 April and Friday 27 April
Natural Fertility Services (all year levels)

Monday 30 April to Friday 4 May
Year 7 Camp

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.

Wanted! Golf Equipment

Old or unused Golf equipment. We are building up our golf equipment in the HPE Department and could use some assistance. If there are golf clubs and/or golf balls collecting dust in a garage and are no longer required, a donation would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mr Luff at the College.

ABSENTEE E-MAIL

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



Each month the Options Career Information Bulletin is uploaded onto the college's web site. The bulletins contain up-to-date career information gathered locally and state-wide. This is an informative guide for all things career based.

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

"She stood in the storm and when the wind did not blow her way, she adjusted her sails."
(Elizabeth Edwards)



While teaching and learning is our core business, there is also a strong focus on student well-being. To enable our students to be the best they can be, it is important that development of the whole person occurs. This translates to ensuring that students possess qualities such as resilience, commitment, respect, confidence and empathy.

As term one concludes, perhaps the quality which has been most tested in the past two weeks has been resilience. Not all students have been able to bounce back from a disappointing result in an assignment or test, with a resolution to learn from their mistakes and do better next time. It is better to have tried and failed, than not to have tried at all for fear of failure. Sometimes it is necessary for students to make changes to their habits in order to experience greater success, both in academic and non-academic pursuits.

The anti-bullying programme which was held on 16 March, was designed to foster positive relationships among students, and to build resilience when others say unkind words or engage in inappropriate behaviour on social media. I commend the efforts of our Pastoral Leaders in bringing the issue of bullying out in the open with a strong message that it is not tolerated. By providing students with tips on what to do if they are bullied, it is hoped that they are more willing to report this unacceptable behaviour.

Over the past few weeks, many of our students have been selected in sporting teams at a district or regional level. Part of the process of selection requires a commitment to having the paperwork completed and attending training. There have been too many occasions when the managers of these teams have contacted the college for permission, as some students have not followed the required procedures. Selection in these teams is a privilege, where a commitment to attend training is paramount. Not only is the credibility of the college in question, if students do not present for training, but students who are not prepared to commit are setting themselves up for disappointment later in life, when this quality is very important in both one's professional and personal life. Congratulations to the two current students (Nadia Falvo and Tyler Ius) and one former student (Callum McCarthy) who proudly carried the Queen's Baton as a prelude to the Commonwealth Games. They demonstrated pride, confidence and commitment. When one enrolls at St Stephen's, there is a commitment to abide by our policies, procedures, expectations and culture. The practice of this college is to finish for the term on Thursday 29 March, at 3.00 pm. I ask that parents respect this expectation by ensuring that students do not leave school before this date or time.

Last Friday, I had the rewarding experience of listening to some of the year twelve students' soliloquies on their Shakespearean play, Hamlet. Confidence, creativity and eloquent speeches abounded, as they delivered their presentations. They have demonstrated resilience over the past few weeks to meet assessment deadlines and to still have the internal fortitude to give of their best in a dramatic performance. This quality was further demonstrated by David Bin at the Lions Youth of the Year judging in Townsville, where he was declared the overall winner.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is not often appreciated that teachers also have families, experience medical challenges or are entitled to long service leave to rejuvenate. In term two, there will be some minor changes to timetables to cater for these situations. We welcome back Mrs Leah Heath who will be covering some classes for the remainder of the year. As always, your child's well-being is at the forefront of all that we do. Therefore, much thought has been devoted to ensuring that the transition is as smooth as possible.

In our secular society, Easter is associated with the giving of Easter eggs and an opportunity to go camping with one's family. As part of our Catholic identity, we are holding a special Easter liturgy on Thursday 29 March to mark the significance of Easter for those of the Christian faith. I leave you with the following Easter message from the Gospel of John:

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die." (John 11: 25-26)

On behalf of the college staff, I thank all parents for their support in term one and wish you all a holy Easter and a relaxing break with your children. (School resumes on Tuesday 17 April, as Monday is a student free day for staff professional learning.)

With Trust in the Lord

Mrs Ida Pinese | Principal
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UPDATE - LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR COMPETITION



David Bin, one of the four college Captains of St Stephen's Catholic College in 2018, was the overall winner of the Lions Youth of the Year District judging in Townsville on 24 March. He now progresses to the next stage of judging at the state final which will be held in Rockhampton on 14 April.

The Lions Youth of the Year Programme seeks a broad range of skills in the areas of leadership, sport, community and cultural activities. Contestants also present a prepared speech and respond to two (2) impromptu questions. David's performance was outstanding. He is a credit to his family, school and community and a great role model for our youth. The best wishes of the St Stephen's community go with him as he embarks on the next stage of judging.

