

St Stephen's
Catholic College



St Stephen's News

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Year 12 Retreat!



From Monday to Wednesday of the last week of term, year twelve students participated in the annual retreat, with enthusiasm, engagement and commitment. The students are to be congratulated on the positive manner in which they embraced all activities. The college extends its gratitude to the following teachers for their guidance and assistance: Mrs Schincariol, Mr Bassano, Ms Chiesa and Mr Flynn and the retreat organisers, Mrs Crockford, Mrs Gilbert and Miss Sugars.

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NOTICES

UPCOMING EVENTS:



Tuesday 23 April
Term two commences

Wednesday 24 April
Anzac Day commemoration service

Thursday 25 April
Anzac Day Public Holiday

Friday 26 April
Student Free Day

Wednesday 1 May
Tablelands Cross Country

Thursday 2 May
Parent Teacher Interviews
NFS for Years 9, 11 and 12

Monday 6 May
Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 May
Athletics Carnival

Friday 10 May
Year 12 Geography Fieldwork

Tuesday 14 to Thursday 16 May
NAPLAN

Friday 17 to Sunday 19 May
Great Wheelbarrow Race

CHESS CLUB

with Mr Harnischfeger (Mr H)

Room: S4 - Every day during Recess 2.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



TERM DATES 2019

Term 1: 29 January to 5 April
Term 2: 23 April to 28 June
Term 3: 15 July to 20 September
Term 4 : 8 October to 29 November
Year 12 - 15 November

Student Free Days 2019
Friday 26 April
Monday 21 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 (ssm.principal@cns.catholic.edu.au) with any information and photos.

ABSENTEE EMAIL

If your child is absent, please email:
ssm.absentee@cns.catholic.edu.au

Maths Tutoring Available

Tuesday and Thursday

Recess 2 - S5

(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: ssm.office@cns.catholic.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

Term one in focus:

Our teachers are to be commended for their effective time management in what has been a very busy term. Likewise, students are to be congratulated for their engagement and active participation in their learning. The year seven students have embraced the challenges of secondary schooling and under the nurturing care of their Pastoral Leader, Mrs Salerno, have settled into their new routines. Despite the myriad of activities and events which have taken place this term, all students have lived up to the expectations demanded by our culture. In the final two weeks, they have completed assessment tasks, run a cross country, enjoyed a camp (year seven) and retreat (year twelve) and hosted the year six visits. No doubt, the two weeks holiday break will be welcomed by all.

Enrolments 2020:

It is very important that students intending to enrol in year seven in 2020 complete the enrolment application by the deadline of 5 April. In particular, siblings of students at St Stephen's are reminded that enrolment from our Catholic feeder schools to St Stephen's is not automatic---an enrolment interview must still occur. It is planned that all interviews are conducted by 14 June, with offers made at the start of term three.

Anzac Day 2019:

This year's school commemoration will take place on Wednesday 24 April at the start of the school day. I am grateful to the Anzac Day Committee of Mr Miller and Mrs Holden for their organisation of this event. On Thursday 25 April, students are invited to attend dawn and mid-morning services in Mareeba, Atherton and Dimbulah. Students from other centres are welcome to attend on behalf of the college. A letter informing parents and students of this event was sent to parents earlier this month. I thank you in advance for encouraging your child to participate in the 104th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli by marching at one of these venues on Anzac Day.

Future Planning:

- Construction of the multi-purpose hall and auditorium has commenced with a finishing time in December 2019. This facility will greatly enhance the college's ability to host signature events, as well as providing a testing centre for the new QCE system of external examinations in 2020.
- A group of students and teachers will travel to Japan in the September school holidays to visit our sister school, Sano Nihon Daigaku Secondary School. This is a biennial visit to foster cultural understanding between our two schools.
- In 2020, the college also plans to offer an immersion opportunity for interested students and staff. This will involve visiting a community in the Philippines to provide students with an experience of outreach work. More information about this initiative will be available as the year progresses.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Attendance:

- School officially concludes for term one at 3.00 pm on Friday 5 April with a special Easter Liturgy. I ask that all parents support our culture of attendance until the very last day of term.
- On Friday 26 April, we have been granted a student free day to work on the new QCE system. Our teachers are very appreciative of this opportunity to prepare units for the new system that was implemented with year eleven in 2019. I thank parents for their support of this day, as I appreciate the difficulty for working parents to make arrangements for the care of their children.

Appreciation:

The success which our students have experienced in term one was only possible because of the strong connection between the school and home. I sincerely thank both parents, teachers and non-teaching staff for the great work they carried out in term one and wish everyone a Holy Easter and a restful break.

With trust in the Lord

Mrs Ida Pinese | Principal

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The Principal and College Staff
invite you to attend our
ANZAC COMMEMORATION
Wednesday 24 April 2019
9.00 am
St Stephen's Catholic College



FROM THE COLLEGE LEADER PASTORAL CARE

Senior Drivers - Reminder

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 first fully completed the form mentioned above. The form is to be submitted to Student Services prior to the student parking their private vehicle in school grounds.



Pastoral - Who's Outside Your Door?

