

St Stephen's  
Catholic College



# St Stephen's News

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## St Stephen's Day



On the last day of term three, the college celebrated St Stephen's Day. A myriad of activities were held with enthusiastic participation from students and staff.

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# NOTICES

## UPCOMING EVENTS:



**Thursday 17 October**  
RSA Course

**Saturday 19 October**  
Year 12 Formal

**Monday 21 October**  
Student Free Day

**Tuesday 22 October to Monday 28 October**  
Year 11 Block Exams

**Tuesday 22 October**  
Year 10 Community Day

**Wednesday 23 October**  
Immunisations

**Friday 25 October**  
NFS - Years 7, 8 and 10  
Art Exhibition

**Monday 28 October**  
Year 11 Biology Excursion  
Year 9 Community Day

**Wednesday 30 October**  
Awards Night

**Monday 4 to Friday 8 November**  
Year 12 Block Exams

**Tuesday 12 November**  
P & F Meeting at 5.30 pm

**Friday 15 November**  
Year 12 Graduate

## 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

Welcome back to term four! I hope that you had quality family time with your children over the break. This term is characterised by several signature events, including the senior formal, Awards Night, election of 2020 student leaders, year twelve graduation and our final school mass.



With regards to the senior formal on 19 October, I extend the college's gratitude to the Formal Committee for its tireless work over the past seven months and to parents for supporting their young adults in the preparations for this event. Once the evening concludes at 11 pm, students are in the care of their parents and while we appreciate their desire to have fun with their peers, we also urge them to stay safe.

The annual Awards Night on 30 October is an evening when excellence in a variety of fields is celebrated. At fortnightly assemblies, at the special morning teas for each cohort, in the newsletter and on the college's Facebook page, the efforts of students are acknowledged and recognised, both within the college context and for out of school achievements. Awards Night, however, is reserved for excellence. While it would be wonderful for each student to receive a prize, this is not what happens in the real world. By building resilience in our students to accept that they are not always going to win an award, we are preparing them for the world outside the confines of the school.

Each year, there is much anticipation about the election of student leaders. All students in their senior year are leaders---some choose to accept a formal position. Therefore, every year twelve student has the responsibility of demonstrating leadership qualities in the day-to-day operation of a school. Contrary to rumour, which claims that the positions are pre-determined by staff, the student voice is respected, with preferential voting taking place under the same conditions as the Australian Electoral System. Students are provided with ample opportunities to nominate for leadership positions under a transparent process. Leadership positions will be announced at assembly on 11 November.

Year twelve graduation is a very significant event which celebrates the culmination of twelve years of formal schooling for the 2019 cohort. As has been the case in the past, the final week for year twelve students (11 to 15 November) requires compulsory attendance, with students enjoying a variety of activities which prepare them for a world beyond the school gates. In the next week, parents will receive a letter with information about the last week for year twelve, the graduation day at school and the evening event at St Thomas' Church on 15 November. With mixed emotions, we prepare to farewell the seniors of 2019, the last group to undertake the QCE system which involves an OP score. During the latter part of October, year eleven students will undertake block exams before commencing unit three of their selected subjects. It is pleasing to see how these students and their teachers have embraced the new QCE system and are working together to achieve the best possible outcomes. Measures are being devised to deliver study skills and exam preparation strategies to this cohort in year twelve.

As this term is a very short one, students are urged to attend school each day unless there are extenuating circumstances. It is hard to believe that we are already preparing for the next influx of year seven students in 2020, with a record enrolment of about 130 students in this cohort. I thank parents for their continued support of our college and welcome feedback so that we can improve our processes.

With Trust in the Lord

**Mrs Ida Pinese | Principal**

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## 2019 AWARDS NIGHT NOTICE



## 2020 - TERM DATES / PUBLIC HOLIDAYS / STUDENT FREE DAYS

### Term 1

Tuesday 28 January to Friday 3 April (10 Weeks)

### Term 2

Tuesday 20 April to Friday 26 June (10 Weeks)

### Term 3

Monday 13 July to Friday 18 September (10 Weeks)

### Term 4

Tuesday 6 October to Friday 27 November (8 Weeks)  
(Year 12 Finish: Friday 20 November)

### Public Holidays and Student Free Days

Monday 27 January - Australia Day Public Holiday

Monday 16 March - Student Free Day

Friday 10 April - Good Friday

Monday 13 April - Easter Monday

Saturday 25 April - ANZAC Day

Monday 4 May - Labour Day

Friday 17 July - Cairns Show

Friday 4 September - Student Free Day

Monday 5 October - Queen's Birthday



## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

The year is certainly flying by and with just over a few weeks we will say farewell to our year twelve students, who are the last of the OP system. These students have also undertaken the last QCS test that will be operated in Queensland, a very momentous feat.



