

St Stephen's  
Catholic College



# St Stephen's News

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## Many Voices - One Spirit!



Last Wednesday, students from our Catholic schools in the Western Deanery gathered at Mount St Bernard College to celebrate Catholic Education Week with the theme of "Many Voices - One Spirit". Back row: Jonah Williams and Jake Priestly. Middle row: Deborah Hermanus, Hamish Batterham, Neesha Bayne, Alexander Mirotsis and Kyrah Johnston. Front row: Brylee Cummings and Harley Cek from St Thomas of Villanova, Mareeba.



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# NOTICES

## UPCOMING EVENTS:



### Friday 9 August

Vinnies Sleepout  
Futsal 16/Open Girls

### Monday 12 August

Futsal 16/Open Boys

### Tuesday 13 August

P & F Meeting 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm  
Futsal 14/15 Boys

### Wednesday 14 August

SET Plans  
Futsal 13 Boys

### Thursday 15 August

QCS Practice (All Day)

### Friday 16 August

SET Plans

### Wednesday 21 August

Readers Cup

### Thursday 22 August

Year 8 Geography Excursion  
Chess Competition  
Japanese School Visit - Taketoyo

### Friday 23 August

Year 11 Driver Safety

### Tuesday 27 August

Year 12 QTAC Presentation: 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm

## CHESS CLUB

with Mr Harnischfeger (Mr H)

**Room: S4 - Every day during Recess 2.**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**



## TERM DATES 2019

Term 3: 15 July to 20 September  
Term 4 : 8 October to 29 November  
Year 12 - 15 November

### Student Free Days 2019

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](mailto:ssm.principal@cns.catholic.edu.au)) with any information and photos.

## ABSENTEE EMAIL

If your child is absent, please email:  
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## 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: [ssm.office@cns.catholic.edu.au](mailto: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

During the celebration of Catholic Education Week from 28 July to 3 August, our Catholic schools applauded the achievements of students, educators and all other staff who work in our communities. The role of our staff is not only to focus on curriculum, but to reinforce and model the intangible values initially learned at home---character, moral courage, compassion, courtesy, loyalty, honesty, integrity, responsibility, perseverance and a willingness to work on tasks that are not immediately enjoyable, the value of teamwork, and respect for differences. (Caroline Jones, OA)



In contemporary society, where schools are one of the few remaining institutions whose goal is the common good, the teaching profession has huge expectations to meet. However, schools strive to undertake the enormous job of educating the mind, body, spirit and hearts of their students. At St Stephen's, we are excited to be able to offer such an opportunity to students and staff who are interested in an immersion program to the Philippines in 2020. Mrs Gilbert has been very adept at convincing Catholic Mission to allow us to take a small group of students on this inaugural immersion. In going out of their comfort zone and experiencing situations very different from the privileged environment of St Stephen's, we hope that this first group of students will return with a greater appreciation for the plight of those less fortunate, and that they will inspire their peers to undertake outreach projects to make a difference in the lives of others.

While education of our young people begins in the home, parents need the help of society, primarily, the school. Therefore, the choice of a "good" school is important. In "Educating Hearts" (Maher and Hanley), seven characteristics of a good school are listed as: process (how we teach), care of the individual, diversity, spirituality, teachers, community and service. A significant element of our Catholic schools is being given the opportunity to serve others, such as the St Stephen's Wheelbarrow Race team that raised money for the Far North Queensland Hospital foundation. Community and a sense of family has always been at the cornerstone of the St Stephen's culture and this is demonstrated when our school rallies to help their peers who are experiencing emotional or physical challenges. The student well-being survey which students have undertaken provides feedback to us about the care of the individual, as well as the importance of valuing diversity, where each student is valued as a unique and loving individual. According to Professor John Hattie, the greatest impact on student learning comes from our teachers. We are fortunate to have dedicated professionals who are respected and respectful and very mindful of process---ie. how we teach. During Catholic Education Week, two of our teachers were nominated for a Docemus Award in the Diocese---Mr Ellison and Miss Zazzi. While not winners in their categories, both were worthy nominees. Through the Religious Life of the School, we recognise the transcendent and provide spiritual experiences for our students.

