

St Stephen's
Catholic College



Trust in the Lord

St Stephen's News

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Year 11 - Leadership Day



Year 11 students on Monday refined their focus on what it means to lead others at St Stephen's. The Leadership Day provided the platform for students to take part in the student leadership selection process for 2019. Students were presented with the challenge of "what it means to be a leader at St Stephen's Catholic College".

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NOTICES



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday 21 September

St Stephen's Day

Saturday 13 October

Year 12 Formal

Monday 15 October

Year 8 Community Day

Wednesday 17 October

Year 12 SIP Excursion - Boating Licence

Year 7 Immunisations

Thursday 18 October

Year 11 Geography Excursion

Friday 19 October

Arts Exhibition at St Stephen's Catholic College

-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

Monday 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

"You cannot be human without being part of a people."
Pope Francis: "Community and Unity"



One of Pope Francis's most popular themes is that of unity, and unity is formed best by fostering community where we live, where we work, where we worship.

Never was a sense of community more important than when our St Stephen's family mourned the loss of one of our year ten students (Angus Poggioli) and prayed for the recovery of another student (Daniel Cross), also in year ten, who suffered severe burns in the tragic accident that claimed Angus' life. I am very grateful for the support which our staff and counsellors from Catholic Education Services provided to students in the days following the accident. The entire St Stephen's community extends its sincere condolences to Angus' family as we keep them in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. We also wish his cousin, Daniel, the very best during his road to recovery.

This sense of community is celebrated on 21 September when the entire school comes together for St Stephen's Day. Not only is the day dedicated to remembering our patron, St Stephen, but it is also an opportunity for fostering positive relationships in our pastoral groups and across the college. All parents are very welcome to attend, for all or part of the day which begins with a whole school mass, followed by a cultural performance by our students, a mini-fete and the competitive netball game between the senior students and the staff. For many students this is the best day of the school year and I urge parents to delay their holiday plans until the start of the official break on 22 September, so that students can enjoy being with their peers, celebrating the spirit of our college. Attendance is compulsory and students are to be attired in their sports uniform.

Congratulations are extended to the year seven and nine students for their efforts on the NAPLAN test, the results of which are being sent home to parents. It is important to remember that this test is just one measure of a student's performance at a point in time and assists the school to determine areas that require attention. Students performed well on the test; in particular, the writing task was of a very high standard and I thank the English teachers for working effectively to improve writing across the board. The year twelve students are also to be commended for their commitment to the Queensland Core Skills Test on 4 and 5 September.

While many students have worked very hard this term and are looking forward to the holidays, school officially concludes on Friday 21 September at 3.00 pm. The last week of term is devoted to completing assessment and preparing students for term four. Year ten students are engaging in work experience for the first four days of the last week and our college will be hosting students from our sister school in Japan from 14 September to 21 September. There is also great excitement about the forthcoming New Zealand trip which four teachers and twenty-four students are undertaking in the first ten days of the holidays. I thank our teachers for their generosity in giving up their break time and wish the entire group a wonderful time in the snow.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Schools are a microcosm of society with highs and lows. Over the past ten weeks of term three, our community has celebrated many great achievements by our students, of whom we are very proud. We have also experienced great sadness with the loss of one of our family and the lengthy hospitalisation of two of our students, Daniel in year ten and Georgia in year eleven.

Prayer is a very powerful tool and I ask that, as a community, we pray for these students, so that a family can find peace with their loss and our two other students have a complete recovery. I thank staff, students and parents for the hard work that has been carried out in this term and wish parents a special time with their children—life is so precious and fragile and we need to savour every moment.

With Trust in the Lord

Mrs Ida Pinese | Principal
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FROM THE MIDDLE LEADER - E LEARNING

This term is the third term that we have run our learning management system - Canvas.

Canvas is a learning portal that students and teachers use for resources such as worksheets, assignments, calendar events (such as homework due dates and field trips), as well as interactive lessons and videos.

I am extremely pleased with the adoption this year, with thousands of pages views, hundreds of assignments created and meaningful discussions happening, along with lots of other engaging activities. The purpose of Canvas is to provide the students with a central place to access all their class content, so that if they are ill or away for a sporting event, they have access to all the resources 24/7 from anywhere.

I am extremely satisfied with the levels of engagement from staff and students this year, and have many exciting developments that I will share in the coming months. Students need to be ready for this millennium armed with 21st century skills, and Canvas allows them to facilitate this.

If you have any questions about Canvas or our 1:1 program, please contact me at rbaker@sscc.qld.edu.au or ring me at 4086 2511.

I look forward to enriching students' experiences into 2019.

Mr Richard Baker
Middle Leader - E Learning
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FROM THE CHESS COORDINATOR

St Stephen's Catholic College chess team has won the Far North Queensland Inter-school Chess Competition for the second consecutive year.

St Stephen's Team 1 were undefeated in the seven round premier division competition. The four team members, Iago Roche-Maxwell, Brandon Osborne, Caleb Shorey and Layton Osborne, will now head to Brisbane to compete at the state finals.



St Stephen's Team 2: Milan Bagic, Eugenio Bambino, Jack Burnside and Braydon Olufson, finished in third place in premier division and missed out by only one point on also qualifying for the state finals.

In the open division, St Stephen's Teams 3 and 4 finished in second and fourth place respectively.

Over one hundred secondary students from twelve secondary schools in the Cairns region competed at the competition. Thank you to Mike Harnischfeger for coaching the teams at lunchtimes.

