

St Stephen's
Catholic College



St Stephen's News

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- End of an Era -



On Tuesday 3 and Wednesday 4 September, year twelve students sat for the Queensland Core Skills Test (QCS), with this year's seniors making history as the last cohort to sit this standardised test, which has been in place since 1992. As in past years, the 2019 seniors have undergone regular training to ensure that all students were well prepared to achieve their best.

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NOTICES

UPCOMING EVENTS:



Thursday 5 September

ICAS Science

Friday 6 September

Shake and Stir

Tuesday 10 to Friday 13 September

Block Exams

Monday 16 to Wednesday 18 September

Recreation Camp - Year 12

Thursday 19 September

ICAS Mathematics

Friday 20 September

St Stephen's Day

Term three ends

Monday 7 October

Queen's Birthday - Public Holiday

Tuesday 8 October

Term four commences

Thursday 17 October

RSA Course

Saturday 19 October

Year 12 Formal

Monday 21 October

Student Free Day

Tuesday 22 October to Friday 25 October

Year 11 Block Exams

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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends of St Stephen's

In the busyness of term three, many students have still managed to engage with extra-curricula activities in a variety of contexts, while also having a strong focus on achieving their personal best with their studies.



The most excited group was the year nine Readers Cup participants who won the inaugural competition for their year level against sixteen other teams. They are very proud of being the first team to have their name inscribed on the trophy—what a legacy for other year nine teams from St Stephen's to emulate in the future! In the same week, two years seven and eight teams competed in the Opti-MINDS competition at James Cook University, with the year eight team receiving the "Spirit of Opti-MINDS Award." These teams can attest that the teamwork skills they acquired in the process of preparing for this highly contested event were a bonus. After winning the Tablelands Competition, the year seven and eight Mathematics wizards pitted their talents against the Cairns schools on 29 August.

Service to the college and wider community is an integral part of the culture of St Stephen's. This was demonstrated at the Seniors Morning Tea where the Strings Ensemble performed for their first live audience and Caitlin Wadley from year eight brought a tear to many in the audience with her eloquent and moving speech about the Spirit of Anzac. As well, the College Choir entertained audiences at the local Multicultural Festival. None of these achievements would be possible without the generosity and dedication of our teachers and the willingness of students to participate in many aspects of college life.

Our year twelve cohort are to be commended for their engagement and resilience during the final Queensland Core Skills Test to be conducted in Queensland. The outcome of the four tests will have a direct influence on their Overall Position score. I sincerely thank the dedication of the teachers who trained these students over the past twelve months so that they were well-prepared.

On 20 September, the last day of term three, the college celebrates St Stephen's Day. For most students, this is the best day of the year, so I urge all students to SAVE the DAY on their calendars. Not only does the school community come together as a united family to embrace what we stand for, with our Patron Saint as a role model, but it is a great way to finish what has been a very busy term. This sense of family is highlighted with our pastoral houses working together to produce a skit for the talent show and our home form classes running activities to raise money for Rosies. Perhaps the most anticipated part of the day are the traditional sports in the last session with a greatly-contested netball game between teachers and seniors and the tug-of-war competition with the junior classes. Parents are most welcome at our thanksgiving mass at 8.45 am on Friday 20 September to launch St Stephen's Day celebrations. This is a normal school day with a focus on building culture. I thank all parents in advance for ensuring their children are in attendance.

With Trust in the Lord

Mrs Ida Pinese | Principal

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SENIOR'S WEEK



St Stephen's String Ensemble performing at the Senior's Week Morning Tea, from left to right: Elora Beikoff-Day, Mrs Rosi Livingstone, Amyrosa Enderlin, Kali Freeman and Erin Cauchi. Above right: Caitlin Wadley delivering her speech to the audience.

SENIORS SHIRT - 2019



FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Thank you to all families who have paid their school fees in a prompt fashion. It is very important for the operation of the college that fees are paid swiftly. If you forgotten to pay your fees you may receive a friendly reminder call or email from Mrs Pina Menniti (Finance Assistant).



The college has one major capital project in 2019 and I would like to take this opportunity to provide an update.

Mr Hadyn Flynn
Business Manager

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Above: August 2019 - Structural steel installed.

Below: Hadyn leading the site meeting with teams from Hutchinson's, 8 Pencils and Diocesan Project Services.



FROM THE MIDDLE LEADER TECHNOLOGY

Term three is seeing the Technology Department keeping busy.