The above aspirations would not be possible without the strong support from parents. I am very grateful for the great attendance at the subject selection evening for years eight and ten and the interest parents are taking in their children's education. Parental support of our policies and processes is also greatly appreciated, for without this alliance, the task of educating the heart and the mind would be very difficult to achieve.

With Trust in the Lord

**Mrs Ida Pinese | Principal**

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## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATION

It looks like term three is also going to be an extremely busy term at St Stephen's. There is plenty happening in the school and also outside of school time.

Last week we had the Subject Selection Evening, the NET retreat for years eight and nine, the Natural Fertility Services talks and the Australian Mathematics Competition.

Over the next two (2) weeks, we have two (2) Queensland Core Skills practice tests for the year twelve students that go for the whole day, the Vinnies Sleepout, year eleven information Night, SET plans for year ten students and a "Girls Night In".

After week five, the busy schedule seems to ease up a bit which is great as the students, particularly the year twelve students, need to focus on the end of term assessments.

It is a challenge for students to keep up with everything that is happening in their school lives, so the Student Record Book (SRB) plays a vital role in helping them to stay organised.

**Mr Rohan Priestly | Assistant Principal Administration**

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## FROM THE P & F ASSOCIATION

The P and F General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 13 August, commencing at 5.30 pm, to be held in the Boardroom (administration area of the college; entrance through the main office door).



## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Last week, students from our College engaged in a range of activities to mark Catholic Education Week, which celebrates the mission and ethos of Catholic schools across Queensland.

Our College Captains and year seven Student Representative Council members travelled to Mount St Bernard College on Wednesday 31 July, to celebrate Catholic Education Week at the Western Deanery Mass. These students shared in fellowship with other staff and students, while reflecting on the theme for this event: Many Voices; One Spirit.

Throughout the week, many of our students were also recognised for their success and hard work in semester one at celebratory lunches. We congratulate these students on their efforts.

Students in year twelve Study of Religion also conducted interviews with a number of faith leaders throughout Catholic Education Week as part of their ethnographic study into death and destiny across world religions. Students enjoyed engaging with 'many and varied voices' regarding this topic, including that of Jewish Rabbi Ari Rubin, who recently featured in an SBS documentary 'Outback Rabbis'; Father Robert Greenup, Mareeba Parish Priest; and Imam Waseem Jappie, leader of the Islamic Communities in Mareeba and Cairns.

Finally, Catholic Education Week culminated in two (2) retreat days held by the National Evangelisation Teams for our year eight and year nine students, exploring themes of respect and positive self-image. Students enjoyed participating in games, skits and discussions with the NET team who provided a vibrant environment for encouraging positive behaviours amongst our students.

Thank you to all staff and students who contributed to making Catholic Education Week a great success.

**Mrs Laura Gilbert | Assistant Principal Religious Education**

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Year twelve Study of Religion with (above) Rabbi Ari Rubin, and (below) Imam Waseem Jappie.



Year nine students participating in the National Evangelisation sessions.



Health and Physical Education – THE FACTS!

