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Left: College Captains, Elena Pilat and Joshua Kievit, along with bugler, Andrew Close, attended the Vietnam Veterans Day Commemoration on Saturday 19 August, to honour those who served in the Vietnam War.

Below: The Combined Saints Band entertained the senior citizens of the shire on Friday 17 August, at the Seniors' Week morning tea, held at the Mareeba International Club.



# NOTICES

## UPCOMING EVENTS:



Thursday 23 August  
Chess Competition

Tuesday 4 September – Wednesday 5 September  
QCS Test

Monday 10 September – Friday 14 September  
Block Exam Week

Monday 17 September – Wednesday 19 September  
Year 12 Recreation Camp

Monday 17 September – Thursday 20 September  
Year 10 Work Experience

Monday 17 September  
Year 11 Leadership Day

Tuesday 18 September  
MTB Race

Wednesday 19 September  
UQ Surf Lifesaving Championships

Friday 21 September  
St Stephen's Day

## TERM DATES 2018

Term 3: 16 July to 21 September

Term 4 : 8 October to 30 November  
Year 12 - 16 November

**Student Free Days 2018**

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](mailto:principal@sscc.qld.edu.au)) with any information and photos.

## ABSENTEE EMAIL

If your child is absent, please email:  
[absentee@sscc.qld.edu.au](mailto: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.

## Maths Tutoring Available

**Tuesday and Thursday**

Recess 2 - MCR

(all students welcome)

**Wednesday**

3.00 pm - 4.00 pm - Library

Years 10 -12 only



## CHESS CLUB

with Mr Harnischfeger (Mr H)

**Room: S5 - Every day during Recess 2.**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**



## Change of Details

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](mailto:office@sscc.qld.edu.au) or telephone: 4086 2500. This also applies to any other contact details.



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends of St Stephen's

“Education is an act of love; it is like giving life.” (Pope Francis)



The impact which the classroom teacher has on students cannot be underestimated. Research conducted by Professor John Hattie provides evidence that it is the teacher at the coalface who has the most influence on the performance of students. To assist teachers to perform their role as effectively as possible, schools must have clear strategic directions, high expectations of academic achievement and conduct, and a pastoral focus which promotes the well-being of students.

Currently, St Stephen's is in the process of developing its strategic directions for the next three years, while also having a vision of what the college could look like in 2030. To this end, staff, the College Board, the Parents and Friends Association and students have been invited to have a say in what is valued, as the college moves forward, and what could be improved upon. Four main themes have been identified:

- Christ-centred, inspired and engaged student-focused learning
- Imaginative and sustainable stewardship of resources
- Active culture of service inspired by the traditions of St Stephen's
- A welcoming community committed to the well-being and inclusion of all

In the next few weeks, a draft strategic directions document will be developed from the above themes. I thank parents, staff and students who completed the satisfaction survey which affirmed what is working well and what needs to be done differently. This information will also inform the School Annual Improvement Plan for 2019. In 2018, the emphasis was on three main dimensions of the Diocese's School Effectiveness Framework:

- An expert teaching team (profiling of teachers)
- Analysis of data (to determine areas requiring targeted intervention)
- Catholic identity

Results of the most recent well-being survey completed by students will also identify issues that require further development in the pastoral area. While the college has clear expectations of how students should behave, not all students and some parents agree with these standards. By tolerating unacceptable behaviour, we are reinforcing what we don't want to see. It is important to remember that the standard that one turns a blind eye to, is the standard that becomes acceptable. I support and thank teachers who uphold our firm, but fair standards which are established to ensure the well-being and safety of all students. These standards reinforce the culture of our college which is created from unspoken messages that are received about what is valued at our school.

In providing opportunities for students to shine in a variety of fields, our teachers live out the quote that “education is an act of love.” Congratulations to students who were involved with:

- Year 7/8 Mathematics Quiz: the boys' team, as the winners, will now compete against Cairns schools
- Bill Turner Soccer team who made it to the State Finals and were commended for demonstrating fair play, a great attitude and excellent conduct
- Sam Daniell in year twelve who performed brilliantly at the National Final of the Plain English Speaking Award in Darwin
- The History and Geography students who achieved excellent results in national competitions
- Students who shone at the Writers' Festival in Cairns

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

These events were only achieved through the generosity of our teachers who go the extra mile, in their own time, to assist our students to shine in a variety of fields, ranging from academic to sporting, to cultural pursuits.

