

St Stephen's
Catholic College



St Stephen's News

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Assistant Principal Administration: Mr Rohan Priestly

Business Manager: Mr Hadyn Flynn

College Leader Pastoral Care: Mr Matthew Draper

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St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

The joy of giving



Students recently presented the Christmas hampers to representatives from St Vincent de Paul. Pictured above, from left to right are: Mrs Goulding (St Vincent de Paul), Victoria Bambino, Kara Cazzola, Sophie Raciti, Emmylou Milgate, Alara McGrath and Mr Doyle (St Vincent de Paul).

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends of St Stephen's - my farewell to the college community.

"Only the brave should teach."



After forty-five years in the teaching profession, in a variety of roles, I believe this phrase is equally applicable to those who take on the challenge of becoming a principal or a school leader. Teachers and principals have the capacity to inspire students and assist colleagues to aspire to become leaders. Teaching and being a principal, cannot be just a job; it must be a vocation and a passion; otherwise you cannot and will not have longevity.

In the forty-five years, I have seen many changes to education. What has not changed, however, is the privilege of teaching our young people, of being invigorated and inspired by them and of making a positive difference in their lives. It is not often that one is involved with the formation of a new school. I have St Stephen's to thank for this rewarding experience over the past thirteen years, with the last seven as its principal. For me, the transition of this college from a new school to a well-established school, which punches well above its weight, has been a labour of love. I liken it to raising a child.

Students, it has been an honour to be your principal, to celebrate your achievements in a variety of contexts, to have empathy and compassion when things aren't going as well as they should be, to guide and mentor you on your journey to adulthood and to share your many stories----thank you for enriching my life.

The decision to retire has not been an easy one. There is sadness at leaving St Stephen's, but also excitement at the next phase of my life, with more time for my family, including my husband, who has patiently supported me in my role. I am grateful for the support I have received from the staff and families of St Stephen's Catholic College, the College Board, the Parents and Friends Association, the local parish and Catholic Education Services to effectively carry out my role. This is a great school, with dedicated and committed staff, supportive families and wonderful students.

I wish you all the very best for the future and know that you will extend a very warm welcome to the new principal, Ms Manders, in 2020.

With trust in the Lord

**Mrs Ida Pinese | Principal
2013-2019**



COLLEGE LEADER PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Challenge

So many times in a single day, we are given the chance to share the love of God, but often we are so afraid of what others may think that we put it aside. We let our thoughts get in the way of actions. Sometimes we just have to break out of our shell and let others know the greatness of God. When given the chance, let others know that someone cares. Share the love of Christ today with someone in our community.



Pastoral Challenge - What action are we called to take?

Jesus challenged his disciples with a commission, kind of like a job assignment. Jesus' great commission is our calling too. The message of God's love and forgiveness is for people of all nations. But we do not have to travel far – our job starts right at our front door with our friends, families, and neighbours and school community. The job requirements? Someone who's willing to speak up about God's incredible love and then show it. A woman saw a little girl in the street playing with rubbish. The child was poorly dressed and ill-nourished. The woman became angry and said to God, 'Why do you let a thing like that happen in the world you created? Why do you not do something about it?' God replied, 'I did something about it – I sent you'.

Thanks

The responsibility of pastoral care whilst shared by all staff is specifically supported by several teams that I would like to acknowledge. Firstly, our Diverse Learner Team comprised of: College Counsellor – Ms Havva Murat, Student Diversity Leader - Mrs Trudy Pretorius and our Transition Officer - Mrs Melissa Tressider. Your expertise and input have been invaluable in positively impacting the lives of our students. I want to thank our Pastoral Team of Mrs Jayarani Salerno, Mr Paul MacCallum, Ms Sonya Barnes and Mrs Samantha Malcolm, for their dedication to their role which, as a result, has seen our students well supported and encouraged to flourish.