**1 in 4 new jobs being created over the next 10 years will be in a health-related industry.**



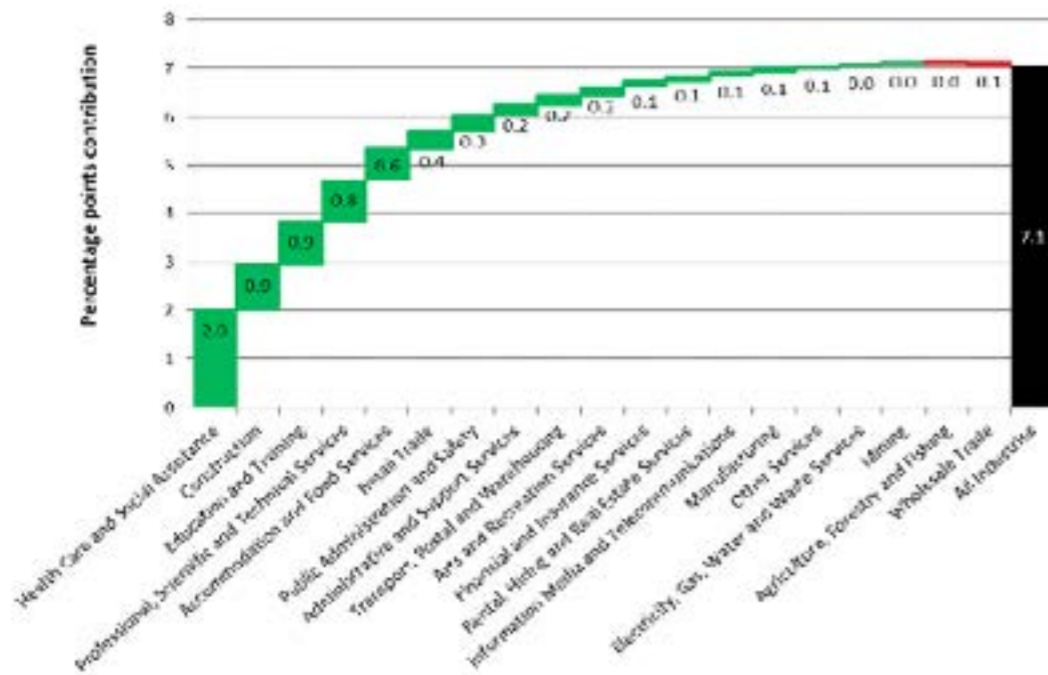
**Projected employment growth by industry**

Employment is projected to increase in 17 of the 19 broad industries over the next five years to May 2023.

- The **Health Care and Social Assistance** industry is projected to make the largest contribution to employment growth (up by 250,300 or 14.9 per cent), as the industry adjusts to full implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), the ongoing ageing of the population and increasing demand for childcare and home based care services.
- The second largest contribution is projected to come from the **Construction** industry, where employment is projected to increase by 118,800 (or 10.0 per cent) reflecting strong infrastructure investment and non-residential building activity, along with continuing high levels of residential construction (albeit more in line with population growth).
- Employment in the **Education and Training** industry is projected to increase by 113,000 (or 11.2 per cent) with continued growth in the school aged population and international education sector.
- Ongoing strength in demand for business services, including those that support the Construction industry, back the strong projected employment growth in the **Professional, Scientific and Technical Services** industry (up by 106,600 or 10.2 per cent).

Together, these four industries are projected to provide almost two-thirds (or 4.7 of the total 7.1 percentage points) of total employment growth to May 2023 (see Figure 2 below).

**Figure 2: Projected contributions to the rate of total employment growth by each industry (percentage points) – five years to May 2023**



**Jobs prospectus – more depth**

Australia’s ageing population, the NDIS rollout and increased demand for childcare services can be seen in the large projected increases in employment for Other Social Assistance Services (61,000 or 22.2 per cent), Allied Health Services (up by 53,400 or 23.1 per cent), Hospitals (up by 46,600 or 10.3 per cent), Residential Care Services (35,100 or 13.4 per cent), Medical Services (24,400 or 13.7 per cent) and Child Care Services (22,500 or 14.2 per cent).