Lions
youth
of the year

Uniform reminders

- Ties are to be worn by year ten to year twelve boys, in terms two and three.
- 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 to be clean shaven.



Year Twelve Retreat

Our year twelve students enjoyed a wonderful retreat this week. Many thanks to Miss Janai Sugars and Mrs Stacey Crockford for their hard work and preparation that went into running the retreat; and to our staff for their commitment to such an event.

Pastoral Challenge – Take a stand!

Do You Know John the Baptist? John the Baptist. Who was this guy?

Do you know someone who stands up for people who are being put down? How about someone who tells friends it's crazy to use alcohol and drugs? What about someone who takes a stand on political issues, arguing for peace or pro-life values? Do you know a person who won't laugh at racist jokes?

If you know any of those people, you know John the Baptist. He had the guts to publicly challenge people to follow God's way – a path of compassion, forgiveness, repentance and sacrifice for poor people. He called on ordinary people and the rulers of his day to change their lives. He pointed to Jesus as the example to follow. In the end his courage cost him his life.

Pastoral Challenge - What action are we called to take?

It's tough speaking the truth. I know people who take a stand for what they see as injustice, because they read the Gospel and they are challenged to do life Jesus' way. They have guts. Look around. Other people in our world, probably at your school, work place, or in your local community are showing similar courage. Doesn't our broken world need more people who are willing to stand for God, even when it costs them? How can I be more like John the Baptist at school, at work, at home, or in our local community?

Happy Easter!

Mr Matthew Draper
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Some of the artwork from the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence, more photos on page 12.



MIDDLE LEADER E-LEARNING

Hello from e-Learning!

As we approach the end of term one, it is instructive to reflect on the success of the one to one roll-out for students of years seven and ten. The programme has met with continued success, with very few issues (single digit percent). I am particularly gratified that students continue to look after the device and accessories, helping to contribute to a positive initiative.



I would ask parents to remind their students that devices are to be charged overnight so that they can have a full day of usage in school; getting into good habits early is the key to success. I also ask that if students have a problem with the device, they are to report to the library and submit a ticket so that the problem can be rectified. We have a small retinue of spare devices that are used as loans should any problems occur, which means that students spend no more than five minutes without a computer and can continue to get on with their learning.

I am so excited about the future of technology at St Stephen's and cannot wait to share some technology initiatives with you in the near future.

Mr Richard Baker
Middle Leader e-Learning
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THE ARTS AND LOTE - JAPANESE

Year Seven

The first rotation of year seven Japanese has concluded. The students were able to introduce themselves, talk about their preferences, introduce and talk about their families, and describe their fictitious monsters. The class was very lively and full of enthusiasm. I thank the year seven students for a wonderful term.

Year Nine

The year nine students have focussed on getting on top of the 46 symbols called Hiragana. They have worked well and should be commended on their efforts. In a very short time the students are now able to read Japanese, which is a wonderful feat. Now they just need work out what it is that they are reading!

Year Ten

The year ten students are working at a much higher level. They are reading, writing, listening and talking about a whole variety of topics, the most recent being sports and hobbies. They can also make arrangements, talk about time, day and dates.

Sister School

We are hoping that during term two we will hear from our sister school in Japan and start making arrangements for them. We will start looking for families that would like to host two students towards the end of term two.



Mr Rohan Priestly
Japanese Teacher
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THE ARTS AND LOTE - VISUAL ART

Year Ten - Visual Art: Collage and Lino Prints: Surrealism



Amy Cox (Year 10): "Oh Deer"



Holly Bryce (Year 10): "All Terrain Animal"



Shaylee Broom (Year 10): "Dreaming of Flying"

Mrs Jodie Jackson
Year 9 and 10 Visual Art Teacher
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Year Nine - Visual Art: Still Life Mixed Media: Post Impressionism



Above: Angus Baker (Year 9) "Still Life"
Bottom right: Amyrosa Enderlin (Year 9)
"Still Life of a Violin"

Bottom left: Jazlin Green (Year 9)
"Still Life Objects"

Below: Kialana Manning (Year 9)
"Happiness Items"



VET News

School-based Apprenticeship Showcase

Aaron Dunn – Motorcycle Mechanic

As a school-based apprentice at Performance Motors, Aaron will learn diagnostic procedures to determine faults, repair and servicing of engines and engine components, cooling systems, petrol fuel systems, emission control systems, clutch assemblies, manual transmissions, drivelines, etc. He will also repair charging and starting systems, electrical and ignition systems, tyres and tubes and motor cycle frames including alignment.