Term three is renowned for having many competing events. On 4 and 5 September, year twelve students who are sitting for the QCS test will be challenged with two days of testing. The best wishes of the college go with them. They have undergone extensive training since the start of this year and are well-prepared. In the last week of the term, the college celebrates St Stephen's Day—an event not to be missed. Each year students look forward to this day as an opportunity to enjoy the company of their peers, to demonstrate prayer in action through service to others and to show gratitude for the community of St Stephen's. Our sister school from Japan joins us in this final week of term three and I thank those families who will volunteer to billet students during their stay in Mareeba.

Just as Australia's first saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, never shied away from a need that required attention, especially with the education of children whose parents could not afford to send them to school, so too do our teachers who have passion for their vocation, devote their time to ensuring that students achieve their potential in those areas in which they are gifted.

With Trust in the Lord

Mrs Ida Pinese | Principal  
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**Saint Mary of the Cross**  
(Mary Helen MacKillop)  
Foundress of the  
Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart  
1842 - 1909  
**Australia's First Saint!**  
Memorial - 8 August

“[Mother Mary MacKillop had a] genuine openness to others, hospitality to strangers, generosity to the needy, justice to those unfairly treated, perseverance in the face of adversity, kindness and support to the suffering...The Beatification of Mother Mary MacKillop is a kind of ‘consecration’ of the people of God in Australia. Through her witness the truth of God’s love and the values of His kingdom have been made visible in this continent – values which are at the very basis of Australian society. May your whole nation remain true to its Christian heritage! And may the Church which makes her pilgrim way in Australia continue to carry out her mission, proclaiming God’s kingdom and his righteousness!”

-Pope John Paul II

- from the beatification of Mother Mary MacKillop in 1995

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## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

***"Let us try to keep God with us by charity of thought, word and act."*** (Mary MacKillop, 1890)

The Church celebrates the feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first saint, on 8 August each year. An example for us all, she was truly courageous and daring, and showed a great trust in the Lord. Among many of her sayings urging us to serve those around us is "never see a need without doing something about it" and the lesser known quote shown above. Both are thoughtful reminders of our call as Christians to serve.



After attending an inspiring session at the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in December last year, students from the Social Justice Committee felt the call to meet the needs of children suffering extreme poverty. They decided to hold a sausage sizzle fundraiser at school in support of Project Kindy, an organisation that supports the kindergarten missions of the Canossian Daughters of Charity in Malawi. By purchasing a sausage at St Stephen's, students were able to empower young children to attend school and receive a daily meal. The fundraiser was a great success, raising nearly \$300.00! The Social Justice Committee would like to thank all who supported the event, especially Mr Luff for generously offering BBQ expertise.

**Miss Janai Sugars**  
**Assistant Principal Religious Education**  
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Social Justice Committee sharing a meal in solidarity with their peers, to raise funds for early childhood students in Malawi.





## Australian Geography and History Competitions

Geography and History students from St Stephen's Catholic College tested their skills and knowledge against students from all around Australia, in the 2018 Australian Geography and Australian History competitions. The college received the results in the last fortnight, and it was pleasing to see how the students had performed. We have some student geographers and historians at our school, who performed to a very high level. In the Geography competition, we had three gaining high distinctions, three distinctions, and ten credits. In the History competition, students gained three high distinctions, three distinctions, five credits, and eight merits. Both subjects are important in developing a student's understandings of the inter-relationships between people and place, and the changes that occur over time. Congratulations to all participants for their achievements.



**Mr Dwayne Miller**

**Middle Leader - Social Science**

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## Year 10 Humanities

The year ten Humanities class has shifted gears this semester and are now focused on civics and citizenship. The semester unit is predominately about Australia's legal obligations both domestically and internationally, and already we have had some heated debates about legislative change. The students are working on a feature article, whereby they are putting forth an argument for or against either a current amendment to law being proposed, or reviewing and recommending a change to an established act of parliament. Topics such as sentencing for serious crime, repeat offenders, violence on the football field and the dual citizenship of parliamentarians are examples. We are looking very much forward to reading these articles in the weeks to come.