Digital Solutions, Engineering and Industrial Graphics are new subjects being taught this year to the year eleven cohort. Students in these subjects have successfully completed unit one and are steadily progressing through their second unit. The introduction of these new subjects has teachers busily developing new and exciting assessment instruments and class projects. New equipment such as the bridge tester (which tests bridge designs strength and then gives students a print out of the data collected), and drones are being used to ensure students have state-of-the-art and engaging learning experiences.



Our laser cutter has been running hot this term, with our year nine graphics students completing their own coaster designs, the year eleven graphic students prototyping chair designs, the year nine ITD class constructing their acoustic speaker designs, and not to mention our year eleven and twelve Engineering classes who have been using the laser cutter to cut test pieces of materials to stress test in our tensometer.

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.

The INTAD department is busily collating student work to enter it into the "Business Liaison Association's" competitions, which could see our students recognised publicly for all their hard work this year. Categories in these competitions include graphical work, design work and also practical work. Over the past four years, we have had some very successful entries, including numerous overall winners and we are hopeful that this year will be no different.

Wishing you a relaxing spring holiday.

Ms Toni Smith
Middle Leader Technology
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FROM THE MIDDLE LEADER SCIENCE

National Science Week 2019 landed with a re-enactment of the Apollo 11 moon landing, in keeping with this year's theme of "Destination Moon: More Missions, More Science". Astronaut "Norm Fenner" Armstrong retraced the original steps on the moon in front of the entire college. His flag planting efforts were nearly foiled by a pair of disruptive aliens (Mrs Holden and Mr Rellis). This was just the start of a fun-filled week!



Our Science ambassadors liaised with the Science staff to provide students with the best Science Week activities since I started at the College in 2014. These activities ranged from rocket fuel demonstrations, space photo booths, investigating light, to dry ice experiments and making Science jewellery and scrunchies. Thank you Aarin, Giulia, Jenna and Jamie for your hard work, and to all the teaching staff who ran the sessions - especially Mrs Jackson, who helped students create science masterpieces, Mrs Holden and our Science Officers Dr Fogg and Ms Jaggard.

It was very rewarding for us to see so many of our students engage with Science. Mission accomplished!

Mrs Pepita Ison
Middle Leader Science
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FROM THE MIDDLE LEADER YEAR 11

Younger drivers face many challenges when learning the complex task of driving a vehicle. With their inexperience, they also face a higher risk of danger. So, it was wonderful that the year eleven students were fortunate enough to participate in the Keeping Young Drivers Safe (KYDS) Program. The program which is aimed to support best practice road safety education, is made up of two components, theory and practical activities.



The theory component concentrates on awareness and attitude towards the fatal five and risk taking behaviour, vehicle dynamics, hazard perception, attention control and the impact of over-confidence which commonly involves young drivers driving beyond their driving capabilities. During the practical component of the program, they gained hands on experience with the aim of increasing their awareness and knowledge base. I am proud to say that the feedback we received from the organisers of the program was that our students "were very well behaved, courteous and they participated and engaged in the activities with genuine interest."

The next significant milestone for our year eleven students is the leadership process. The leadership process is not only about the formal leadership roles at the school, but to also encourage all students to take on leadership qualities. I look forward to supporting the students in this process.

Ms Sonya Barnes
Middle Leader Year 11
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ST STEPHEN'S DAY

St Stephen's Day



Friday 20 September

from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm

Mass (Parents welcome at Mass)

Cultural Performance

Mini Fete

Netball Match (Year 12 versus Staff)

Tug-of-War (Junior School)



YEAR EIGHT - GEOGRAPHY EXCURSION

On Tuesday the 27th of August, the year eight Geography students undertook an educational excursion to improve our understanding of the Barron Catchment Care and its role in maintaining and protecting the Barron River. The Barron Catchment Care organisation has been undertaking local maintenance projects for the past twenty-five (25) years, with the goal in protecting the land and maintaining soil and water quality in the area. With their extensive knowledge of the area, we learnt a lot of information regarding the stimulus for our upcoming exam on the topic of landscapes and landforms.

We visited two (2) destinations in the Tolga area, including Bonadio's RV and Nature park and the Bones Knob detention basins. At Bonadio's, we explored a small portion of the property, observing many strategies that have been put in place to protect the health of the environment. The first technique observed was a fence which was put in place to redirect animals back into the area inhabiting the revegetated riparian zone instead of the road, as it was creating a lot of roadkill on the Kennedy Highway.