End of Year

As we draw to the end of another year, I am reminded of the community that surrounds our students. I would like to acknowledge our college parents for the significant role you play in the shaping of student success and the promotion of positive wellbeing, partnering with you to achieve this is not only a shared goal but a privilege.

The race that our students are in can be likened to a marathon, and as parents I am sure you feel that just as much as your children. Our students in the last few weeks have been challenged to finish strong and have been reminded of the analogy, that just as in a marathon anyone can start the race it is in the finishing that we celebrate. So, it is this light that we celebrate another year of achievement and dedication of our students.

With academic reports being finalised and on their way to homes shortly, it is important to remember that we are in the business of developing not only independent learners with a passion for learning, but just as importantly students who are morally autonomous, respectful and responsible.

Finally, I would like to wish our Principal - Mrs Ida Pinese, all the very best for her future and acknowledge her strong and highly effective leadership, which has provided a wonderful foundation for your students in their lives ahead.

Blessings this Christmas, as we remember Jesus is the reason for the season.

Mr Matthew Draper
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BUSINESS MANAGER

Facilities

Holy Spirit Centre: The construction process is ongoing. Many thanks to all the tradespeople who are working extremely hard to ensure a successful project.

Finance

Fees: It is very important for the college, operationally, to keep the fee collection rate high. Please ensure your fees are fully paid by the end of the year.

2020 Budget: The budget was presented to the Diocesan Board of Governance in October. The budget was within all benchmarks set by the Diocese and approval will allow us to continue to deliver excellent educational outcomes in 2020.

Mr Hadyn Flynn
Business Manager

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2020 LESSON TIMES

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MONDAY (Assembly)

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| Movement | 8:40 am | 10 minutes |
| Assembly | 8:50 am | 50 minutes |
| Lesson 2 | 9:40 am | 50 minutes |
| Recess 1 | 10:30 am | 25 minutes |
| Lesson 3 | 10:55 am | 50 minutes |
| Lesson 4 | 11:45 am | 50 minutes |
| Recess 2 | 12:35 pm | 40 minutes |
| Lesson 5 | 1:15 pm | 50 minutes |
| Lesson 6 | 2:05 pm | 50 minutes |
| Bell | 2:55 pm | |

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

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| Movement | 8:35 am | |
| Home Form | 8:40 am | 40 minutes |
| Lesson 1 | 8:50 am | 50 minutes |
| Lesson 2 | 9:40 am | 50 minutes |
| Recess 1 | 10:30 am | 25 minutes |
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TERM DATES 2020

Term 1

Tuesday 28 January (years 7 and 12 only)
Wednesday 29 January (all students return) to Friday 3 April (10 W