Below: Aaron assembling a Yamaha Quad bike.



What is VET?

Vocational education and training (VET) is that part of tertiary education and training which provides accredited training in job related and technical skills. VET covers a large number of careers and industries like trades and office work, retail, hospitality and technology.

Not to get confused with the VET or Veterinary Service you take your dog or cat to for immunisations and other treatments.

JOB vacancies

Casual, after school Receptionist
Performance Physio Mareeba

School-Based Traineeship in Dental Assisting
My Mareeba Dentist

Retail Sales Assistant
Leading Edge Electronics Mareeba

For more information and how to apply, see the **NEW** Career Opportunities Board located at S Block, opposite the toilets.

This is updated weekly with job vacancies, training opportunities and school-based traineeships and apprenticeships on offer!

And work experience too!



Need a RESUME?

Go to www.skillsroad.com.au and use the resume builder. Go online and register. It's free and user-friendly. Remember to save a copy and update every time you apply for a job.

See Mrs Goleby if you need assistance.

Good Luck!



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OF QUEENSLAND
AUSTRALIA

Test Drive University!

Not sure what you want to study at University?
Take a test drive of some options below.

The University of Queensland offers students the opportunity to test drive UQ through UQx, a series of free online courses (MOOCs - Massive Open Online Courses). Students can browse areas of study from Psychology to Science and engage with UQ's premier courses before they even enrol!

The courses below, and there are many more, can be completed free of charge or students can choose to receive a verified certificate for a small fee.

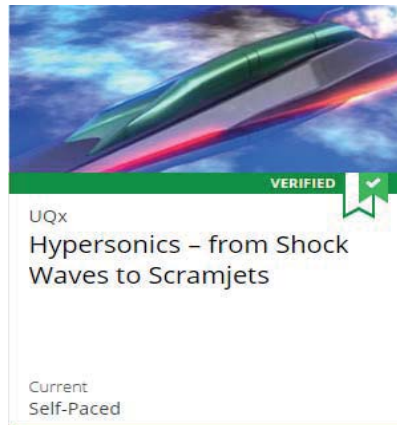
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Developmental Psychology

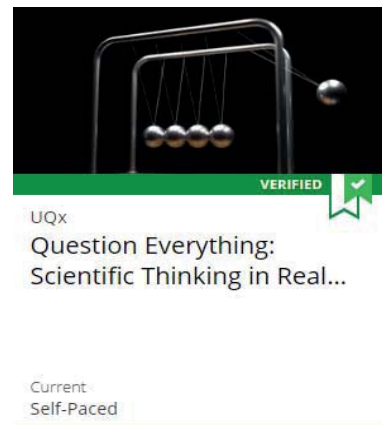
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UQx
Hypersonics - from Shock
Waves to Scramjets

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UQx
Question Everything:
Scientific Thinking in Real...

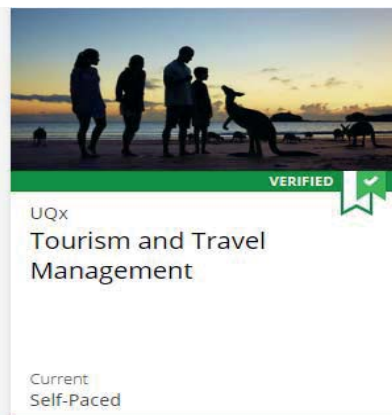
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The Science of Everyday
Thinking

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Tourism and Travel
Management

Current
Self-Paced

ALUMNI - HANNAH ZAZZI

Since leaving year twelve in 2011, I studied a Bachelor of Education at the University of Queensland and was awarded the Dean's Commendation for Academic Excellence in 2016.

I graduated from my Honours year in 2017 and was awarded First Class Honours. I then had the opportunity to present my Honours thesis at the 4th Regional Congress for the International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IASSIDD), in Bangkok, at the end of 2017.

Following the congress, I worked closely with Dr Rhonda Faragher from the University of Queensland to develop my thesis, which is now being reviewed for publication by the International Journal of Developmental Disabilities.

I am now back at St Stephen's Catholic College teaching Religion and English.

Above right: Hannah at her graduation last year.

Below right: Hannah (far left) was part of the Student Representative Council in 2011, along with Chanelle Metclafe, Sarah Quinn and Marlee Ramp.



STUDENT SUCCESS - EVA MCLENNAN

Year seven student, Eva McLennan, received a gold medal for music in Brisbane on Saturday 17 March.

Eva received an excellence in Grade 1 examinations in the Theory of Music, through the Australian College of Music.