The next technique was the re-use of rocks and boulders from the farm, of which there were many, to maintain and prevent erosion of the river bank. Following the river, we arrived at the detention basin on the property. This is one of the lowest points on the farm where the majority of water runoff flows to. The purpose of the detention chamber is to take the energy and pace out of the water, and let it out into the river system at a natural rate. These detention basins were installed because, in the previous year, the riparian zone was essentially removed and therefore the water was flowing into the river, ripping up all of the fertile farming land in the process.

This excursion was an extremely informative day away from school that everyone enjoyed thoroughly. Thank you to Mr Rod Marti from Barron River Catchment Care for taking the time out of his day to act as our "tour guide" to help us in our studies of the Barron River and surrounding areas, and the Bonadio's for allowing us permission to observe their farmland for agriculture and tourism uses.

Written by: Nicholas Brammer and Amelia Morris.



READERS CUP



St Stephen's Catholic College won the inaugural year nine and ten Readers Cup Cairns Regional Competition. Ilana, Amy, Michala and Joshua spent the last nine weeks reading and discussing the set of chosen books. Their hard work and dedication to reading enabled them to hold their nerves and take the win in the last round. The competition was held during book week on Wednesday 21 August and there were 16 teams competing on the day.

Readers Cup requires teams of four students to read a set of books, and then compete with other school teams to answer quiz questions from the books. It challenges students to read widely, work collaboratively in a team and to continue developing a love of reading.

Congratulations to our dedicated reading team.

Mrs Simone Gillies

Teacher Librarian

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Ilana Bannink, Amy Hill, Michala Thomson and Joshua Snell.

STUDENT SUCCESS: ANGUS BAKER

Year Angus Baker, competed at the Australian Horse Archery Titles in Brisbane over the weekend. Angus was in the junior competition and rode against another high school students from the south east corner and he won the Junior Australian Reserve Champion. He has only taken up the sport in the last (twelve) 12 months, but has shown a natural talent for it. The young woman he was competing against has been competing in equestrian sports and horse archery for some years. He only just missed out on the title and beat her in one event (the Polish Track). Great work Angus!



STUDENT SUCCESS: OLIVIA AND JAMIE HEWITT-TOMS

St Stephens Catholic College

21 August 2019

RE: 2019 Australian Interschool Championships-Equestrian

The members of the Interschool Queensland Committee are pleased to advise you that

Olivia Hewitt-Toms- Secondary 90cm Jumping, Secondary 100cm Jumping

Jamie Hewitt-Toms- Secondary 110cm Jumping, Secondary 120cm Jumping

has been chosen, and has accepted to represent the Queensland Team in the Australian Interschool Championships at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre, Sydney NSW from 29 September to 2 October 2019.

Please join us in congratulating your student/s on their place in the team as it is a great achievement and honour for them.

Further details can be found on the Equestrian Queensland website:

<https://www.qld.equestrian.org.au/interschool/news/2019-interschool-queensland-team-announced>

Yours sincerely

Clinton Peters
Chair- Interschool Queensland



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EDSMART (PARENTSLIPS)

Since 2018, 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.