Please visit <https://joboutlook.gov.au> for more information

St Stephens Catholic College supports student pathways into these high growth industries.:

Our senior subject offerings include:

- Senior Physical Education
- Certificate III Health Services Assistance (Dual Certificate II embedded – health support services and community services)
- Certificate III Fitness (Certificate II sport and recreation embedded)

Please visit the college website for more information. <https://sccc.qld.edu.au/schooling-years-7-12/college-curriculum/handbooks/>

**Mr Aaron O'Neill**

**Middle Leader - Health and Physical Education**

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- *Other Social Assistance Services includes Aged Care Assistance Services, Disabilities Assistance Services, Youth Welfare Services and Welfare Counselling Services.*
- *Allied Health Services includes Dental Services, Optometry and Optical Dispensing, Physiotherapy Services and Chiropractic and Osteopathic Services.*



## FROM THE MIDDLE LEADER - YEAR SEVEN

The year seven students have started term three with stability and confidence, enjoying the change of subjects and teachers to stimulate different interests and gain knowledge about some new subjects.



Many students in year seven have been going above and beyond with their work and showing great behaviour in class, being very helpful to teachers and displaying responsibility for their learning. Last week we celebrated the success of students in core subjects by hosting a Recognition Luncheon with fifty-four year seven students invited. Congratulations to all students!

Now that students have seen their Semester One report card, it is important that they continue to work hard, apply themselves to their studies and keep organised. Not only does organisation keep students on track so that they can achieve the results they deserve, but it also prepares them for the working world, where organisational skills are a requirement in many jobs. If students start practising effective organisational skills early in high school, they will do much better in a trade or university and be more prepared for a successful career in the workforce.

Here are some ORGANISATIONAL tips for students to follow

1. Develop a routine. Consistency is the key to student success.
2. Set rules for yourself.
3. Write everything down.
4. Create your own deadline that is before the actual deadline.
5. Work on one task at a time; don't multitask.
6. Use a planner.
7. Declutter once a week.

To acknowledge the wonderful community we have here at St Stephen's Catholic College, the year seven and eight students had some time to engage in an inter-year level game of handball. It was fantastic to see all students participate in this activity in a friendly and social manner on a crisp Monday morning.

**Mrs Jayarani Salerno**

**Middle Leader - Year 7**

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## ST STEPHEN'S DAY - 2019

# St Stephen's Day



**Friday 20 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)**



## STUDENT SUCCESS: LUKE RANTUCCI & TONIA-MARIE RANTUCCI



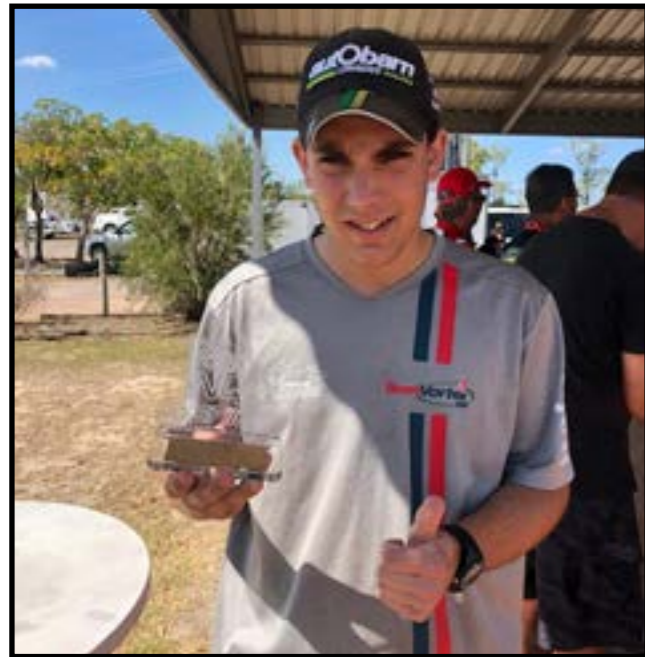
Congratulations to year eight student, Luke Rantucci, upon his selection in the Queensland u/13 boys State Country Team.

Congratulations also to year ten student, Tonia-Marie Rantucci, who recently competed in the Queensland u/15 girls School Sport Football.