Mr Christopher Ellison
Chess Co-ordinator
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2019 TERM DATES / PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Term 1

Tuesday 29 January to Friday 5 April

Term 2

Tuesday 23 April to Friday 28 June

Term 3

Monday 15 July to Friday 20 September

Term 4

Tuesday 8 October to Friday 29 November
(Year 12 Finish: Friday 15 November)

Public Holidays / Student Free Days

Monday 28 January - Australia Day
Friday 19 April - Good Friday
Monday 22 April - Easter Monday
Thursday 25 April - ANZAC Day
Monday 6 May - Labour Day
Friday 19 July - Cairns Show
Monday 7 October - Queen's Birthday
Monday 21 October - Student Free Day



St Stephen's Day



**Friday 21 September
from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm**

**Mass
Cultural Performance
Mini Fete
Netball Match (Year 12 versus Staff)
Tug-of-War (Junior School)**



LOST PROPERTY NOTICE



Lost property is located at Student Services. To ensure that items are returned to your child, please label clothing and other property with their name. There is currently an abundance of lost items, which are unlabelled. Please encourage your child to visit Student Services to reclaim any lost property.

ARTS EXHIBITION

A vibrant, abstract painting of a flower with petals in shades of purple, pink, and blue. The background is dark grey. The text is overlaid on the right side of the artwork.

2019 Arts Exhibition

Friday 19 October
4:30 pm to 6.30 pm

Music, Drama & Arts

Free Entry
St Stephen's Catholic College

Artist: Lilly Maher

NOTICE FROM TROPICAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES



Queensland Government

Tropical Public Health Services (Cairns)

Enquiries to: TPHS
Telephone: 07 4226 5555
Facsimile: 07 4226 3095

Dear Parent

17/09/2018

Gastroenteritis

Queensland Health, Tropical Public Health Services (Cairns) TPHS (Cairns) has received a number of reports in recent weeks of outbreaks of gastroenteritis in schools.

Symptoms can include:

- Diarrhoea and /or
- Vomiting
- Abdominal cramps
- Fever
- Headaches

To help prevent further outbreaks we advise that any child or staff member who is displaying the above symptoms must not attend school until they are symptom free and completely well for a **minimum of 48 hours**. If your child is unwell with the above symptoms and does not appear to be getting better, you should seek medical attention and ask your doctor to consider taking a stool sample.

Gastroenteritis can be passed from person to person very easily by:

- Direct person to person contact
- Airborne spread when a person vomits (when large numbers of viruses pass into the air as an invisible mist and can infect other people in the area)
- Swallowing something that has been contaminated through contact with infected faeces or vomit.

Further information about gastroenteritis can be found at:

<http://conditions.health.qld.gov.au/HealthCondition/condition/14/33/60/Gastroenteritis>

Yours sincerely,

Dr Richard Gair

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JCU: Scholarships making a difference

We know how important winning a scholarship is — and JCU has just made it a whole lot easier to find one that may be available to you. Now.

Visit jcu.edu.au to search scholarships by name, source and by course. Values range from \$1,000 to \$15,000. And we know every \$ counts.

Two scholarships we think you may be really interested in are:

JCU Academic Merit Scholarship

JCU Merit Scholarships are offered to Australian high-achieving school leavers commencing a degree* at JCU Cairns or JCU Townsville. Sixty Scholarships valued at \$5,000 each will be offered annually. Students who need to relocate to Cairns or Townsville may be eligible for an accommodation 'top up' of \$1,500 paid in the first year of study.

*Eligible courses include all undergraduate bachelor and joint degrees offered by JCU excluding the Bachelor of Dental Surgery, Bachelor of Veterinary Sciences and Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery. The scholarship is paid in two instalments per year over three years).

JCU Deans' Scholarship

The Deans' Scholarship seeks to support eligible students committed to making a difference in their chosen profession in tropical or underserved communities.

The Deans' Scholarship provides financial support to high-achieving students for the length of their degree, allowing students to fully commit to their studies. The value of the scholarship is \$10,000 per year, for the minimum number of years expected to complete their chosen course on a full-time basis. Six scholarships are offered each year.



MONDAY

Chicken Fillet Burger - \$4.50

WEDNESDAY

Pulled Pork Roll - \$4.50

THURSDAY

BBQ Burger - \$5.00

FRIDAY

Calzone - \$6.00

Ham and Cheese

Ham, Cheese and Pineapple

Chicken and Cheese

Vegetable

Meat Lovers

MULTICULTURAL

TUESDAY

GREEK

Weeks 1 and 5

Greek Lamb Wraps - \$5.50

JAPANESE

Weeks 2 and 6

Sushi - \$5.50

AUSTRALIAN

Weeks 3 and 7

Fish Wedges - \$5.50

INDIAN

Weeks 4 and 8

Vegetarian Indian Rice Salad

(with dinner roll) - \$5.50

TERM 4 – 2018

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

- Parents set up a Flexischools account online and pre-load the account with funds.
- Parent can use the funds in their account to order and pay for a range of services online
- Parents can view their orders online and can set a daily spending limit.

Get Started with Flexischools...

Set up an account for online ordering...

You can set up an account online – it only takes a minute.

1. **Register for Flexischools** by visiting www.flexischools.com.au. Add your student, their school and form class to get started.
2. **Top-Up your account** via Visa, Mastercard, PayPal or direct deposit.
3. **Make an order** by selecting from the range of options made available by your school and proceed to make payment for the order listed in your order pad.
4. **Review Orders** by logging back in to your Flexischools account. You can set recurring orders, view transaction history or cancel orders via your Flexischools login.

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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