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://edsmart.com/>



LOST PROPERTY NOTICE

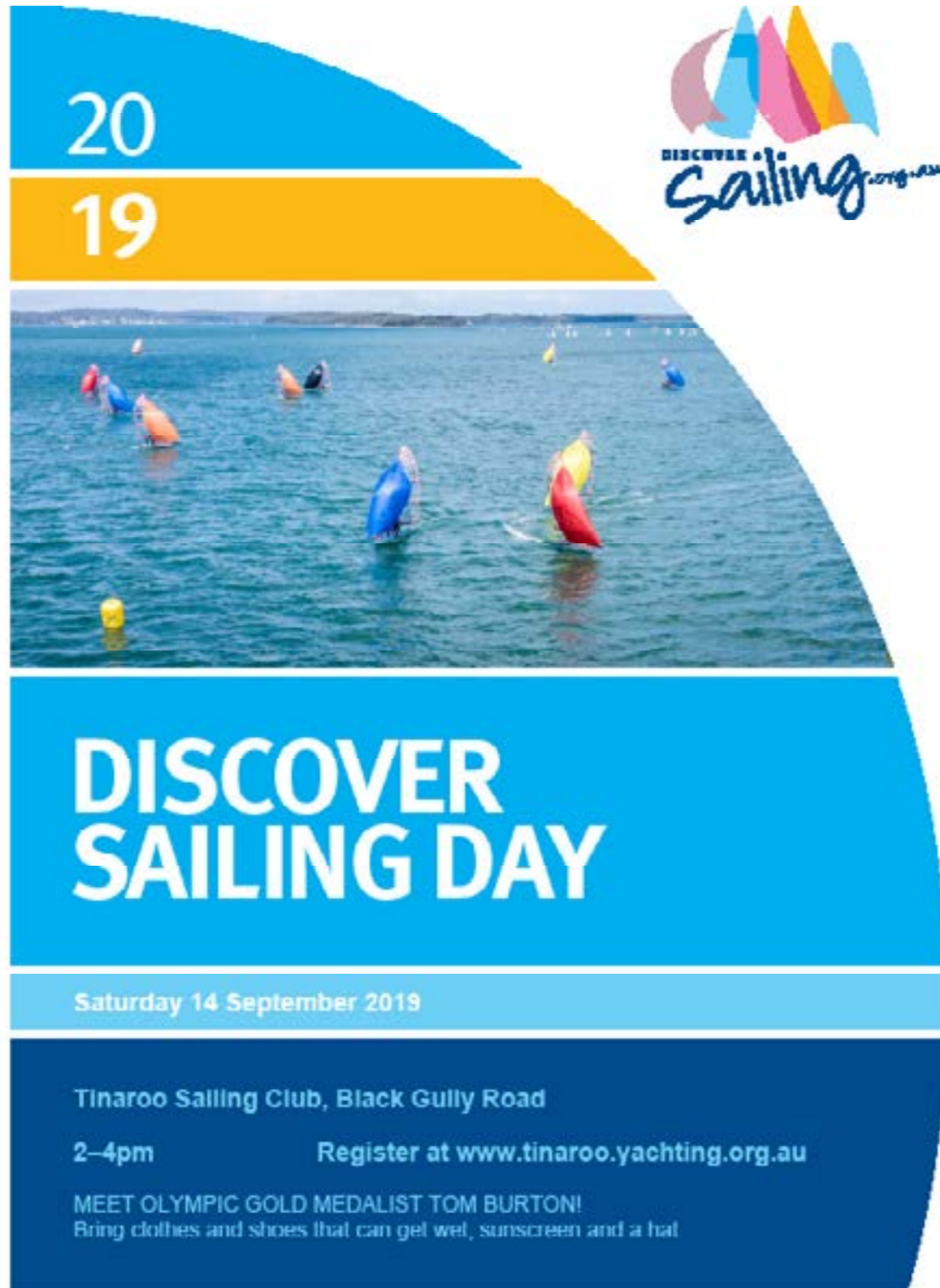


Lost property is located at Student Services. To ensure that items are returned to your child, please label clothing and other property with their name. There is currently an abundance of lost items, which are unlabelled. Please encourage your child to visit Student Services to reclaim any lost property.


ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL FETE



DISCOVER SAILING AT TINAROO



20
19



DISCOVER SAILING DAY

Saturday 14 September 2019

Tinaroo Sailing Club, Black Gully Road

2-4pm Register at www.tinaroo.yachting.org.au

MEET OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST TOM BURTON!
Bring clothes and shoes that can get wet, sunscreen and a hat



REACH YOUTH MINISTRIES



Launch Invitation – Sat 14 September 2019

The Catholic community is warmly invited to join us for the launch of Reach Youth Ministries Inc (formerly Reach Youth Group), a non for profit Christian organisation with the vision of providing a place where young people together with others experience the unconditional love of God mediated through relationships, service and formation opportunities. The night will consist of a formal presentation regarding

our history, vision and plans for young people in the Cairns Diocese followed by a buffet dinner. There is no cost to this event but donations are welcome.

Date: Saturday 14 September

Time: 5pm – 9pm

Venue: Seville Mercy Conference Centre – 35 Bauhinia Avenue, Earville

Dress Code: Smart Casual

RSVP by 9 September to: Priscilla O'Brien by email pobrien@reachyouth.org.au

WELL WOMEN'S CLINICS, MAREEBA



Queensland
Government

Well Women's Clinics
(These clinics are available to Medicare eligible clients)

Mareeba Hospital –
Thursday 19th September 2019
Ph: 4092 9311

All services are provided by a specially trained Women's Health Nurse.

LET'S GET PHYSICAL FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!!!