Life gets busy. I know some people who work hard all day and then spend the evening driving their kids to all sorts of sports and activities. I know young people who go to school all day and then spend the evening on homework, sports, part-time jobs, or school activities. In the busyness of our day we need to look for the Lazarus in our lives. He or she may present as the lonely student at school.

Jesus challenges us to care for him regularly. Make it part of your "busyness," not something you fit in when you find extra time.

What action are we called to take? Here are some tips.

1. Ask God daily to show you the people others ignore.
2. Be observant to those at school and be perceptive of where they may need some assistance.
3. Reach out of your own world to someone who needs some care and compassion.
4. Connect with an organisation in your community that assists people who are living in poverty. This could be connected with your parish or some other agency that is seeking to help others. Get out and expand your circle.

Restorative Practices

Restorative Practices seek to educate students to adopt self-directed positive behaviour which promotes, nurtures and protects healthy relationships among members of the community and enable them to take responsibility and be accountable for breaches of conduct. 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).

Uniform reminders

- Term two – year ten to twelve boys are required to wear a tie as part of formal school uniform.
- 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.

Mr Matthew Draper

College Leader Pastoral Care

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FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Thank you to all families who have paid their school fees in a prompt fashion.

We are currently in the construction phase of our new multi-purpose hall. The wet weather has meant a slow start for the project. I will keep you updated on our Capital Projects through pictures in the newsletter.

Mr Hadyn Flynn
Business Manager
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FROM THE MIDDLE LEADER E-LEARNING

It has been a busy term with assessments, camps and extracurricular activities. During this time, we have had a few disruptions to the normal flow of school life with flooding and sickness. It is with great pride therefore, that I can state that students can still work on classwork using our learning management system, Canvas.

Teachers have worked hard uploading content and engaging activities so that students are not adversely affected by the inclement weather and/or sickness. Canvas makes it easy for students to log in and see what work they have to complete and by when. Things will continue to develop in this space, and I can't wait to show you what we have in store for the future of digital learning at St Stephen's!

All students' devices should be charged ready for the school day the night before, as a lack of technology can hinder students' progress. Accessories should be kept in the supplied bag and no extra programs should be installed on students' devices.

If students are having any issues with their devices, they are required to lodge a support ticket with our technicians and hand the device in for repair and/or diagnosis. This is a very quick and easy process that should take no more than five minutes and students will be supplied with a loan device so that their learning is not adversely affected. If you have any questions about the device, please feel free to contact me at the college.

Have a great break!

Mr Richard Baker
Middle Leader E-Learning
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FROM THE MIDDLE LEADER VET AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Congratulations to the following students who have secured a school based traineeship/apprenticeship in these past weeks:

- Connor Leonforte - Traineeship at KFC Atherton
- Isaac Strickland – Traineeship at Reece Plumbing Atherton
- Ethan Backshall – Apprenticeship in Electrical with Next Gen Electrical Solutions NQ



Also thank you to the local businesses who are supporting our students to gain valuable skills and training while still at school. Some information on traineeships and apprenticeships is included below.

Videos about apprenticeships and traineeships

[SkillsOne TV](#) has a collection of videos showcasing skills, trades and industries. If you click on 'Skills Bites' (scroll down the left-hand menu) you can get a taste of skills and trades in 15 seconds.

Pathways to medical specialisations and other health career resources

The [My Health Career website](#) has infographics and other information on pathways to ten different medical specialisations. The 'Videos' section of the website has interviews with practitioners involved in primary health care, dentistry, dietetics, medicine, midwifery, optometry, occupational therapy, pharmacy, exercise physiology, radiography and podiatry. Explore more of the resources on this website and subscribe to a regular health careers newsletter.

Queensland Police Recruiting seminars

If you are interested in exploring the career opportunities within the Queensland Police Service, you can attend a seminar. Visit the [Queensland Police Recruiting website](#) for upcoming seminars.

30 April 2019 [Queensland Police Recruiting Information Session Cairns, QLD](#)

1 May 2019 [Queensland Police Recruiting Information Session Atherton, QLD](#)

QUT: Students in regional or rural areas

There are several ways you can access information about QUT, even if you live in a rural or regional area. You can search for [course information](#), access [QUT publications](#) or read the general guide to QUT, '[Real Choice's 2020](#)'. QUT staff and students will be available to talk at [career markets](#) throughout Queensland and northern New South Wales. Your school can request a [Skype presentation](#) from QUT. There is also a dedicated web page with everything you need to know about [moving to Brisbane for university](#).

Upcoming Events:

29 September 2019 [QUT Vice-Chancellor's STEM Camp Brisbane, QLD](#)

Mrs Carol Hoult
Middle Leader VET and Vocational Learning
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FROM THE LIBRARY

The library has had a busy start to the year.

The first week saw all textbooks and one-to-one devices distributed to the student body. The year seven cohort discovered how the library worked and started borrowing immediately.

Our visiting author, Pamela Rushby, spent the day with students discussing her books and writing techniques and regaled the audiences with the fabulous stories she stumbled upon when conducting research for her novels.