With such a short term ahead it is important that students have in place a study program that will allow them to reach their potential. One of the main elements of this is knowing when their due dates are for assessment. This can easily be done by looking at the assessment calendars that are emailed out to every student and family at the start of each term. These documents can also be found on the school's website for easy access.

This term will also see a number of assessment related events occurring. Year twelve students will sit their final set of block exams, beginning on Tuesday 5 November and running until Friday 8 November. This will lead into the final week for our year twelve's which will be a very exciting time for them.

Year eleven students will have block exams commencing on Tuesday 22 October running until Friday 25 October. After the conclusion of this block exam schedule, the year eleven students begin unit three work in week four of this term. It is important that students and parents are aware that the move to the new QCE system in Queensland means there is no such thing as terms or semesters. By week four this term, students in year eleven will have completed units one and two. Any year eleven subject changes need to have forms submitted by the end of week three (Friday 25 October) to the Curriculum Office with appropriate signatures.

Preparations of the 2020 timetable are currently occurring and some students have been informed that their selections are not running. I ask that families and students take time to review this and inform the Curriculum Officer as soon as possible. Meeting times are available should students and parents wish to discuss their selections further. Students in years eight, nine and ten, will have their preferences emailed to them later this term. Due to the interest in some subjects, some students have received their reserve preferences and unfortunately this is unavoidable.

I wish all students a fantastic term four and best successes in their studies as we close in on Christmas holidays. As usual if you have any curriculum related questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Rantucci to organise a meeting time.

**Mr Simon Vaughan**

**Deputy Principal**

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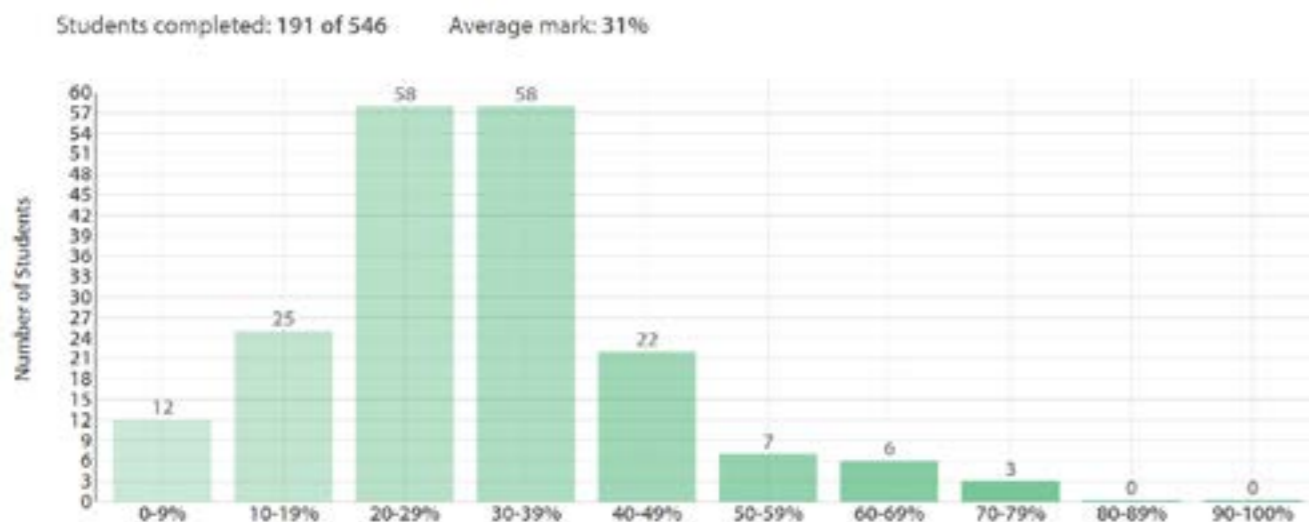


## FROM THE MIDDLE LEADER MATHEMATICS

Students have engaged in the school wide Times-Table Challenge set through Education Perfect, and have two (2) minutes to complete as many of the 1-12 times-tables as possible, with a maximum of 99 attempts available. At the end of term three, over 200 students had completed the challenge for a total of 1,744 attempts, which equates approximately sixty (60) hours of times tables (all within three weeks of the task being set).