AT THE **ST CLARE'S FETE**

KIDDIES CORNER LARA THE CLOWN

⚡ BBQ, BAR & LIVE MUSIC ⚡

CHILDREN'S CLASS PERFORMANCES
CENT SALE - GOODS WHEEL
AUCTION AND RAFFLES
LASER TAG
AMUSEMENT RIDES
MISSION TO DANCE DISPLAY

CARE STALL ★ WINE STALL
CAFE & CANDY STALL
CHOCOLATE STALL
SUCCULENT STALL ★ INTERNATIONAL STALL

5PM 'TIL LATE!!!
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 7

ORAL HEALTH SERVICES

No charge dental treatment



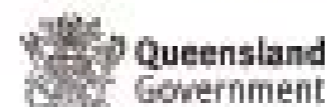
All children from 0-17 years old (routine treatment)

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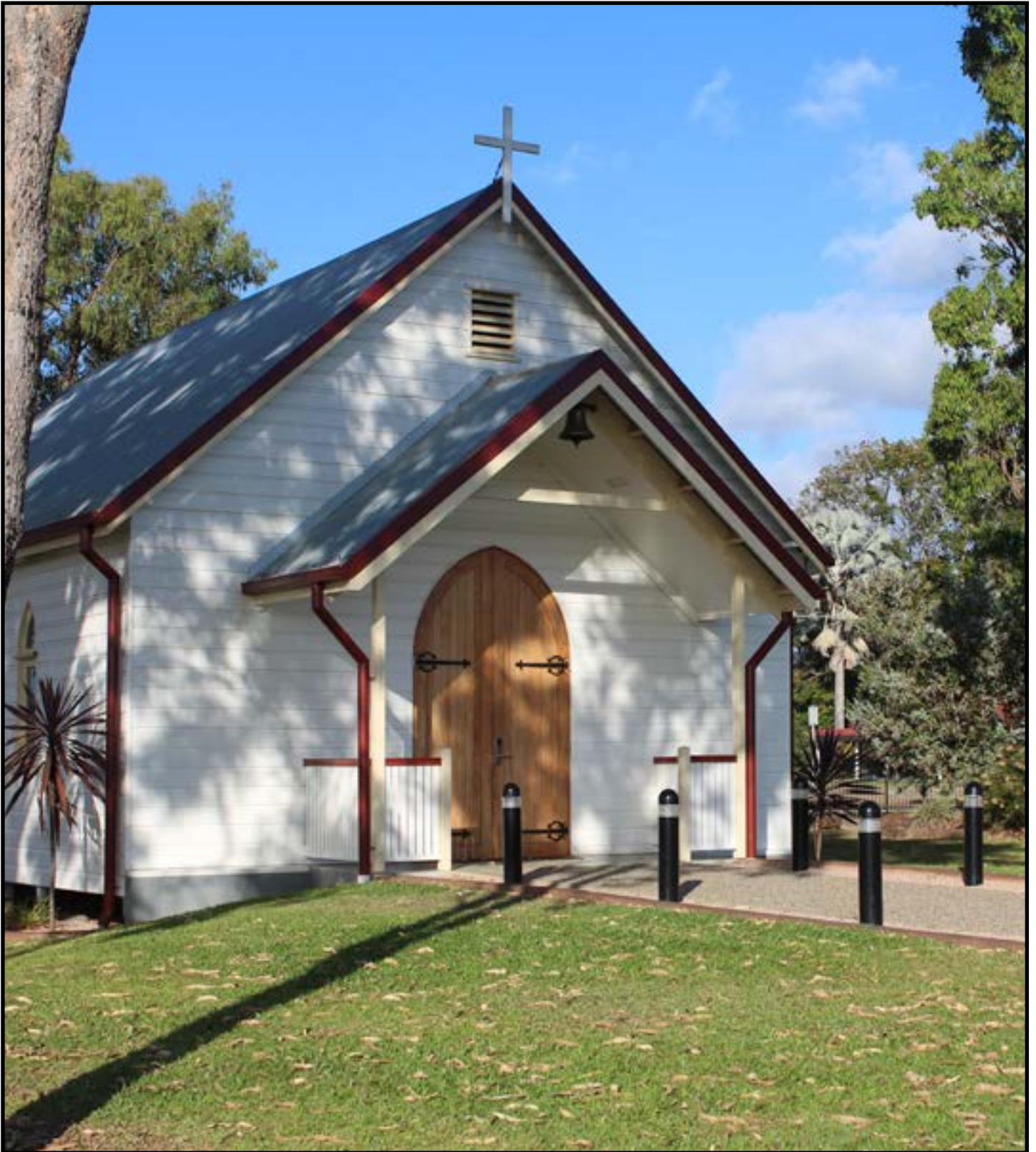
- Mareeba School Dental Clinic
- Tablelands Mobile Dental Vans

1300 300 850

Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm



Cairns and Fitzroyland Hospital and Health Service
Oral Health Services



- Celebrating 14 years of Quality Catholic Secondary Education -