Lunch times have been a hive of activity, with students studying, socialising, eating and enjoying the facilities the library has to offer.

Throughout the term we ran a "Caught Reading" competition. Whenever a staff member saw a student reading for pleasure, the student was entered into a raffle to win a bag of goodies. The winner of **Term One Caught Reading** was Joshua Snell (year nine). Congratulations to Joshua!

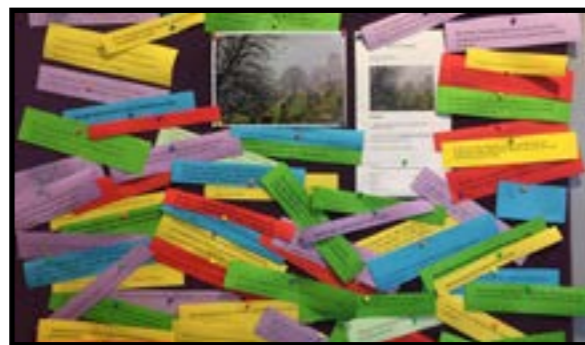
The last three weeks of term saw our **Flash Fiction** competition heat up. Students and staff were asked to write a one sentence story using a picture as stimulus. We received over a hundred entries and the contestants showed an amazing amount of creativity and imagination.

Winners:

Staff - Laura Gilbert *'She took comfort in knowing that death would not discriminate, and one day, they would lay side by side, their differences decomposed.'*

Senior - Rosa Askey Doran (year eleven) *'She had figured it out, I always knew she would; my grave was empty.'*

Junior - Alannah Falvo (year nine) *'A gloomy morning arises as the dead return to their graves, a night of terror left in their wake.'*



Holiday borrowing is popular and our staff Easter book surprise is once again a much anticipated event. Every Easter holidays the library staff surprise the school staff with a book to read and enjoy.

Enjoy a relaxing and fun filled reading holiday and we are looking forward to an equally busy term two.

Mrs Simone Gillies

Teacher Librarian

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Mrs Suzanne Assenheim

Library Assistant

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FROM THE LIBRARY

Author Visit - Pamela Rushby



Lunch Time Activities



Caught Reading



YEAR 7 CAMP



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St Augustine's College and St Monica's College presents

Fiddler on the Roof

Based on Sholem Aleichem stories by special permission of Arnold




Performances at CPAC
Thursday 2 May, 2019 7:30pm
Friday 3 May, 2019 10:30am & 7:30pm

Book by **JOSEPH STEIN** Music by **JERRY BROCK** Lyrics by **SHELDON HARNICK**

Produced on the New York Stage by Harold Prince
 Original New York Stage Production Directed and
 Choreographed by **JEROME ROBBINS**

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia)
 All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia

Tickets sold through  1300 855 835 | ticketlink.com.au

GUTZ N GLORY

MUD & COLOUR OBSTACLE COURSE

EVENT CHALLENGE 12 - 25 YRS

DATE: 14 APRIL 2019
 TIME: 12pm - 3pm
 LOCATION: Atherton Turf Club
 ENTRY: Free
 TRANSPORT: Free buses available contact:
 Ravenshoe Community Centre P: 4097 6726
 ECHO P: 4096 6634
 Herberton CIA P: 0418 286 262

DAY INCLUDES:
 - Prizes
 - Best dressed competition
 - DJ and live music
 - Food Stall

Check out our facebook event!
 For more information contact Jacqui on 0407078595 or
info@TRC.qld.gov.au or phone 1300 362 242



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SUPPORTERS:





School Holiday Trainings

Come along and join the Reefers Volleyball Club for some Boys & Girls Junior volleyball training sessions.

**Saturday April 6th
&
Saturday April 13th**

At the Cairns Youth Centre, 129 Mulgrave Road

8.30am till 4pm

On and Off court training's including Basic Referee & technical sessions

**Contact Brian Geck to book or for more information: 0407163595:
juniors@reefersvolleyball.com.au**

Proudly supported by the Cairns Youth Centre



Taizé Prayer

*for peace
for reconciliation
for our planet
and its peoples*

The Christian ecumenical monastic Taizé community in France grew from the desire of Br Roger Schultz and a group of men to live a life of kindness, simplicity and reconciliation as a sign of hope in a traumatized post WW2 Europe. Today Taizé is a place of pilgrimage for thousands of young people. Their way of Christian prayer using repeated sung refrains (chants) based on scripture, periods of silence, and intercessory prayer for the needs of the world, has spread to all continents.



Source: <https://maryboroughglican.com/event/ecumenical-taize-service/>

**@ Siloam Retreat, Atherton
April 26, 7.30pm - 8.30pm**

For planning purposes, if you would like to join us for this hour of reflective prayer, please contact Christine at christine@siloamretreat.com.au or phone 07 4051 2339

by Tuesday, April 23.

ST STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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FOR 2020

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

Scholarship applications for academic, sporting and cultural for Year 7 in 2020, are now available. Application forms are available from the college website or from the college office.

Closing date: Friday 5 April 2019

Families intending to enrol students for 2020 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 Friday 5 April 2019.
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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