### Assessment Summary



There was strong competition early with a bit of sibling rivalry between Seno and Diya before a new contender emerged in the form of Sebastiano Di Salvo. Sebastiano equalled Diya's record of 105 times tables in 120 seconds (just over one second per question) with Seno sitting in third place. The school average came in at approximately 30% (approximately 43 times-tables in 120 seconds or about three (3) seconds per question). The table below shows the leader board at the end of term three.

### Student Results

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First Name	Surname	Class	Percentage	Score	Time Spent	Attempts	Improvement
Sebastiano	Di Salvo	2019 Year 11 M...	72.9%	105	2 mins	99	43%
Diya	Gibi Franklin	2019 Year 10.2 ...	72.9%	105	2 mins	99	47%
Seno	Franklin	2019 Year 07.2 ...	70.1%	101	2 mins	97	24%
Hannah	Steele	2019 Year 07.4 ...	69.4%	100	2 mins	28	69%
Emma	Cavanagh	2019 Year 10.1 ...	69.4%	100	2 mins	47	30%
Roxanne	Alterio	2019 Year 10.2 ...	68.8%	99	2 mins	4	3%
James	Fowler	2019 Year 07.2 ...	63.2%	91	2 mins	0	34%
maia	Gambino	2019 Year 11 M...	61.1%	88	2 mins	20	61%
Patrick	Kolijn	2019 Year 07.4 ...	60.4%	87	2 mins	68	22%
Taiyo-Noel	Moriguchi	2019 Year 09.1 ...	59%	85	2 mins	3	9%
George	Leonforte	2019 Year 07.2 ...	58.3%	84	2 mins	4	33%

The competition is open for the rest of the year which means students still have the opportunity to be crowned the SSCC Times Table Champion.

## FROM THE MIDDLE LEADER MATHEMATICS

### Australian Mathematics Competition Results

In August, St Stephen's had 29 students compete in the Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC). Seven students achieved distinctions and one student achieved a high distinction award. Congratulations to these students!

#### Distinctions

Rylan Srhoj (Year 7)  
 Nicholas Brammer (Year 8)  
 Robert Massaso (Year 9)  
 Joshua Snell (Year 9)  
 Henry Wilson (Year 9)  
 Iago Roche-Maxwell (Year 10)  
 Riley Bloore (Year 10)

#### High Distinctions

Milan Maloberti (Year 8)

### ICAS Mathematics Competition Results

Twenty-five students competed in the ICAS Mathematics Competition which was held on September 19. This was the first time St Stephen's students had competed in the online version of this competition. Three students achieved distinctions in this competition for achieving in the top 15% in the country. James Fowler and Riley Lennon in year seven both received distinction awards for their result which placed them in the 89th percentile in Australia. Joshua Snell in year nine also received a distinction award and the Principal's award for the highest score in the school after being placed in the 93rd percentile.

### Maths Tutoring

Maths tutoring is still being offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays at second recess in MCR and on Wednesday afternoons in the library from 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm (years ten to twelve only).

### Mr Christopher Ellison

#### Middle Leader Mathematics

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Joshua Snell (year nine) with his Principal's Award.

## FROM THE MIDDLE LEADER PASTORAL - YEARS 7 AND 8

This year has flown by and it is hard to believe that we are already in term four. It has been a great year and all year seven and eight students have really engaged wholeheartedly in all aspects of school life. Even though our school year is in the final term, it is important to note that there is still plenty of work and assessments to be completed. Students need to keep focused and on-track with their homework, assessment and studying routines. Continuing good study habits and viewing the assessment calendar and SRB on a regular basis is essential. Term four flies by and it will be the Christmas break before we know it.



Last week, the year eight students and their home form teachers attended their community day at Sugarworld, in Edmonton. This was a fantastic opportunity for our year eight's to have fun together outside the classroom. Students were amazing and they should be commended for their participation and exceptional behaviour throughout the day. A huge thank to the staff from Sugarworld for providing a marvellous venue and amazing hospitality and RTM Bus Services for excellent transportation. Also, a special thank you to Miss Morrow, Miss Zazzi, Ms Kitchiner, Mr Baker, Mrs Adil and Mrs Bulst for giving up their time to be part of this day. Their help and support were greatly appreciated and valued.

I look forward to enjoying term four with the students.