**Mrs Prue Vaughan**

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## Year 7 Historians at Work

Historians and detectives both ask and answer questions, collect information, search for clues that may produce evidence, and try to reconstruct the past. They also try to explain something that happened in the past. Both detectives and historians are trained to investigate and try to explain something that happened in the past. The detective's clues might include a fingerprint, a weapon or anything else that helps provide evidence about a crime. The historian's clues, called sources, can be anything that provides information about past times — a letter, a painting, a building, a preserved body, photos, an interview with someone who was there, and so on.



**Mrs Jayarani Salerno**

**History Teacher**

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# SOCIAL SCIENCE



Australian Geography Competition, back row - from left to right: Sam Jackson, Joshua Snell, Shelby Devine, Sinead Wolff, Sophie Schrale, Taylah Phelan and David Bin.

Front row - from left to right: Amelia Morris, Mia McNeill, Zane Terranova, Frank Ferraro, Eloise Bertola and Jenna Kerswell.

Australian History Competition, back row - from left to right: Bailie Olufson, James Dixon-Mills, Aarin Ryan, Makenzi May, Coleman Doyle and Ella Schrale.

Front row - from left to right: Nicholas Brammer, Amelia Morris, Mackenzie Wuth, Kayleigh Cappella and Mia Cavanagh.



Left: year ten Humanities class.

Below - year seven historians at work.





## YEAR 12

Term three, wow, what a busy time for our seniors!

The QCS Test is fast approaching, and exams and assignments will be adding to an already stressful workload. While study and schoolwork are important, it is essential that our year twelve's remain focused and keep things in perspective when life becomes just a bit too hectic. Sleeping, eating and exercising become increasingly beneficial to maintaining a healthy body and mind.



The year twelve formal is also front and centre of a lot of year twelve's minds at the moment. A reminder to parents to please purchase your family's tickets as soon as possible, as the RSVP date of Friday 14 September will be here before we know it, and absolutely no tickets will be sold after this date.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our formal committee of parents and students for their hard work and dedication in ensuring the night is fun and memorable for all.

**Mrs Stacey Crockford**  
**Middle Leader - Year 12**  
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## SAM DANIELL - PLAIN ENGLISH SPEAKING AWARDS



Sam Daniell performed brilliantly and represented St Stephen's Catholic College and Queensland with distinction at the Plain English Speaking Awards held recently in the Northern Territory. The overall winner of the awards was a student from New South Wales.

Left: Sam delivering his impromptu speech.

Below: Sam during his interview.





## BILL TURNER SOCCER COMPETITION

St Stephen's Catholic College nominated a female and male team for the Bill Turner U/15's competition for 2018. This has been done for a number years where the school has shown keen interest in this event. Our girls team won the first round against Mareeba State High School, but were defeated in round two by Cairns State High School. The coach was Mrs Rantucci and supported by Mr Morley. They are looking to go further in 2019.