Congratulations Eva!



QUEEN'S BATON RELAY

St Stephen's students Nadia Falvo and Tyler Ius had the honour of being part of the Queen's Baton Relay in Mareeba on Wednesday 14 March 2018. Former student Callum McCarthy also carried the baton. Congratulations Nadia, Tyler and Callum.



Nadia Falvo



Callum McCarthy



Tyler Ius

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE



St Stephen's Catholic College participated in the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence on 16 March. There was a variety of activities for the students during second recess, including chalk painting, touch football, chess, artwork and poster making.

CYBERBULLYING - CREATING QUEENSLAND'S FUTURE

Please see below link for the Premier's "Creating Queensland's Future" coding competition, aimed to address cyberbullying.

<http://advancingeducation.qld.gov.au/codingcounts/Pages/codingcompetition.aspx>

The competition is now open to all Queensland students from state, Catholic and independent schools in Years 3 to 10. Students are asked to use their coding skills to help their friends create a safe and positive online world.

The competition encourages students to use coding to develop their skills in critical thinking, creativity, collaboration and innovation. It is aligned to the Australian Curriculum: Digital Technologies.

Entries close on Tuesday 19 June 2018. Visit qld.gov.au/codingcompetition for all the details

2018 Premier's
Creating Queensland's Future
coding competition
now open!

qld.gov.au/codingcompetition

St Stephen's Catholic College Cross Country Carnival



Tuesday, 27th of March 2018

Due to the weather conditions and the state of the running track, this Thursday's Cross Country race has had to be postponed. The new details are listed below.

INVITATION: To parents and friends to attend the annual St Stephen's Catholic College Cross Country Carnival.

DATE: Tuesday, 17th April 2018

LOCATION: St Stephen's Catholic College

TIME: 12:35pm – 2:55pm

PARTICIPATION: This event is a wonderful opportunity for students to interact with others in their pastoral house and build positive relationships and house spirit. In the past, students have thoroughly enjoyed the day. All students are expected to attend the carnival and participate in one of the two events, either the competitive race or the participation event for house points. Students unable to participate on the day must have a note from a parent / guardian and provide it to their home form teacher prior to the event. All students who will be absent must have a valid reason which is conveyed to the Principal prior to the carnival (we understand on some occasions there may be extenuating circumstances which prevent your child's participation).

DRESS: Students will wear their sports uniform and sports joggers all day. Students participating in the participation event must wear their school hat and bring a drink bottle.

CANTEEN: The canteen will operate as normal.

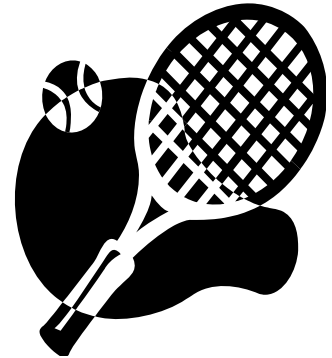
DISTRICT CARNIVAL: Winners of their age groups will progress onto the District event to be held on the Thursday, 19th of April (Age 10-12 years) and Thursday, 26th of April (Age 13-19 years). Permission forms will be printed and emailed due to the short turnaround between the carnivals. Please ensure that the permission forms are returned on Wednesday, 18th of April.

We look forward to you joining us for this great day of sport and inter-house competition.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Ida Pinese
Principal

Mr Kieran Morley
Middle Leader- Sport and Activities



Invites you to
come and try tennis at its open day
on the **14th of April 2018** from **2.00pm**

- **Everybody** is welcome.
- **Experienced** players as well as **beginners**.
- **Activities** for everybody.
- Bring a **friend** with you, the more players the more **fun**.
- Meet the new coach *Herold Prins*.
- **Sausage sizzle** at the end of the day.



For more information call Mark on 0447 590 822

ST STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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FOR 2019

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

Scholarship applications for academic, sporting and cultural for Year 7 in 2019, are now available. Application forms are available from the college website or from the college office.

Closing date: Thursday 29 March 2018

Families intending to enrol students for 2019 must collect an enrolment package from the college or download a copy from our website. The following steps outline the process:

1. Complete the application for enrolment documentation.
2. Attach the necessary documentation as per the checklist in the enrolment package.
3. Return the application with \$100.00 enrolment fee in person or by mail and all applications must be received by 29 March 2018.
4. Once the enrolment application has been received, you will be contacted for an interview. Your enrolment interview may occur in terms one or two.
5. Confirmation of your child's enrolment will occur in term two, when you will be sent a confirmation of enrolment package to complete. This package must be returned to the college for processing.



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