

St Stephen's
Catholic College



Trust in the Lord

St Stephen's News

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Year 7 & 8 Mathematics Quiz Winners



The year seven and eight QAMT Mathematics Team from St Stephen's Catholic College were victorious at the recent regional titles in Cairns. Members of the team (Joshua Snell, Sam Jackson and Milan Maloberti), will now compete at the state level in Brisbane. Congratulations to the team for this great achievement!

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NOTICES



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday 11 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

-LOST PROPERTY-

There is quite a vast number of hats, jumpers and water bottles in lost property. Please have your child check if there is something missing.

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.

CHESS CLUB

with Mr Harnischfeger (Mr H)

Room: S5 - Every day during Recess 2.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



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) with any information and photos.

ABSENTEE EMAIL

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

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 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 or telephone: 4086 2500. This also applies to any other contact details.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends of St Stephen's

"Honesty and transparency make you vulnerable. Be honest and transparent anyway."
(Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta)



Each year the election of year twelve leaders is met with great anticipation, a sense of excitement and some apprehension. The process is very transparent to students and staff, but not always known to parents. Therefore, a segment of this newsletter article will be devoted to explaining the process. On 17 September, all year eleven students will participate in a leadership day, the purpose of which is to develop each student's awareness of what it means to be a leader in a Catholic school. An external presenter from Project Hatch will engage the students in a variety of activities which relate to the theme of how they influence others, the role which God plays in their lives and their strengths as leaders. All students, whether the recipients of a formal title or not, are leaders and this program seeks to affirm their positive qualities and assist them to work as a cohesive group.

The role of each leadership position is explained both by the College Principal and by the current year 12 leaders who can provide insights into the rewards and challenges of being a leader. Students have approximately three weeks to complete their nominations for more than one position. Nominations are reviewed and short-listing occurs for College Captains based on the quality of the nomination and the endorsement by teachers chosen by the applicant. These students are then asked to present a two-minute speech at the forthcoming whole school assembly, after which year ten, year eleven students and staff cast their votes in a secret ballot system, based on preferential voting with scrutineers. All votes are of equal weight. The top six students are short-listed and undergo an interview process conducted by members of the senior leadership team and the College Board. After this process, four students are chosen as College Captains for 2019.

To provide every opportunity for leadership, unsuccessful candidates are encouraged to nominate for other leadership positions as Pastoral House Leaders, the Student Representative Council Executive and the Social Justice Committee. All of these positions are also subject to preferential voting and scrutineers. The process takes more than a week to execute, after which an official announcement of the 2019 leaders is made at a whole school assembly. It is always amazing to witness the high standard of potential leaders' presentations to their peers and the confidence they demonstrate. Throughout this entire process, the student voice is respected as the deciding factor in who is elected.

Another issue in which it is important to be honest and transparent is student attendance at St Stephen's. With the assistance of the Business Intelligence tool since 2015, reliable data about attendance is quickly generated. Unfortunately, this is an area which requires significant improvement, as our attendance rate is currently 91.7%---below the Diocesan average and our key performance indicator of 95%. While many students are to be commended for achieving 100% attendance, a significant number are constantly absent for reasons other than genuine illness. It is not possible to achieve one's potential by missing school on a regular basis. I urge parents to ensure that their children attend school each day, unless there are extenuating circumstances preventing this from occurring. Students have approximately fourteen weeks of holiday each year which should be sufficient for family trips.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

All students must attend school until they complete year ten or turn sixteen, whichever comes first. Post compulsory schooling occurs in years eleven and twelve when students choose to be at school to achieve certification. This cannot occur if they are absent on a regular basis, as failure to attend school impacts on their ability to achieve a Queensland Certificate of Education and also erodes the integrity of the system. St Stephen's is very accommodating to those students who wish to pursue a vocational pathway by taking up school-based traineeships and apprenticeships or TAFE courses. However, this offer needs to be respected and it is within the rights of the school to cancel enrolment in the vocational course if attendance is not regular. Another contributing factor to absenteeism with senior students is part-time work, which, if more than ten hours per week, can detrimentally impact on their results, especially if students are too tired to attend school.