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



2019 TERM ONE - SOME DATES TO NOTE

Thursday 30 and Friday 31 January
Year 12 Retreat

Tuesday 25 February
Swimming Carnival

Monday 3 and Tuesday 4 February
Year 11 Retreat

Wednesday 26 February
Ash Wednesday

Monday 10 February
Year 7 Meet and Greet

Wednesday 4 March
Year 7 Immunisations

Tuesday 11 February
P & F - Annual General Meeting

Thursday 12 March
Open Evening

Friday 14 February
School Photos

Monday 16 March
Student Free Day

Monday 17 February
Opening Mass (Holy Spirit Centre)
Year 11 Information Evening

Monday 30 March - Friday 3 April
Year 7 Camp

Monday 24 February
Year 12 Information Evening



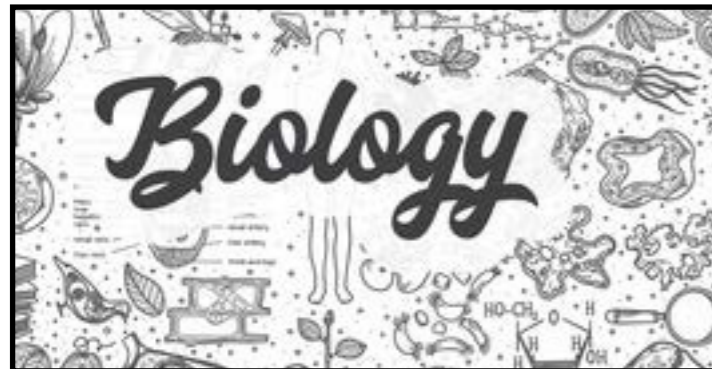
MIDDLE LEADER SCIENCE

As 2019 draws to a close, I would like to thank all those students who have taken the time to engage with our science programs, to get the very best experience they can. The year eleven Biology students completed the first ever one-day excursion to Holloways Beach Environmental Education Centre, to carry out data collection in the diverse mangrove environment. Students enjoyed all aspects of the day - except perhaps the biting insects!

As the Science Club wraps up this week, I would again like to thank our four (4) UQ Science Ambassadors for their fabulous efforts this year: Giulia Pilat, Aarin Ryan, Jenna Kerswell and Jamie Hewitt-Toms, you all have given the 2020 Ambassadors a hard act to follow!



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LIBRARY NEWS

Term four is a short but extremely busy term in the library. It started with the year eleven cohort on our new senior system borrowing unit three and four textbooks and returning unit one and two textbooks after block exams. A new process for everybody.



Halloween was the feature for our display in October. Our 'spooky' decorations adorned the library for the month and our creepy telephone entertained the students every recess. The display was a huge success among the St Stephen's community (staff and students alike) and borrowing increased during this time.

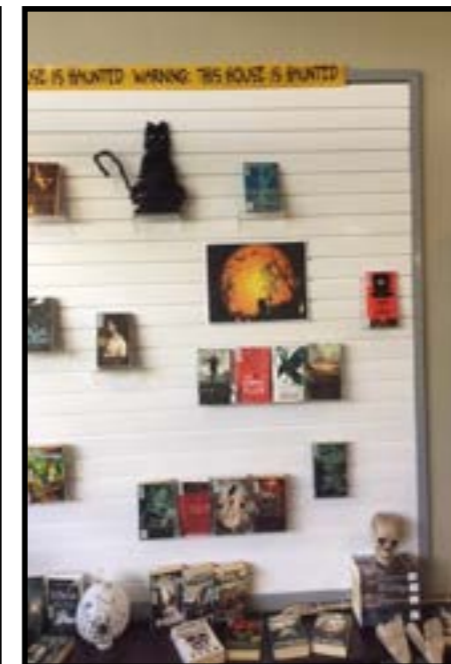
Our "Caught Reading" competition was running throughout this term. Whenever a staff member saw a student reading for pleasure, the student was entered into a raffle to win a bag of goodies. The winner of Term Four Caught Reading was Ella Schrale (year eight). Congratulations to Ella.

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Caught Reading Winner
 Ella Schrale - Year Eight



THANKSGIVING MASS



Alumni of St Stephen's Catholic College attended the Thanksgiving Mass in honour of retiring Principal, Mrs Ida Pinese, from left to right: David Bin (2018), Aaron Bryce (2017), Mrs Pinese, Zoe Filippelli (2015), Nataliah Lopez (2019) and Sienna Cheesman (2019).



Incoming 2020 College Captains presented Mrs Pinese with the gift on behalf of the college community, a painting of the chapel by local artist Tom Cosic, from left to right: Jenna Kerswell, Ethan Backshall, Mrs Pinese, Aarin Ryan and Andrew Gallo.

THANKSGIVING MASS



The 2020 College Captains, also presented a parting gift of behalf of the students of St Stephen's Catholic College, a beautiful hand-crafted inter-connecting board and heart. The board will remain here at St Stephen's, the heart will stay with Mrs Pinese.





Top left: Andrew Close. Top middle: Hannah Steele. Top right: Jake Priestly, Mrs Pinese and Prudence Yates. Middle left: Andrew Gallo and Mason Blaney. Above right: Solai Torres. Above: Darcy Cant and Andrew Close. Below left: Jett Prien.