## STUDENT SUCCESS: SEBASTIAN DI SALVO

Year eleven student Sebastian Di Salvo competed at the recent NQ Kart Series in Townsville. Sebastian placed third in the race and third overall in the competition for 2019. Great work Sebastian!



## STUDENT SUCCESS: CAITLIN WADLEY

I was recently given the honour of guest opening speaker at the Army Leadership Seminar in Canberra. My speech, on the topic of How the Youth of today Commemorate Anzac Day, was delivered in front of 300 senior Army personnel, including the Chief of Army, Lieutenant General Richard Burr.

I had won the junior speaking section at the **We Will Remember Them Forum** in Innisfail in May this year. My prize was a trip to Canberra where I presented my speech to the Commandant of the Royal Military College, Brigadier Rupert Hoskins. I was also given a tour of the College, where I took part in a weapon simulation experience, ADFA and the Australian War Memorial where I was given the opportunity to lay a wreath at the last post ceremony at the tomb of the unknown soldier.

Brigadier Rupert Hoskins said he was so impressed with my speech, that he invited me back to Canberra to present my speech at the Army Leadership Seminar last week.

It was an amazing opportunity to be around people who knew so much about the defence force and for me to be able to share my point of view with them. I felt very privileged to be invited to speak at such a special occasion.

**Caitlin Wadley**  
Year 8





**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.

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<b>Account Top-Up Fees -</b>	Direct Deposit FREE
	Credit card (visa/mastercard) 15c + 1%
	PayPal 15c + 1%



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St Therese's  
90th Anniversary*



**See our Facebook page for more information:**

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**Past students are invited to register for the Roll Call.**

Contact the School Office on 4055 4514 or email [lroos@cns.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lroos@cns.catholic.edu.au)

**FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER**

8:30am - 2:30pm

**A Day at School**

**St Therese's School Hall**

- 8:30 am Meet & Greet
- 9:00 am School Assembly & Roll Call
- 10:30 am Morning Tea
- 11:15 am Celebration Liturgy
- 12:00 pm Tree planting ceremony
- 12:30 pm Lunch - provided for guests  
Sausage Sizzle for students
- 1:30 pm Old-fashioned races & games
- 2:30 pm Open Classrooms
- All day Historical display and slide show  
"Through the Decades"  
Memorabilia Merchandise for purchase

**FRIDAY NIGHT**

6:00pm - 9:00pm

**"A Night in the Cane Fields" Family Night**

**St Therese's School Hall**

- Food & drink vans, BBQ sausage sizzle
- Photo gallery & Memorabilia Merchandise for purchase
- DJ & dancing

**SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER**

7:00pm - 10:00pm

**Cocktail Party**

**Sugarcane Kitchen, Hambledon Hotel**

- Tickets \$45 (\$35 concession)
- Includes drink on arrival, finger food and entertainment.
- Memorabilia Merchandise for purchase
- Multi raffle and lucky door prize
- Cash bar
- Smart evening attire
- Tickets available from the School Office or phone 4055 4514

**SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER**

9:30 am

**Edmonton Catholic Parish Mass & morning tea**

**St Therese's Church**

Join together for Sunday Mass.  
Bring a plate and share morning tea after Mass.

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FRIDAY 6 SEPT.

SOMETHING FUN FOR EVERYONE!

5PM TO 9PM

RIDES ★ ENTERTAINMENT ★ CAKE STALL  
FOOD ★ FUN ★ PRIZES ★ GIVEAWAYS  
AND MUCH MORE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

13 LOEVEN STREET, PARRAMATTA PARK

ST. JOSEPH'S PARENTS

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK 2019

HAVING TROUBLE? WE CAN HELP

Vocations Week 4th - 11th August  
Vocations Director: Fr Nathan McKay  
Contact: [nathanmckay@bigpond.com](mailto:nathanmckay@bigpond.com)





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