On a more positive note, congratulations are extended to three sets of students. On Thursday 23 August, the premier St Stephen's Chess Team came first which means that students will now compete at the state level in Brisbane. Similarly, three students from years seven and eight blitzed the Mathematics Quiz in Cairns and are also off to the state titles in Brisbane in October. Not to be outdone, the year seven Opti-MINDS team have been invited to participate at state level. I would like to thank our teachers who devote time outside of their teaching load to mentor these students.

I welcome feedback about the issues I have raised in this newsletter article, especially the process for the election of leaders and the concerning level of absenteeism among some students. Your input as parents is greatly valued, as we continually strive to improve our processes.

With Trust in the Lord

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OPTI-MINDS

Opti-MINDS is an inter-school team challenge encouraging creativity. St Stephen's Catholic College had two teams taking part in the event on Sunday 26 August. Both teams represented the college well and had a rewarding day. The college has been participating in this challenge for ten years. Our year seven team consisting of Abigail Garate, Mia McNeill, Amelia Morris and Lucy Perrett received Opti-MINDS Honours on the day and have been invited to attend the State Finals in Brisbane in October, representing the Cairns Region. For the Long Term Challenge, our teams chose the Language Literature Challenge which was based around the book 'Matilda' by Roald Dahl. The challenge was to come up with a new, slightly inaccurate version of the book, whilst also presenting arguments for electronic books against paper books. For six weeks our two teams spent recess time working together on their challenge solution. On Opti-MINDS day, the teams presented their creative solutions at James Cook University in Cairns.

The students also completed a Spontaneous Challenge in which they had ten minutes to creatively solve a problem which they had not seen before. Congratulations to both our teams.

From left to right: Grace Pillar, Amelia Morris, Emma Cavanagh, Paige Kolijn, Abigail Garate, Taijana Goleby, Lucy Perrett and Mia Cavanagh with Mrs Holden and Mrs Schermer (Mia McNeill absent).



FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Thank you to all families who have paid their school fees in a timely manner.

Quite a few families are entering into a payment schedule. Their fees may be \$1,200.00 for the term and they set up a weekly deduction of \$120.00 over ten weeks. Families can set up their own direct debit via internet banking. It is important that all fees are paid each term. If you have forgotten to pay your fees, you may receive a friendly reminder call or email from Mrs Pina Menniti, the Finance Assistant. If you require any assistance please contact me on 40862500 or hflynn@sscc.qld.edu.au



The college had three major capital projects in 2018 and I would like to take this opportunity to provide an update:

1. Removal of the demountable building and creation of the year seven break out zone. This was completed in early 2018 and has proved to be very popular amongst our junior students.
2. Covered Walkways – after a long design and approval phase, this is scheduled to commence as soon as students leave at the end of the year. It needs to be completed in holiday time and we have missed the window for the September break.
3. Multi-Purpose Hall is progressing well and it is intended to be out for tender in 2018.

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Above: An artist's impression of the new Multi-Purpose Hall.
Below: The year seven break out zone.



Senior Drivers

All students intending to drive to school must first complete the “senior students driving private vehicles” permission form. Students are not permitted to access senior student parking, until they have fully completed the form as mentioned above.



Online safety

If you are like most concerned digital parents, you already know cybersafety is important. But... then what? Where do you even begin to set boundaries and restrict content? If only you could ask someone who had answers. Many products are available online and some on a free trial basis, that can help you establish boundaries and restrict content access. A simple search of parental control software will provide you with a myriad of choices.

Resources for parents and families: Office of the Esafety Commissioner

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources>

Take the tour on the website of the Esafety Commissioner for “iParent”. The ever changing nature of the internet can pose challenges for parents. iParent provides online safety resources targeted to the specific needs of parents and carers.

Uniform reminders

- Students are to be in full school uniform upon entrance to the college and on exit.
- Make up and nail polish are not permitted.
- Girls with hair longer than shoulder length should have their hair tied back using white, beige, or navy blue hair restraints.
- Boys to be clean shaven.