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6 December 2019 – March 2020

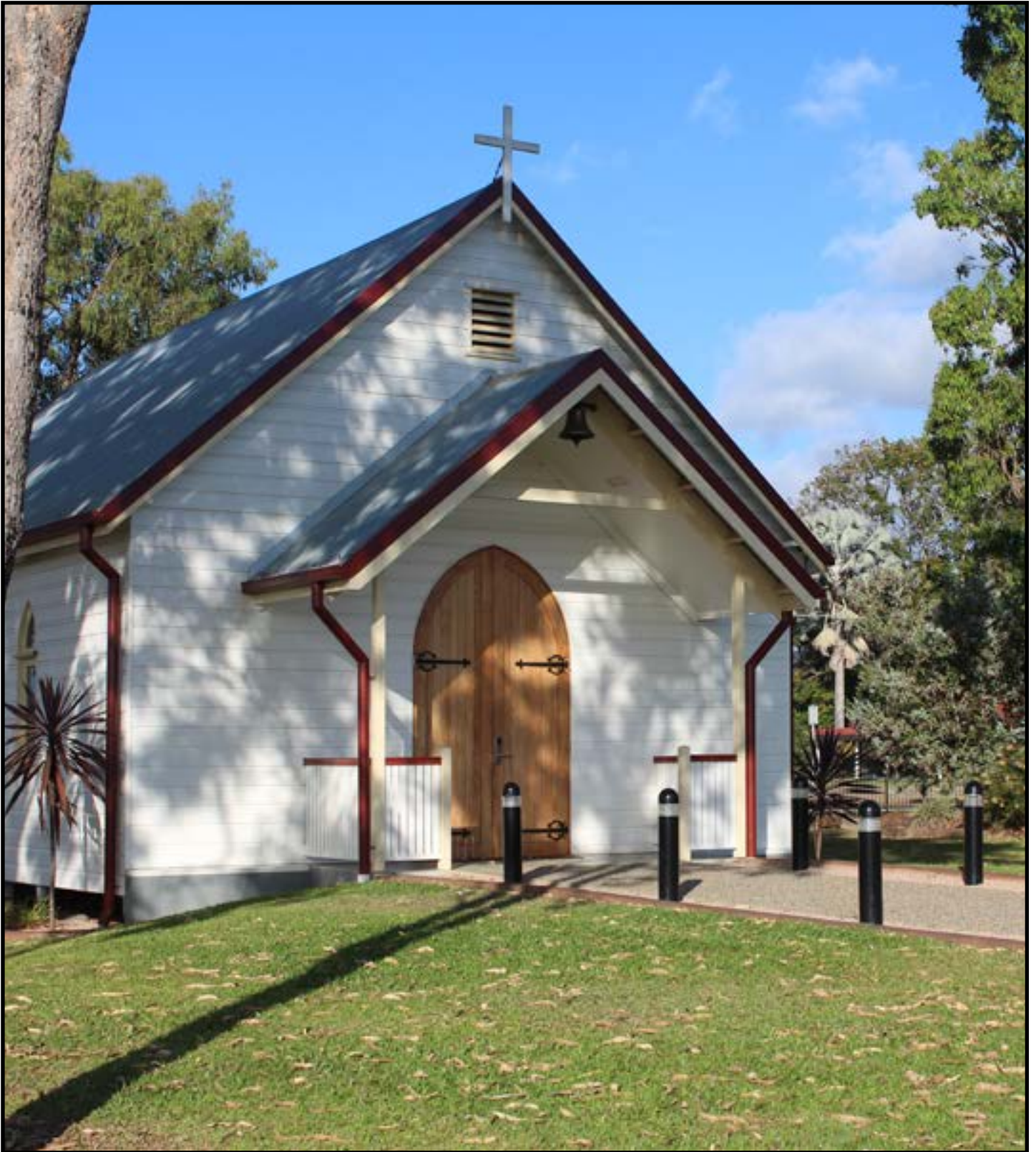
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