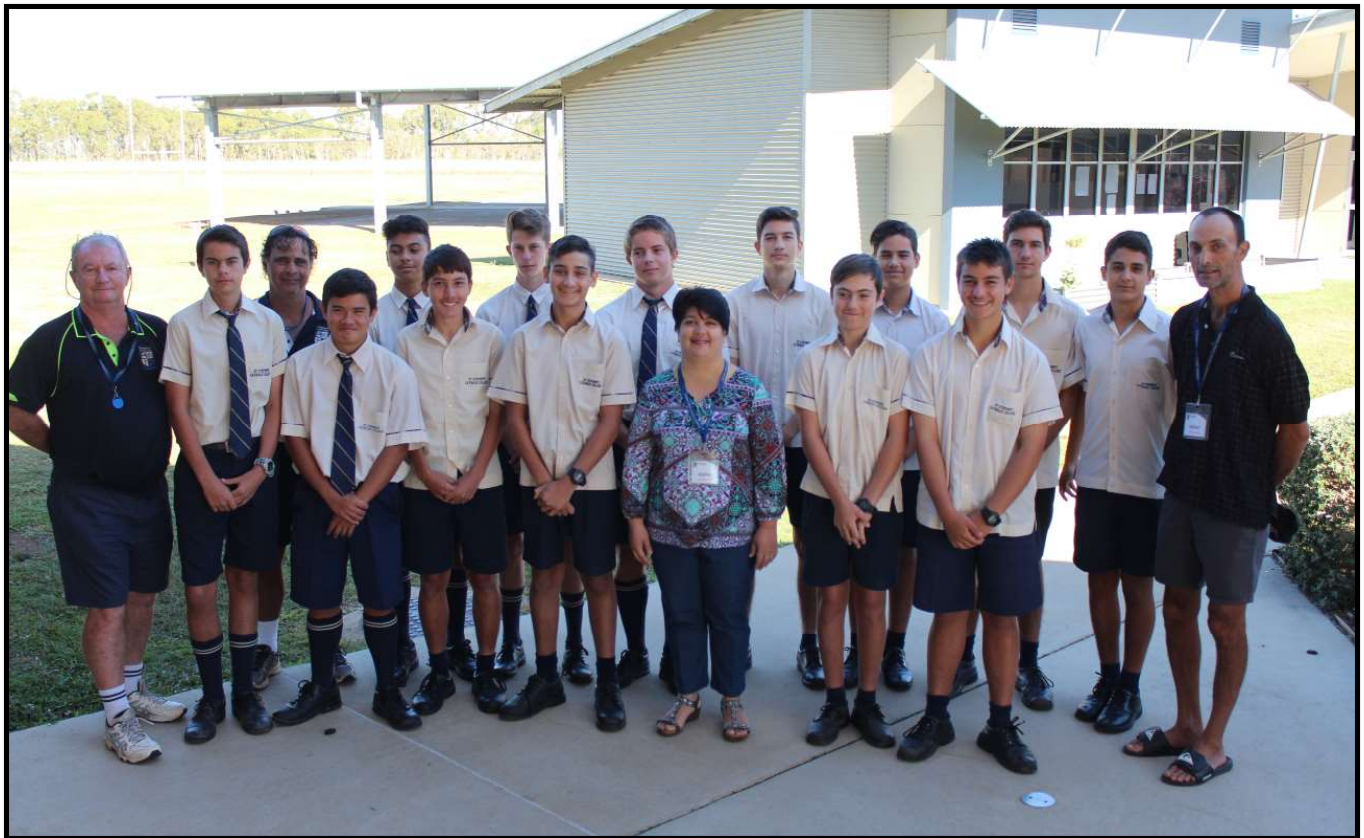
The boys' team won their first match against Mareeba State High School convincingly, and then went on to defeat Cairns State High School. The next match was played in Townsville against the highly competitive Ignatius Park. There was another win to St Stephen's in extra time with a golden goal.

The win took the side to Brisbane to play off in the final four series for the Queensland division and the right to represent the state in the National finals. We came fourth in the state. This is a truly great effort for a small school in the far north of Queensland.

I would like to especially mention Mr Luciano Avolio, who has coached a number of these players since they were in the U/6's. He has been ably assisted by Mr Peter Ius and Mr Sam Gambino. It is good to see such ongoing and friendly dedication. The parental support has also been energetic. Mrs Maria Rossi and other parents were very supportive breakfast and lunch organisers. All efforts were very much appreciated. Overall, 2018 has been a successful soccer episode for St Stephen's Catholic College.

**Mr Michael Luff**  
**U/15 Team Manager**

The team thanked Mr Avolio, Mrs Rossi and Mr Gambino at a recent assembly.



# VET AND VOCATIONAL LEARNING

## Year 10 Work Experience Showcase

Year ten students enjoyed three (3) days of work experience at the end of term two in a variety of industries including engineering, retail, education, allied health, law and construction. Feedback from work experience providers was extremely positive with students learning and performing a variety of new skills and tasks. A further opportunity to participate in the year ten work experience program is week ten, term three (Monday to Thursday). See Mrs Goleby to collect your work experience agreement forms and get organised NOW! You wouldn't want to miss this opportunity to experience your desired career!



Above left: Joss Cleland at Grant Thornton; Middle: Jayden Mehmet at Mackenzie Hydraulics and Engineering and right: Logan Poggioli at McLaren Engineering. Below left: Zoe Hoggood at Mareeba Community Kindergarten and below right: Sophie Raciti at Walkamin State School.