Pastoral Challenge

Stop! Rest! Reflect! Recharge! Go!

The disciples went off two by two, preaching and healing and scaring off demons. And when they returned, the great works they had performed came back to haunt them: people would not leave them alone! It is called success, and it only leads to more work. Finally, Jesus drew his starving disciples aside to grab a bite and a chance to rest. But the deserted place didn't stay deserted for long. Soon a crowd has formed, dog-eyed at the dinner table, begging for scraps. Jesus looked out at that needy sea of faces and felt heartbroken. He might have been annoyed or frustrated, but his response was what you would expect from God: love-compelled. Deprived of hope, broken in body, mind and heart, they wanted relief. They wanted a reason to believe. And so, Jesus taught them. And because nothing much has changed in the world for two thousand years; the church still teaches.

What action are we called to take?

1. Be a good shepherd to those around you.
2. Be a reconciler.
3. Exercise generosity.
4. Teach by your example of patience and kindness.

Mr Matthew Draper

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FROM THE MIDDLE LEADER - YEAR 11

We all want to be safe on the roads, and the recent crash statistics in the Far North are alarming, so it was reassuring to see our year eleven students enthusiastically taking part in the Keeping Young Drivers Safe (KYDS) Program a fortnight ago. They participated in a mix of theory and practical sessions: learning about driver safety; the effect of drugs and alcohol on their ability to drive, walk and complete basic tasks; they chatted to officers from the Queensland Police Service; and students even examined an unroadworthy car, so they know what to look for when purchasing their first vehicle. The year eleven students were fantastic ambassadors of our college, and I am proud of their behaviour and contribution on the day.



The next significant milestone for our year eleven students is the leadership process they are about to undertake. This process begins with the year eleven Leadership Day on Monday 17 September, where students will participate in a number of different activities and initiatives designed to prepare them for their future roles as seniors of our college. In term four, we will begin the nomination and election process for our student leaders in 2019. I look forward to walking this journey with them.

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Above left: Want to buy a used car? Just ask one of our knowledgeable year eleven students for help with an inspection! Above right: Ms Bool, courageous as always, being chauffeured by David Reddie.



Above left: Barry, one of the volunteers, bravely riding along with Alex Fogale, driving "under the influence" with beer goggles. Above right: Andrew Close (front seat) and Brodie McGrath (back seat) experiencing the effect speed has on their braking distance.

FROM THE MIDDLE LEADER - TECHNOLOGY

Term three is seeing the Technology department keeping busy.

With the recent purchase of a laser cutter, the INTAD (Industrial Technology and Design) team has started to revolutionise the design aspects of our course. Semester one saw the introduction of the acoustic speaker into year nine ITD, coasters into year ten Graphics, laser etching onto dartboards in our Certificate II in Furniture Making and also crash test cars into our Engineering Technology subjects.



The ICT (Information and Communication Technology) team have not missed out. With the recent refurbishment of M and T room, we now have a state of the art learning space. This space incorporates cubes for seating, cloud shaped whiteboards for tables and a dedicated area for our robotic work.

I am very proud of the lunch-time sessions that are run by our department in both the Robotics and the INTAD/ Graphics areas. Students have embraced these sessions, showing up week after week, with some even entering external competitions to show off their skills. Some of our robotics club members travelled to Cairns for the “She Flies” drone day, where they learnt to program and fly drones to complete different activities, including shooting items into a bucket and mapping an unseen area on autopilot.

After our success over the last three years in the Business Liaison Association’s competitions, we are working very hard this year to ensure our entrants for 2018 have just as much success. These competitions focus on design skills, graphical work as well as production skills.

Wishing you a relaxing spring holiday.

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Left: Year seven student, Faith Power, during robotics class. Above: Year nine acoustic speakers. Below: Year eleven student, Liam Pozzebon, is undertaking a Certificate II in Furniture Making Pathways.