*Don't let what you can't do stop you from doing what you can do.*  
John Wooden

**Mrs Jayarani Salerno**  
**Middle Leader Years 7 and 8**  
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## FOOD TECHNOLOGY - YEAR EIGHT AND YEAR NINE



Top left; Matthew Bin (year eight), top right: Abigail Garate (year eight), middle left: Ayva Cadorin (year eight), middle right: Blake May (year eight), above left: Robert Masasso and Riley Hopgood (year nine) and right: Michala Thomson (year nine).

## YEAR 12 HOSPITALITY: THE ART OF CHOCOLATE MAKING

Last term, year twelve Hospitality students had the opportunity of having Master Pastry Chef and Aristan Chocolatier, Maria Graf, attend St Stephen's for the day, to share her passion for chocolate.



## YEAR 12 RECREATION: MARTIAL ARTS



Dave Thomas from Mareeba Jiu Jitsu with year twelve Recreation students.



The St Stephen's Catholic College

# Arts Exhibition

**Friday 25th October**  
**6 to 8pm**  
 in the chapel gardens

**LIVE MUSIC AND DRAMA**  
**FREE ENTRY**

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The annual Dr Mark Bestmann Memorial Cricket Shield was played on Tuesday at Borzi Park, Mareeba, between St Stephen's Catholic College and Mareeba State High School. For the first time since its inception, both schools were able to field a girl's team. Congratulations to Mareeba State High School for winning the inaugural girl's game (MSHS 135 runs, SSCC 123 runs) and to St Stephen's Catholic College for winning the boy's game (SSCC 161 runs and MSHS 151 runs). Thank you to Michael France from Mareeba Cricket for preparing the wicket and fields. St Stephen's Catholic College would also like to take the opportunity to thank the following businesses for their contribution towards the newly designed playing shirts for the Dr Mark Bestmann Memorial Shield. The shirts look fantastic.

- Mareeba Cricket
- Claude Cater Mensland
- Mareeba Toyota
- Ray White Mareeba
- Ida Portella Business & Travel Services
- Mareeba Dental Centre
- Mareeba Mazda & Mitsubishi
- Indie Rose Foundation
- Mareeba Sheds & Gas
- Dunnrite Mareeba
- CQB Services
- Margie Bestmann and Family



Both teams came together before the games commenced for a group photo. Dr Bestmann's family were in attendance.

## DR MARK BESTMANN MEMORIAL CRICKET SHIELD



Back row: Puneet Mally, Erin Cauchi, Alannah Falvo, Emily Howard, Leah MacCallum and Georgia Holloway. Front row: Jazlin Green, Rachael Schuldt, Holly Prien, Tonia-Marie Rantucci and Diya Gibi Franklin.



Back row: Jett Prien, Mason Blaney, Braydon Olufson, Logan Poggioli, Finley Green, Kai Pendelbury and Jamie Curcio. Front row: Hamish Batterham, Price Duncan, Riley Lennon, Seno Gibi Franklin, Levi Poggioli and Tristan Lopez.

## ST STEPHEN'S DAY 2019







Above: McAuley representatives with the Tug-of-War Trophy for 2019, Bailie Olufson, Nicholas Fogale, Thecla Yow-Yeh and Ilana Bannink. Right: Jake Priestly (year twelve) and Mr Fenner with the Netball Trophy.



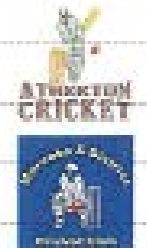
**MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND GET ACTIVE PLAYING ALL GIRLS JUNIOR CRICKET.**

It's a fun competition for girls aged 11 to 17 - come and join us. Your local club has teams set up for girls just like you - discover how cricket can boost your confidence, stretch your skills and grow your friendships.



**Heat Girls Cricket League**

Where: Davies Park, Doyle St Mareeba  
 When: Starts Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 5:30pm  
 Cost: \$50 includes Club Hat






# Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but...

They are only missing just...	That equals	Which is...	Over 13 years of schooling that's...
<b>10 minutes</b> per day	<b>50 minutes</b> per week	nearly <b>1.5 weeks</b> per year	nearly <b>half a year</b>
<b>20 minutes</b> per day	<b>1.5 hours</b> per week	nearly <b>2.5 weeks</b> per year	nearly <b>1 year</b>
<b>30 minutes</b> per day	<b>half a day</b> per week	nearly <b>4 weeks</b> per year	nearly <b>1.5 years</b>
<b>1 hour</b> per day	<b>1 day</b> per week	nearly <b>8 weeks</b> per year	nearly <b>2.5 years</b>

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MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

## Every child, on time, every day

-  Partial absences = missed learning.
-  Punctuality is important.





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