### Positions Available

Part-time Retail Assistants required at Prices Plus - Mareeba Store opening soon

School-based Traineeship in Hospitality at The Cottage Café in Tolga  
Duties include customer service, barista, cooking and cleaning

School-based Traineeship in Warehousing Operations at Reece Plumbing in Atherton  
Duties include customer service, counter sales, stock management, and housekeeping.

Please see the Opportunity Board in S Block for further details on how to apply for these fantastic opportunities.



# AUTHOR VISIT AND TRINITY BAY WRITERS FESTIVAL

On Monday 13 August, we were fortunate to have the author, Aleesah Darlison, visit our school library and run writing workshops with year seven, eight and nine students. Aleesah has had many books published and she discussed the writing process from ideas and drafts to published works with the students.



The year nine students learnt how to develop characters for their creative stories, the year eight's wrote descriptive paragraphs and the year seven's worked on dazzling dialogue. All of the students enjoyed the day and their work reflected their creativity and imagination.

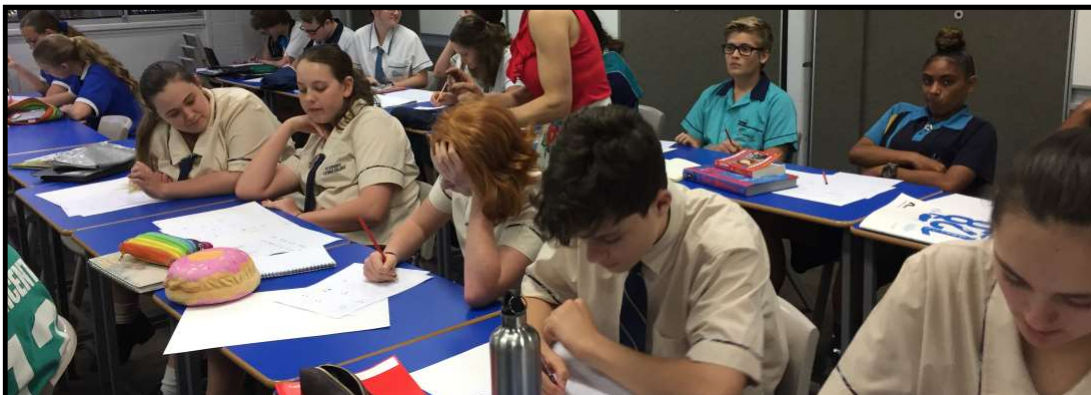
**Mrs Simone Gillies**  
**Teacher Librarian**  
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## The Tale of the Trinity Bay Writers Festival

Six students. Three authors. One illustrator. Two unforgettable days. Follow our heroes as they undergo creative writing workshops that will push them to their limits. Watch them battle against writer's block as they attempt to master the great skills of extrapolation, world building and integration of background detail. Can they conquer the daunting task of creating engaging characters? Will inspiration strike or will their characters be doomed to die in a choose your own adventure story? Most importantly, will they be able to follow the single most vital rule of creative writing and show instead of tell?

Written by Holly Bryce  
(Endorsed by Keelie Nicholls, Rosa Askey-Doran, Connor Coghlan, Nikita Bianco and Emily Perrett)



## STUDENT SUCCESS - DEBORAH HERMANUS



St Stephen's Catholic College congratulates year eleven student, Deborah Hermanus, for being accepted to attend the 2019 National Youth Science Forum



## STUDENT SUCCESS - LAUREN BROWN

On Friday 13 July, I was overwhelmed to be chosen as the 2018 Mareeba Rodeo Festival Queen from a group of amazing girls, some of which attend St Stephen's Catholic College. For three weeks leading up to this night, entrants attended several functions and events as part of the Rodeo Festival, including the Rodeo Ball, Committee Dinner and fantastic community events, as well as two official judging events.

During the rodeo weekend, I took part in ribbon presentations and delivered a speech during the official proceedings. I was invited to attend the Cairns Show to participate in the official proceedings with Miss Showgirl entrants and rural ambassadors. This was such a privilege and I am extremely proud of my achievements and the opportunity to be an ambassador for Mareeba.

I encourage all girls, 16 years of age and older, to participate in this event, as you will have so much fun and it is an experience you will never forget.