FROM THE MIDDLE LEADER - SCIENCE

Science Week 2018

Science Week started with a bang, with the college celebrating all things Science on assembly. Students were “wowed” by a drone fly-by, and then certificates were presented to students who achieved a Distinction or High Distinction in the ICAS Science paper. Activities were held daily, with students engaging in making their own density columns, watching the “magic” of chemical reactions, and making their own Pac Man controllers with kitchen utensils. Dry Ice Day proved popular with many students, whilst several had hair-raising experiences. Our chemistry students were fortunate enough to attend a lecture by a visiting Chemistry Lecturer from Griffith University, who spoke to them about employment opportunities in the Chemistry field. We are hoping that Science Week will be bigger and better in 2019.



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ICAS Science Award Winners, from left to right: Joshua Snell, Sam Jackson, Sophie Schrale, Alyssa Crane, Loralie Hinchcliffe, Eloise Bertola, Riley Bloore and Nicholas Brammer.



Matthew Bin and Mrs Ison - Magical Dry Ice!

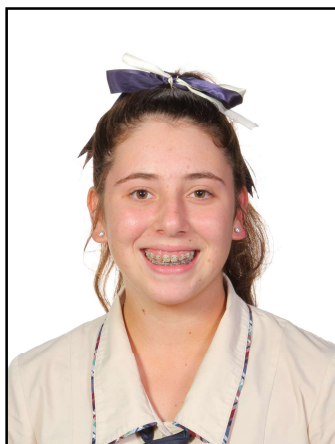


Science Week Launch - Spot the Drone!

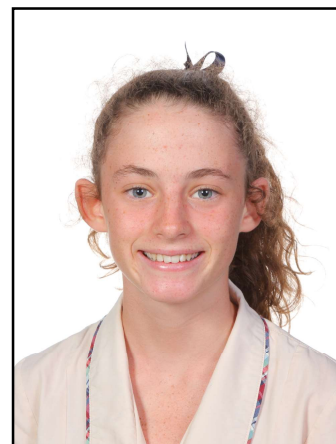
PENINSULA REPRESENTATIVES



Elena Pilat
16-19 Years - Triathlon



Keeley Mason
13-19 Years - Softball



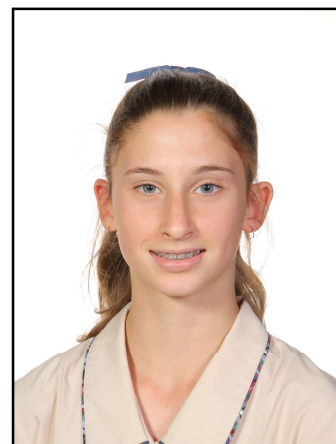
Sara Donovan
13-19 Years - Swimming



Nadia Falvo
13-19 Years - Swimming



Rhyanna Yow-Yeh
16-19 Years - Netball



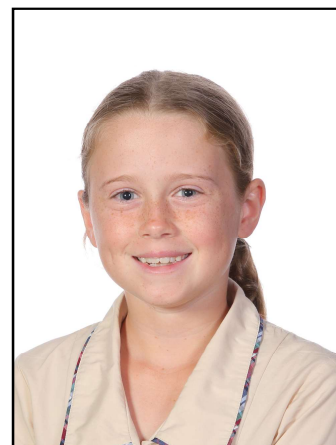
Tonia-Marie Rantucci
13-15 Years - Football



Jane Close
13-15 Years - Football



Chloe Taylor
13-15 Years - Football

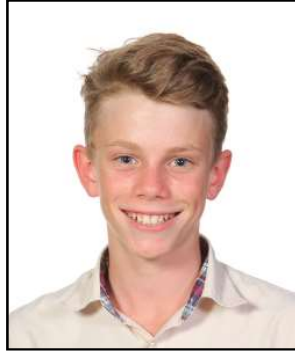


Sarah Broad
10-12 Years - Hockey

PENINSULA REPRESENTATIVES



Moses Hannett-Wade
16-19 Years - Triathlon



Ned Donovan
13-19 Years - Swimming



Jhai Mehmet
12-14 Years - Baseball



Levi Poggioli
12-14 Years - Baseball



Layton Osborne
17-19 Years - Football



Brandon Osborne
17-19 Years - Football
16-18 Years - Basketball



Jake Priestly
16-18 Years - Basketball



Tyler Ius
13-16 Years - Football



Eryk Legaspi
13-16 Years - Football



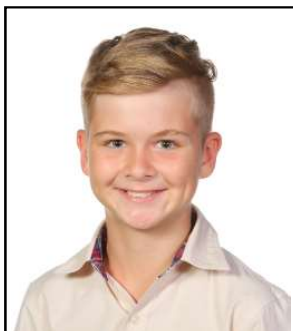
Deane Alterio
13-16 Years - Football



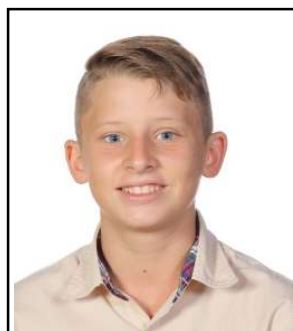
Serg Battistin
13-16 Years - Football



Thomas Hallam
19 Years & Under - Golf



Kohen Allen
10-12 Years - Football



Luke Rantucci
10-12 Years - Football



Tom Cuda
13-15 Years - Touch Football

CHESS TEAM NEWS



Congratulations to the St Stephen's Catholic College Chess Team for achieving great results at the Gardiner Inter-School Chess Competition. The Premier Team has now progressed to the next level in Brisbane. Thank you to Mr Michael Harnischfeger, Mr Chris Ellison, Mr Ben Herral and Mr Norm Fenner, for their expert coaching.

VET AND VOCATIONAL LEARNING

School-Based Apprenticeship Showcase

Wyatt Milgate has secured his future career getting ahead of the eight ball to secure a school-based apprenticeship in Carpentry with Shane Smith Builders. He will carry out tasks related to the building, construction and joinery trades (under the supervision of a qualified tradesman/instructor) and consistent with apprenticeship year level. He will also attend off the job trade school to complete learning and assessment outcomes required for a carpentry apprenticeship. Congratulations Wyatt!

Please see the Opportunity Board in S Block for positions vacant, work experience opportunities, school holiday programs and other exciting events!



YEAR 10 CAMP



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New Cashless System is here!



St Stephen's Catholic College is constantly on the lookout for new ways to make your interactions with school more convenient. That's why we've engaged with Flexischools, Australia's leading school payment system, to provide a new cashless way for you to pay for school services.

Order and pay for a range of school services online with Flexischools online ordering...

Flexischools is the fast, convenient and secure way to order and pay for [SERVICES WITH FLEXISCHOOLS] from home or on your mobile. Flexischools makes our school service[s] available to you 24/7

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What does it cost?

Online Ordering Fees -	\$0.29 per order
Account Top-Up Fees -	Direct Deposit FREE
	Credit card (visa/mastercard) 15c + 1%
	PayPal 15c + 1%

AUSTRALIAN ANTI ICE CAMPAIGN



Mareeba Toyota
Hansen Ford



INVITES MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO ATTEND

COMMUNITY FORUM

ICE & OTHER DRUGS

Wednesday 10 October 2018 : 6:30pm - 9pm

Mareeba International Club

10 Vaughan Street, Mareeba QLD 4880

This is a free event, however a gold coin donation would be appreciated on the night

EDUCATION IS PREVENTION

Know what **ICE** is...What it looks like...
How it affects the brain...How to help a loved one
With the increasing effects of **ICE** in our community
Know the facts and help educate your loved ones before it's too late

TOPICS PRESENTED

OPTIMAL HEALTH GROUPS - DUAL DIAGNOSIS TRAINING
PROVIDING COMMUNITY TRAINING FOR EARLY INTERVENTION
PROVIDING FAMILY SUPPORT GROUPS
DETOX, COUNSELLING AND TREATMENT
RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION

For any further enquiries please contact (07) 5665 6063

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