## STUDENT SUCCESS - LOGAN ACHA



Pictured is year ten student, Logan Acha competing at the peninsula trials for u15 high jump, which were held in Cairns on Monday 13 August.

## INTRODUCTION OF PARENT SLIPS

St Stephen's Catholic College has implemented Parent Slips (EdSmart) to assist with communication between the school and parents. Parent Slips is an online system that replaces all the paper forms we send home for you to complete and return. By moving to an online system, the school anticipates making good savings in time and cost compared with managing a paper process.

The online system is extremely easy for parents to use. Instead of paper forms coming home in your child's school bag, you will be sent an email notification, with a link to click that opens a secure web page version of the form to complete and submit. You can do this on your phone, tablet or computer. You do not need to download any apps or register.

The online system is a much more efficient way to capture all this information from you and means teachers and the administration staff can easily keep track of who has returned their forms. All of the data you submit in the forms is held in a secure database and is only accessible to selected school staff.

You can read more about Parent Slips on their web site: <https://www.parentpaperwork.com/parents>

# HOMESTAY OPPORTUNITY



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Our sister-school, Sano Nichidai from Sano City in Japan will be visiting St Stephen's Catholic College from 14 to 21 September 2018, and we are looking for homestay families to accommodate them.

### The Schedule

Friday 14 September at 3.00 pm - Arrive at St Stephen's Catholic College. Homestay families to meet the students and staff from Japan.

Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 September - Students will spend time with their homestay families participating in family life and if possible, a little sightseeing with the families.

Monday 17 to Friday 21 September - A variety of activities for the Japanese students in and out of school and then back to school by 2.30 pm each day. Thank You BBQ for homestay families and Japanese students - Thursday afternoon after school - time yet to be decided.

Friday 21 September - St Stephen's Day activities and Japanese students depart St Stephen's at 3.00 pm.

### Conditions of Homestay

- Be able to host at least two (2) students.
- Can provide a bedroom for the two (2) students to share.
- Be prepared to show students around the local area on the weekend.
- Can provide school lunch for each of the school days.
- Be able to organise transport for the students to and from school.

There will be some financial compensation given to families to cover some of the expenses incurred hosting the students. Please email Mr Priestly if you are interested in participating in this program or if you have any questions.

Email: [rpriestly@sscc.qld.edu.au](mailto:rpriestly@sscc.qld.edu.au)



# Have you heard our news???

mareeba community kindergarten inc.

is getting ready to celebrate 50 years in 2019!

**We are so excited, our celebrations have already begun!**



**Kindy OPEN DAY is SATURDAY,  
8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER.**

**Both our Stewart St centre and  
our Sutherland St centre will be  
OPEN from 9am-11am.**

**Everyone is welcome to come  
and see what Kindy is all about!**

**\*We are currently producing a  
special 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kindy  
Recipe Book to be published  
next year.**

**ALL past and present students,  
families and staff can contribute  
a recipe to be included in the  
book.**

**Send your recipes to:  
[kindyrecipebook@bigpond.com](mailto:kindyrecipebook@bigpond.com)**

**Join us on Facebook to keep up-to-date  
– Mareeba Community Kindy.**



# AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE



## TRADE CAREERS INFORMATION SESSION

The Australian Defence Force is a great place to learn a trade, or make the most of your existing qualifications and experience. Whether you're a chippie, sparky or aspiring tradie, here's your opportunity to train, travel, live an amazing lifestyle, earn a great salary and help communities in need. Learn more about the range of trade opportunities available in the Australian Defence Force at the upcoming information session.

### INNISFAIL

**Date:** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2018  
**Time:** 6:00pm – 8:00pm  
**Where:** Innisfail Library, 49 Rankin Street, Innisfail

### ATHERTON

**Date:** Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2018  
**Time:** 6:00pm – 8:00pm  
**Where:** Atherton State High School, Maunds Road, Atherton

**RSVP:** [www.defencejobs.gov.au/events](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/events) or email [CPTCAIRNS@dfr.com.au](mailto:CPTCAIRNS@dfr.com.au)

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## MAREEBA ARTS IN THE PARK



**Saturday 22 September 2018**

**Centenary Park, Mareeba**

**9am - 2pm**

Markets | Entertainment | Food | Activities

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